令和８年度 自己推薦型選抜入試問題 英　語

Ⅰ．次の英文を読み、設問（１～７）に答えなさい。

English is considered one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, with more than a billion people around the globe speaking it as a first, second, or foreign language. As a result, (1)English has moved beyond being just a national language—it has become a truly global means of communication.

The origins of English can be traced back to the Germanic*1 tribes, such as the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes who settled in Britain in the 5th century. The language they brought gradually developed into what we now call Old English. Over the centuries, English went through significant changes in vocabulary and grammar. William Shakespeare, one of the most influential writers in English literature, used Early Modern English in his works. For instance, in the line "Wherefore art thou Romeo?" the word "wherefore" actually means "why," not "where," as is often misunderstood. In modern English, the line would be: "Why are you Romeo?"

In addition to vocabulary and grammar, English has also changed through its dialects*2. Dialects refer to differences in vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation. Two of the most well-known English dialects are British and American English. British speakers might use words like "flat," "lorry," and "holiday," while American speakers might use "apartment," "truck," and "vacation," respectively. (2)Although there is some debate over which dialect is preferable to learn, both are widely accepted and understood around the world.

English plays a (　ア　) role in global education. Many countries have introduced English at an early stage in their education systems. In Japan, for example, students start learning English in elementary school. Countries like Egypt, Thailand, and China follow similar practices.

Today, millions of learners worldwide invest time and effort in mastering English. Their motivations vary — from academic advancement and career development to travel, cross-cultural communication, or simply personal enjoyment. Learning a second language — particularly English — opens the door to (3)countless opportunities, fostering global connections and expanding access to knowledge, culture, and economic growth.

（注）Germanic*1：ゲルマン語派の　　dialect(s)*2：言語変種

設問１　下線部(1) English has moved beyond being just a national language と最も近いものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．English is owned by specific countries.
2．English is no longer a domestic language.
3．English has spread from England to the United States.
4．English has changed from an international to a national language.

設問２　下線部(2)を、both がさす内容を明らかにして日本語に訳しなさい。

設問３　文中の空欄（　ア　）に入れるのに最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．vital　　2．minor　　3．passive　　4．confusing

設問４　下線部(3) countless と最も近いものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．few　　2．many　　3．any　　4．rare

設問５　本文の内容と一致するものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．William Shakespeare wrote in Old English.
2．Modern English is the same as Old English.
3．English has only American and British dialects.
4．Many countries include English in early education.

設問６　以下の質問に対する解答として最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

According to the passage, what is common between American and British English?

1．Both use the exact words.
2．Both are minor dialects.
3．Both are widely spoken.
4．Both are difficult to learn.

設問７　この文章の主題として最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．How one language spread across the world
2．How writers like Shakespeare used difficult words
3．Differences between English and European languages
4．Why some accents are easier to understand than others

Ⅱ．次の会話文を読み、設問（１～４）に答えなさい。

Alex : Good morning, Sarah! It's such a beautiful, sunny day — perfect for hiking, don't you think?
Sarah : Good morning, Alex! I agree. Do you have any suggestions for good places to explore?
Alex : How about Mount ABC?
Sarah : I'd love that — but isn't it around 1,200 meters high? Also, we don't have a car to get to the starting point of the trail.
Alex : Actually, the mountain is around 500 meters lower than that. And don't worry about（　ア　）— there's a bus every 30 minutes from a station just five minutes away on foot.
Sarah : That sounds perfect! I'll go get ready.
Alex : Great! I'll pick up some sunscreen and a few extra bottles of water, just in case. Better safe than sorry, right?
Sarah : You're the best — thank you!
Alex :（　イ　）

設問１　空欄（　ア　）に入れるのに最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．situation　　2．vacation　　3．transportation　　4．accommodation

設問２　Alex によれば、Mount ABC の高さは約何メートルか。下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．1,700 meters　　2．1,200 meters　　3．700 meters　　4．500 meters

設問３　駅から登山口までバスで何分かかるか。下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．35 minutes　　2．30 minutes　　3．5 minutes　　4．Not mentioned

設問４　空欄（　イ　）に入れるのに最も適切なものを、下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1．No problem!
2．I don't think so.
3．No worries, I'll stay here.
4．Why are you saying that?

Ⅲ．次の各文の空欄に入れるのに最も適切なものを、それぞれ下の選択肢（１～４）のうちから一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

A. Tom and his wife gave each (　　) birthday gifts last year.
　１．them　２．themselves　３．other　４．another

B. Career advisors are people (　　) job is to help others find a job.
　１．who　２．which　３．that　４．whose

C. Call me (　　) it's convenient for you.
　１．whatever　２．whenever　３．wherever　４．whoever

D. I told them to stop talking, but they wouldn't (　　).
　１．listen　２．listens　３．listened　４．listening

Ⅳ．次の日本文の意味を英語で表すのに適切な語を、空欄にそれぞれ一語入れなさい。

１．４月は一番忙しい月です。
　April is the (　　) month.

２．耳の検査をしてもらったのはこれが初めてですか？
　Is this the first time you've (　　) your ears tested?

３．愛知万博が開催された時、私は５歳でした。
　I was five when the Aichi Expo (　　) place.

〈解答例〉

英　語

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設問1	2

設問2	どちらの言語変種を学習するのが好ましいかについて議論はあるが、イギリス英語とアメリカ英語はどちらも世界中で広く受け入れられ、理解されている。

設問3	1	設問4	2	設問5	4	設問6	3

設問7	1

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設問1	3	設問2	3	設問3	4	設問4	1

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A	3	B	4	C	2	D	1

Ⅳ.

1	busiest
2	had
3	took