



## 第1問 (配点 6)

You are traveling to America and have just arrived at a hotel. You found instructions about the hotel equipment.

### *Experience True Luxury at the Atlantic Hotel*

*Whether you're visiting us on business or vacation, there's no better way to calm your mind and body than with our unique relaxation services. Here are just a few of the amenities we offer to help you relax and refresh your senses and your spirits. To make reservations or ask about any of these services, please call the Front Desk anytime.*

#### 5 MESSAGE SERVICES

	upper body	full body	full body with aroma oils
15 min.	\$25	\$40	\$50
30 min.	\$40	\$70	\$80
60 min.	\$70	\$100	\$110

Massages are available from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Please make reservations at least one hour in advance. During particularly busy times, massages may not be available at the time you request. We appreciate your understanding.

#### 10 MINERAL BATH

Our Mineral Bath is currently under construction and is expected to open next Spring. We look forward to offering this remarkable relaxation method to our guests.

#### 15 FITNESS CENTER AND SPA

The pool, sauna and gym are available to all guests free of charge. Non-guests may use the facilities for a \$15 fee. Other facilities will be charged at the following rates.

	Outdoor Bath	Hot Stone Spa	Jacuzzi
Guests	\$5	\$10	\$5
Non-guests	\$10	\$20	\$10

20 The pool, sauna and gym are open from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. All other facilities are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. If you have a heart condition or other health problems, please consult a doctor before using these facilities.

問1 According to the advertisement, which statement is true?

- ① An 8 p.m. massage should be reserved by 7:30 p.m.
- ② The Front Desk will answer questions until 11 p.m.
- ③ The hotel guarantees massages are available at all listed times.
- ④ Use of aroma oils costs an extra \$10 for each full body massage.

問2 All guests who wish to use the outdoor bath .

- ① may do so free of charge
- ② may use it any day until 11 p.m.
- ③ must wait until it opens next Spring
- ④ should ask their doctors if doing so is appropriate

問3 This advertisement suggests that .

- ① a person must stay for a night at the hotel to use the fitness center
- ② guests at the hotel can receive massages at discounted rates
- ③ people can enjoy the services for longer times on weekends
- ④ this hotel plans to offer additional relaxation methods in the future



## 第2問 (配点 12)

Your English teacher from the UK gave you an article to help you prepare for the debate in the next class. A part of this article with one of the comments is shown below.

### Do English speakers need to learn other languages?

by Jack Turner, Scotland

11 July 2020 4.07 PM

For the past 20 years our school has been offering French and Spanish. However, times have changed, and perhaps we should reevaluate the needs of our students. I've heard some suggest that native English speakers don't need to study a foreign language because English has become a global language.

David says, "As the world becomes more globalised, more and more people will speak English. That means that the majority of people who do business internationally will need to learn English. It takes a lot of time to learn a language so that you can truly use it. If you have that much time, you should use it to learn about other subjects, not just language. That will help you not only in business, but also in your social life."

On the other hand, Jennifer says, "With the globalisation of many businesses, knowing a foreign language has become increasingly useful in the workplace. By studying a foreign language, students can learn about various customs and cultural values of people from different parts of the world. This can smooth business relationships. However, most importantly, through learning a language, we're better able to look at something from various perspectives."

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**Maria 19 July 2020 6.11 PM**

China is a fast-growing economy, and in the future, it will become the world's biggest. There are more native speakers of Chinese than of any other language. In addition to French and Spanish, people should also learn Chinese.

問1 Jennifer and David give opinions about .

- ① how long it takes to learn a language
- ② how to negotiate in English in international business
- ③ whether English speakers need to learn other languages
- ④ whether internationalisation is changing English

問2 Your team will support the debate topic, "Native English speakers need to study a foreign language." In the article, one **opinion** (not a fact) helpful for your team is that .

- ① European languages are easy for English speakers to learn
- ② it will be easier to do business if you can speak multiple languages
- ③ studying business skills contributes to foreign language learning
- ④ when doing negotiations, the other party should speak our language

問3 The other team will oppose the debate topic. In the article, one **opinion** (not a fact) helpful for that team is that .

- ① international business is often more profitable than domestic business
- ② learning about fields other than language can be useful for business
- ③ most students study subjects hard, not just language
- ④ people need to learn English to gain knowledge about business

問4 Jennifer is saying that the biggest advantage of foreign language study is that it can increase students' .

- ① ability to consider things from different points of view
- ② desire to understand their own language and culture
- ③ knowledge of other language structures and cultures
- ④ opportunities to learn many different business models

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問5 According to her comment, Maria  the debate topic.

- ① has no particular opinion about
- ② partly disagrees with
- ③ strongly disagrees with
- ④ agrees with

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### 第3問 (配点 9)

You found the following story about Dan and his grandmother in a British newspaper.

## What My Grandmother Left Behind

Dan Stewart

“I’ll take care of this room,” said Dan as he pushed open the squeaky door and flipped on the light switch. His sisters and mother were upstairs packing the last of his grandmother’s belongings from the old house she had lived in for 60 years. He had come home to help his family empty the house so they could try to sell it. Being back in the house filled his mind with memories of long ago.

In one corner of the room was a shelf lined with trophies and awards. His grandmother was an amazing bowler. Dan was never a big sports fan, but he didn’t dislike watching his grandmother bowl. She was always preparing for the big tournaments held by the alley four times a year.

Seeing the numerous trophies, he felt proud of his grandmother. Then, Dan noticed one trophy on the shelf he hadn’t seen before. What kind of trophy was it?

As he took it in his hands, he recalled that there were some weekends grandma didn’t go to the bowling alley. On those days, she’d leave before he woke and didn’t get back until evening. He once asked her where she went. “To the university,” she replied. He didn’t give it much thought at that time, but it seemed strange to think about it now. The university? Someone as old as grandma? Looking back at the trophy in his hands, he was shocked by what he saw. The inscription read, “Short Fiction Award — First Prize.”

“Dan, come here and look at this,” his mother called him from upstairs. It was a box of papers, stapled together, yellowed from age and frayed at the edges. They were short stories, with hand-drawn illustrations on the covers. The inside pages had her name and “University Adult Education Centre” underneath.

Even though Dan was in his third year studying literature at the university, no one had ever told him about his grandmother’s hobby. All these years, he’d thought she was a good bowler — and that he had absolutely nothing in common with the rest of his sports-loving family. Now, smiling broadly, Dan realised that he and his grandmother were alike in some ways. Dan took his grandmother’s short stories and put them in his car to read them later.

問1 According to the story, Dan’s feelings changed in the following order:

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- ① Dan was glad to find his similarity to his grandmother.
- ② Dan was proud of his grandmother’s sports achievements.
- ③ Dan was puzzled by his grandmother’s past actions.
- ④ Dan was surprised at the words on the trophy.

問2 When he looked at the trophy again, Dan started to figure out 13.

- ① how his mother found the short stories
- ② the reason he is different from his grandmother
- ③ what his grandmother did on some weekends
- ④ why his family members encouraged him to enter university

問3 At the end of the story, why was Dan smiling when he put his grandmother’s stories in his car? 14

- ① He had been looking for those short stories.
- ② He had found that someone in his family shared his interests.
- ③ He was glad that his grandmother had read his writings.
- ④ They were his favourite short stories.



第4問 (配点 12)

In English class you are writing an essay on a topic you are interested in. This is your most recent draft. You are now working on revisions based on comments from your teacher.

Cats and Humans	Comment
<p>Throughout history, humans have enjoyed the company of cats. They have known that a cat can be a friend, a source of relaxation, and even help catch mice or insects in the house.</p> <p>(1) It is fascinating to think about how cats joined human communities.</p> <p>A team of scientists examined DNA to learn more about the origins of the housecat. Researchers from laboratories in seven countries took DNA samples from modern cats. They then compared this DNA with DNA of wildcats from around the world. (2) As a result, the researchers believe people in the Near East first started keeping cats as pets thousands of years ago.</p> <p>There is further evidence that the Near East was the first place for housecats. Archeologists found the areas in this region in which groups of people started to live. These people wandered from place to place. They made communities and started to throw things away, such as food. Over time, cats visited these communities as well, searching through the people's trash to find something to eat. The people must have taken a liking to their furry visitors, (3) eventually the people and the cats began to enjoy each other's company. The cats became less and less "wild" and more like the housecats we enjoy today.</p> <p>(4) In ancient Egypt, cats were thought of as gods and protectors of the home. Japan's famous <i>maneki neko</i> is sold in souvenir shops throughout the country to bring good luck. But for cat lovers around the world today, cats bring joy and relaxation.</p>	<p><b>(1) Only the following sentence is not enough. Insert a question to make it better.</b></p> <p><b>(2) You are missing something here. Add more information between the two sentences to connect them.</b></p> <p><b>(3) Add a word that makes a better connection between the clauses.</b></p> <p><b>(4) A topic sentence for this paragraph is missing. Insert a sentence that summarizes the paragraph.</b></p>
<p><b>Overall Comment :</b> Very well researched about cats. Now I see my cat in a different way... much cuter!</p>	

問1 Based on comment (1), which is the best sentence to add? 15

- ① But are cats the world's most popular pets?
- ② But what is the purpose of DNA research on cats?
- ③ But where did the cats people keep as pets come from?
- ④ But why were cats thought of as gods in ancient Egypt?

問2 Based on comment (2), which is the best sentence to add? 16

- ① Almost all of the housecats' DNA was very similar to a species of wildcat found in the Near East.
- ② Most of the research was conducted in the United States, where millions of people own cats.
- ③ They had to travel to the Near East to obtain the best DNA samples for their research.
- ④ They learned that housecats share the same DNA with wildcats living in the same area.

問3 Based on comment (3), which is the best expression to add? 17

- ① because
- ② if
- ③ though
- ④ whereas

問4 Based on comment (4), which is the best sentence to add? 18

- ① For thousands of years, cat owners steadily increased in number.
- ② Of course, there are exceptions to any rule.
- ③ Over some periods of history, cats have taken on various roles.
- ④ Some people in the world, however, regarded cats as uninvited visitors.



第5問 (配点 16)

You are doing research on oil prices. You found two articles.

**Changes in Oil Prices and Oil Production**

by **Eddie Irvine**

September 2010

In the second half of the 20th century, worldwide demand for oil increased dramatically. Countries were rebuilding after World War II and developing rapidly. More and more people, especially in the United States, started to use automobiles for their main transportation.

**Major Turning Points in Oil Prices**

Year	Major World Events	Average Price (per barrel)	Worldwide Production (in millions of barrels)
1948	Rebuilding after WWII	\$1.99	(unknown)
1974	Arab countries stop trading oil	\$11.58	55.72
1981	Iran-Iraq war	\$35.00	56.05
1985	Two oil companies in Japan tied up	\$28.56	53.97
1986	Saudi Arabia announces to increase production	\$14.64	56.20
1990	Iraq invades Kuwait	\$23.73	60.49
1998	Asian financial crisis	20	66.92
2004	War in Iraq	\$37.41	72.22
2005	Hurricane Katrina	\$50.04	73.65

In the early 1980s, the war between Iran and Iraq caused a decrease in both countries' outputs. This caused crude oil prices to more than double, from around \$14 per barrel in 1978 to \$35 in 1981. Prices remained in the upper \$20 to lower \$30 range throughout the first half of the 1980s, mostly because the oil producing countries of OPEC kept prices high by producing less oil. Then in 1986, Saudi Arabia announced that it would stop holding back its production. Suddenly the supply of oil increased worldwide from 53.97 million barrels in the previous year, causing the price to drop significantly.

The 1990 invasion of Kuwait by Iraq caused 21. However, Iraq was defeated

and prices returned to previous levels. Economic troubles in Asia reduced demand and sent prices down in the late 1990s, but that region soon recovered and recently worldwide demand for oil, especially in China and India, has reached its highest level ever. A combination of world events, including the Iraq War and Hurricane Katrina, sent prices rising sharply in the 2000s, reaching \$100 a barrel in some periods of 2007.

**Opinion on "Changes in Oil Prices and Oil Production"**

by **H.F.**

November 2020

I am a journalist who covers natural resources and related issues. Oil prices tend to be very dynamic because they are determined by the supply and demand balance. I became aware of this during the first oil crisis. I was 15 years old at the time, and I heard about the rise in oil prices and economic turmoil in the news every day.

That first oil crisis was caused by the Yom Kippur War, when Egypt and Syria fought with Israel. Arab countries had stopped trading oil and raised prices in order to counter the Western countries that were supporting Israel. The price of oil was about \$3.00 before the war began, but it quadrupled soon after. It's no wonder that Japan, which imported about 80% of its oil from Arab countries, was greatly disrupted by this.

Today, it is impossible to sustain Japan's economy using alternative energy sources other than oil and gas. Japan will have to remain heavily dependent on oil for the foreseeable future, especially since it can hardly use any nuclear power. And because Japan does not have resources of its own, it needs to continue its efforts to maintain peace in the international community in order to ensure a stable supply of oil.

問1 Why did oil prices decrease in the mid 1980s? 19

- ① Because countries were reducing their oil production.
- ② Because more oil was available throughout the world.
- ③ Because people started to become aware of environmental issues.
- ④ Because some new oil fields were discovered.

問2 Which of the following is the most appropriate for  and  ?

- ① \$11.91
- ② \$24.05
- ③ \$41.22
- ④ little effect on the average oil price
- ⑤ the highest oil price ever recorded by 2005
- ⑥ the next big jump in prices

問3 What can be said about the past 60 years using the information in the table and the article by Eddie?

- ① Oil prices reached their highest level in 2007.
- ② Oil prices steadily rose.
- ③ Oil production in the OPEC countries remained steady.
- ④ The rise of oil prices in 2007 caused the worst depression ever.

問4 When did the “first oil crisis” that the journalist mentions happen?

- ① Around 1974
- ② Around 1981
- ③ Around 1990
- ④ Around 2004

問5 Based on information from both articles, you are going to write a report for homework. The best title for your report would be “.”

- ① The Impact of the Change in Trading Methods on Oil Prices
- ② The Impact of International Events on Oil Prices
- ③ The Impact of Japan’s Oil Consumption on Oil Prices
- ④ The Impact of Renewable Energy Technology Developments on Oil Prices

## 第6問 (配点 12)



Your English teacher told everyone in your class to choose a short story in English to read. You will introduce the following story to your classmates, using a worksheet.

### The Eternal Mystery

“I think I’ll buy something at that furniture shop.” That was the first thought that came to my mind when I decided to move to a new apartment after graduating from college. “I want a little round table to put next to my bed. If they don’t have one I like, then maybe a little chair would be nice.” I went by the shop to make sure it hadn’t closed  
5 down.

When I was a child, I walked past that shop on my way to school. It was a little place that sold small dressers, tables, chairs and other pieces of furniture. It was old, but everything it sold was lovely and well-arranged. But the truth is I don’t remember much about the products themselves. What I remember best is the owner, and how he would sit  
10 upright in the back of the shop and flip through pages of a book. I would watch this over and over, from a distance so as not to be noticed.

I have vague memories of some trouble that I caused the owner when I was about six or seven years old. It was a cold evening and I was passing the store as always on my way home from school with my friends. One thing I remember is the sound of breaking glass.  
15 I don’t remember the sound clearly, but I think it was pretty loud. And I remember not being able to sleep at all that night. Then I remember the next day — or maybe two or three days later — my father and I, and my friend and his father, walking together in silence toward the shop in the dark. It was freezing that night, and my heart felt like it was going to break from beating so hard. And I can remember the shop owner smiling a little and  
20 patting me on the head.

On the day before I moved into my new apartment, I went to the shop, opened the door and stepped inside. The owner, sitting in his usual place, said hello in a small voice. After looking around for a while, I picked up a small table and checked its price. “I’d like this table, please.” The owner came over to me in his wheelchair. “Great choice. It’s old,  
25 but it’s a nice piece.” Then, as I was getting ready to pay, I started to apologize again for

what I’d done a dozen and some odd years before. The owner smiled and went to get a large sketchbook from the back of the store. Then he asked me if I remembered what it was. “It looks like it was mine,” I said. But I could hardly remember a thing.

He told me all about what had happened. He told me that the glass I “broke” was already broken and taped together, and how we all came to apologize the next night, and  
30 how he found this sketchbook with my name on it in front of the store the morning after that. When he saw that I looked confused, he said, “It’s the eternal mystery, isn’t it?” He went on to explain that I had left the sketchbook propped up against the door with potted plants and other objects nearby. He and his wife had each made guesses about what I had done. His guess was that I had left it there to cover the hole in the broken glass. His wife’s  
35 guess was that I had drawn a picture on the first page of the sketchbook as a way of apologizing.

“I wish I knew the answer ...” I told him. “Like I said, it’s the eternal mystery,” he replied. We laughed together. Then I told him that I would be moving to the next town  
40 over, and would graduate from college and start working in the spring. He handed me my sketchbook with the table and I left the store. As soon as I got home I asked my mother if she remembered the whole event. “Of course,” she told me. “You were so worried that the man would be cold.”

Your worksheet:

## The Eternal Mystery

### The author and a furniture store

- The author, who was preparing to move, .
- He had a thing for the store.

### Memories of the author from his childhood

→  →  →

### Events at the shop

- 
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→ They encountered an “eternal mystery.”

### My findings

The story requires a lot of guessing. I think the “eternal mystery” in the title means . Also, by the end of the story, it is most likely true that .

問1 Choose the best option for .

- ① checked whether or not the shop was still open
- ② found out the shop's closing time
- ③ frequently visited the shop after entering college
- ④ happened to find the shop near his new apartment

問2 Choose **four** out of the five options (①~⑤) and rearrange them in the order they happened.

→  →  →

- ① He heard glass breaking.
- ② He received a table from that shop as a gift.
- ③ He spent an uneasy night.
- ④ He walked down a street with his father and other people.
- ⑤ He was treated nicely by the shop owner.

問3 Choose the best two options for  and . (The order does not matter.)

- ① The author confused the owner with someone else.
- ② The author mentioned that he had once caused trouble for the shop's owner.
- ③ The author went to the store after moving into his new apartment.
- ④ The owner had completely forgotten an event from over ten years ago.
- ⑤ The owner was convinced that the sketchbook belonged to the author.

問4 Choose the best option for .

- ① the reason for the author's actions in the past
- ② the reason for the owner's wife's actions
- ③ the reason the owner often read books
- ④ the reason there were pictures of plants in the sketchbook

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問5 Choose the best option for 33.

- ① the author had thought about the “eternal mystery” for many years
- ② the author’s mother realized that the owner had caught a cold
- ③ the owner’s assumption was correct
- ④ there were no pictures drawn in the sketchbook

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**第7問** (配点 16)

You are doing research on hibernating animals for your summer vacation homework. You found the following article. You are reading it and making a poster to present your findings.

**About Frogs that Freeze During Hibernation**

- (1) Frogs are part of a large animal group known as amphibians. There are over 4,000 species of amphibians, animals at home both on land and in water. Frogs hibernate — sleep, through the winter. When the outside temperature drops, the body temperature of frogs goes down and all body processes slow down. Certain frog species in extremely cold places can actually “freeze” for the winter and then defrost. This mechanism, in which living organisms freeze and then warm up and become operational again, offers potentially valuable medical information.
- (2) One frog that freezes is the wood frog found in Alaska. During winter, over 60% of the water content of their body freezes. Their hearts stop, as does their breathing. They appear dead, but, in actuality, they are just in an altered state. Their body temperature goes down to between  $-1^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-6^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The average January temperature in parts of Alaska where these frogs are found is  $-17^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Often, it gets even colder. The frogs bury themselves in mud and various plant life because this and fallen snow keep the ground temperature a bit warmer so they can survive.
- (3) People have long been fascinated with the idea of something freezing and then returning to normal. For the past half century, almost every food imaginable has been frozen and brought back to its original state, more or less. However, the science fiction idea of people with diseases being frozen and then brought back to life when a cure is found has yet to be realized. The key here is “original state.” No frog has died of illness or natural causes and then come back to life, but rather has started out healthy at the time of its frozen state and come back to life after the freeze ends.

- (4) When the wood frog hibernates, the water that surrounds its cells turns to ice. At the first contact with ice, there is a stress reaction in the body. This sends an enormous amount of sugar into the bloodstream. It is as much as 4,500 milligrams per deciliter, which would kill a human being. In conjunction with other substances in the frog’s cells, a kind of antifreeze is created. Also, certain proteins that prevent the frog’s cells from breaking are released into the blood.
- (5) When spring comes, the frog’s body reverses the process and it begins to thaw from the inside out. First, the brain and the heart warm up again. The warming process takes place over several hours. When the frog’s body temperature returns to normal, they just hop away as if they were never frozen. Wood frogs lay eggs in ponds that are formed from melted snow. Ponds sometimes dry up by summer, so the survival of their species depends on their laying eggs as soon as they recover from their frozen state.

**About Frogs that Freeze During Hibernation**

◆ **About frogs**

- amphibians, over 4,000 species
- some frogs in extremely cold places can “freeze” →

◆ **Wood frogs in Alaska**

- More than half of the water in their bodies becomes frozen.
- Their body temperature .
- They cover themselves in mud and plants.
- They look like they are no longer alive, even though they are.

◆

the water around the cells becomes ice → sugar is sent into the bloodstream  
→ a kind of antifreeze is created → proteins are sent into the blood

◆ **In the spring**

- After recovering  for several hours, the frogs are able to move again and immediately lay eggs to avoid the risk of .

問1 Choose the best option for  on your poster.

- ① frogs are able to move around freely in cold weather
- ② many frogs actually die from frost during the winter
- ③ most frogs that freeze never come back to life
- ④ some frogs that become frozen can return to normal

問2 Choose the best option for  on your poster.

- ① is higher than the Alaskan January temperature
- ② matches the Alaskan January temperature
- ③ often gets  $-17^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and sometimes even colder
- ④ remains almost same throughout the year

問3 Choose the best option for  on your poster.

- ① The amount of sugar in the bloodstream that will kill a frog
- ② The reasons the frog's body is able to freeze
- ③ The various reasons that the frog's cells sometimes break
- ④ The way the creation of antifreeze sometimes damages frogs

問4 Choose the best options for  and .

- ① the pond freezing
- ② the pond drying up
- ③ the protein in the blood
- ④ the snow melting
- ⑤ their ability to freeze
- ⑥ their body temperature

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## 第8問 (配点 17)

You are working on an essay about whether the government should pay all university tuition fees. You will follow the steps below.

Step 1: Read and understand various viewpoints about university tuition fees.

Step 2: Take a position on whether or not the government should pay tuition fees.

Step 3: Create an outline for an essay using additional sources.

### [Step 1] Read various sources

#### Author A (Student)

University education is quite expensive. According to one study, it costs about 4.7 million yen to attend a private university for four years. The university I want to attend is far from my home, so I need to rent an apartment. Those costs will be a big burden for my parents. In order to help my parents, I have to work part-time most days of the week. However, if the government paid all of my tuition fees, I could work fewer days and would have more time to study.

#### Author B (Teacher)

I work at a high school, and I am providing guidance to students who will be taking university entrance exams next year. Some of them decide which school to apply to based on the cost. It is true that the amount their parents pay for university is not cheap. However, I advise them that having a clear vision of what they want to study at university is the most important thing. Even the same subject may be taught differently at different universities. Students should choose based on the learning and the environment.

#### Author C (Parent)

If the government pays for all the costs of university, the number of students who can attend will certainly increase. However, this would cost a huge amount of money. I believe that university costs should be covered by each family. It is important for parents to start planning to save money for tuition while their children are young. Also, since tuition would be paid for using taxes, there may be complaints from people who do not have children. There are already student loans and other systems to help families pay for tuition fees, so using those is one way to reduce costs.

#### Author D (Student)

My family is neither rich nor poor, but it will not be easy for my parents to pay for my university tuition. I am thinking of applying for student loans, though I would have to pay these back. The amount to be repaid could be millions of yen. But the learning opportunities I would get from spending that kind of money are very valuable. On the other hand, if the government pays for university tuition and a person could go to university without having to pay for it themselves, what would happen? Many people would not realize the value of their education. As a result, students may lose their desire to study, and they may just spend their time at university playing around.

#### Author E (Parent)

Going to university is very important for choosing a future career. In many companies, there is a pay gap between high school graduates and college graduates. According to one study, college graduates earn about 45,000 yen more per month in starting salaries than high school graduates. Additionally, some large companies require their applicants to be university graduates. People who couldn't go to college for financial reasons can't apply to those companies. Even families with average incomes may feel that university tuition fees are very high these days. But if the government paid for tuition, people would have more options when choosing which companies to work for.

問1 Both Authors C and D mention that .

- ① learning at university is valuable, so all students should attend
- ② parents should pay all tuition fees even if it is hard for them
- ③ loans may solve the problem of tuition fees
- ④ taxes should be used for childcare support first

問2 Author B implies that .

- ① the best way to choose a university is to ask your parents for advice
- ② the quality of education at some universities has declined in recent years
- ③ the way some students choose universities is not appropriate
- ④ students can receive a better education at a more expensive university than at a cheaper one

[Step 2] Take a position

問3 Now that you understand the various viewpoints, you have taken a position on the government's payment of tuition fees, and have written it out as below. Choose the best options to complete [ 41 ], [ 42 ], and [ 43 ].

**Your position:** The government should pay all tuition fees.

- Authors [ 41 ] and [ 42 ] support your position.
- The main argument of the two authors: [ 43 ].

Options for [ 41 ] and [ 42 ] (The order does not matter.)

- ① A
- ② B
- ③ C
- ④ D
- ⑤ E

Option for [ 43 ]

- ① Balancing studies and part-time work is difficult for many students
- ② The government should ensure that working people receive equal treatment
- ③ University tuition fees can be a heavy burden for families
- ④ Whether you have graduated from university or not is important when choosing a job

[Step 3] Create an outline using Sources A and B

Outline of your essay:

**The government paying for all tuition fees is a good idea**

**Introduction**

Although more students are choosing to go to university, it is difficult for some students to pay for it. In order to give all students equal opportunities for education, the government should pay all tuition fees.

**Body**

Reason 1: [From Step 2]

Reason 2: [Based on Source A] ..... [ 44 ]

Reason 3: [Based on Source B] ..... [ 45 ]

**Conclusion**

The government should cover all university tuition fees.

**Source A**

Most parents hope that their children will find a good job in the future. One good way to achieve this is to have their children receive higher education. However, the higher the cost of education, the greater the burden on parents. A survey was conducted among 1,000 men and women between the ages of 20 and 49 in five countries: Japan, South Korea, the United States, France, and Sweden. When asked if they planned to have more children, 47.5% of respondents in Japan, 43.9% in South Korea, 13.5% in the United States, 17.7% in France, and 7.4% in Sweden said they would not. When asked the reason for this, the top answer in Japan, South Korea, and the United States was, "It costs too much to raise children and educate them." From these results, it can be said that high educational costs are one of the causes of the declining birthrate. In the same survey, people were also asked, "How many children do you want to have?" In Japan, 51.8% of people answered that they wanted two children, but only 28.6% of families actually have two children. The results were similar in other countries.

**Source B**

Repaying student loans can put pressure on people's lives and sometimes make it difficult to get married. A survey was conducted of 2,000 people in their 20s to 30s who are repaying student loans. The table below shows how they feel about it.

I feel that I don't have enough money	78%
I regret taking out student loans	22%
Because of student loan repayment, even if I want to change my job, I can't	53%
I'm worried about getting married and having children	49%

問4 Based on source A, which of the following is the most appropriate for Reason 2? 44

- ① Attending higher education to get a good job is more important in the United States than in Japan.
- ② In all countries surveyed, the number of children is decreasing year by year due to high education costs.
- ③ In Sweden, the majority of people choose not to have more children because of the high cost of education.
- ④ The cost of education is the reason that people in some countries don't want more children.

問5 For Reason 3, you have decided to write, "Repaying student loans may have a negative impact on your future." Based on Source B, which option best supports this statement?

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- ① Almost half have financial problems, and less than a quarter want to change their jobs. It turns out that they are not satisfied with their salaries.
- ② Less than three-quarters said they felt their lives were difficult, and almost half said they regret having to pay back their student loans. This shows that using student loans is not effective.
- ③ More than half felt that their student loans influence their choice of work, and around half felt that student loans keep them from wanting to raise children. From these results, we can see that student loans have some negative effects on people's futures.
- ④ More than three-quarters of people said student loans would have an impact on their decision to start a family. This shows that repayment of student loans continues to have an impact even after graduation.