

III 次の各英文の空所に入れるのに最も適当な語句を、ア～エから一つ選べ。

13. The professor requested that the students' reports ().
 ア. are typing イ. be typed
 ウ. had been typing エ. were typed
14. Our teacher told us to hand in the homework () next Friday.
 ア. before long イ. in case of
 ウ. no later than エ. up to
15. With age, the mineral content of human bones decreases, () them weaker.
 ア. and to make イ. for making
 ウ. make エ. which makes
16. The Royal Shakespeare Company will present an () play in March.
 ア. excite イ. excites エ. exciting
17. One goal of teaching is to help students learn () to know to live a good life.
 ア. as needed イ. as they need
 ウ. that is needed エ. what they need
18. Please refrain from smoking until the sign () off.
 ア. in to turn イ. is turned エ. will turn
19. Miss Cooper's voice is clear enough to make her speech easily ().
 ア. to understand イ. understand
 ウ. understanding エ. understood
20. The doctors agreed it was time to try () another medicine.
 ア. in use イ. use エ. using

IV 次の各英文の意味に最も近いものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。

21. James is planning on leaving for Europe before long.
 ア. James is going to Europe for a short trip.
 イ. James is planning for a long stay in Europe.
 ウ. James is ready to go to Europe forever.
 エ. James will be leaving for Europe soon.
22. Thomas goes on and on about his vacation.
 ア. Thomas doesn't enjoy telling everyone about the vacation he took.
 イ. Thomas has decided to stay on vacation longer.
 ウ. Thomas has traveled to many different places on vacation.
 エ. Thomas just won't stop talking about the vacation he had.
23. It's at times like this that I want to quit my job.
 ア. I'm happy with the company that I work for.
 イ. There's never been a time when I felt like leaving my job.
 ウ. This is the first time that I haven't been glad that I work for this company.
 エ. When this kind of thing happens, I feel like leaving my company.
24. I'm not in favor of the government raising taxes.
 ア. I don't agree with the government increasing taxes.
 イ. I don't expect the government to increase taxes.
 ウ. I don't think the government is going to increase taxes.
 エ. I'm not sure if the government will increase taxes.

V 次の(a)に示される意味を持ち、かつ(b)の英文の空所に入れるのに最も適した語句を、それぞれア～エから一つ選べ。

25. (a) easy to see or understand because something is not hidden, difficult, or unclear
 (b) It's () to me that the thief entered the house through the open window.
 ア. consistent イ. obvious ウ. simple エ. visible
26. (a) the removal of a political ruler or a change of a political system by force
 (b) The rebels started a () because they were unhappy with the government.
 ア. demonstration イ. disagreement
 ウ. protest エ. revolution
27. (a) a carefully-made plan to achieve a goal, or the art of developing or carrying out such a plan
 (b) We need to think of a () to fight rising prices.
 ア. process イ. record ウ. schedule エ. strategy
28. (a) to persuade a person to believe or do something
 (b) Tom tried to () me to go to another country because of the cold weather.
 ア. convince イ. motivate ウ. require エ. suggest
29. (a) to manage to stay alive, especially in difficult situations such as a war or accident
 (b) Only five people were able to () the cold conditions after the bus went into the river.
 ア. exist イ. experience ウ. suffer エ. survive

VI 次の(A)～(D)の日本語に合うように、空所にそれぞれア～エの適当な語句を入れ、英文を完成せよ。解答は番号で指定された空所に入れるもののみをマークせよ。

- (A) 小さな商店は、スーパーとの競争により廃業を余儀なくされつつある。
 Small shops () (30) () (31) () () ()
 competition from supermarkets.
 ア. are イ. being ウ. business
 エ. by オ. forced カ. out of
- (B) グローバリゼーションによってもたらされた経済繁栄が大気汚染を悪化させた。
 Economic prosperity brought (32) () () () () ()
 (33) () () in air pollution.
 ア. about イ. accompanied by ウ. an increase
 エ. by オ. globalization カ. has been
- (C) 私たちの祖先は、日が暮れると眠りにつくしかなかった。
 Our ancestors (34) () () () () () () (35) to
 bed when it got dark.
 ア. but イ. choice ウ. go
 エ. had オ. no カ. to
- (D) 警察は調べている人物が誰なのかをどうしても言わなかった。
 The police () (36) () (37) () () () were
 questioning.
 ア. it イ. say ウ. they
 エ. was オ. who カ. wouldn't

VII 次の英文を読み、あとの問いに答えよ。

In many of the industrialized countries, the population is aging. That is, the average age of the population is older than it was twenty years ago. This fact has encouraged many businesses to develop products and services for older customers. In the medical industry, for example, new medicines and technologies are being developed especially for the health problems of older people. The tourist industry also offers services for the elderly, including special transportation and health services, and trips organized for groups of older people. And finally, there are many different kinds of products designed for the needs of the elderly. These include everything from shoes and shampoos to magazines and furniture.

Today, many elderly people in industrialized countries suffer from depression. In the past, most older people lived with or near other members of the family, and they usually had some responsibilities around the home. For example, older women could help take care of the children or prepare meals. Older men could help their sons at work or around the house.

These days, married children often prefer to live on their own, sometimes far away from their parents. Thus, older people may be cut off from family ties. They may also feel cut off from the world around them. The many rapid changes that have taken place in technology, entertainment, and travel have led older people to feel that they do not belong any more.

The industrialized countries today are all facing a similar economic problem: how to pay the pensions of retired people. The problem is basically the result of changes in the population. Thanks to improved health and medical care, more people are living to an advanced age. That means governments have to spend more on pensions.

The birth rate has gone down, so there are fewer young people working and paying taxes. Thus the government receives less money for its pension funds.

問 4 下線部(1)の内容として最も適当なものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。

ア. Older people may consider living alone preferable.

イ. Older people may feel like living outside the busy cities.

ウ. Older people might think that they are not part of the society in general.

エ. Older people might try to adjust to the changes in the world.

問 5 本文の第4段落の内容に合うものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(42)

ア. Advances in health care mean that people are living longer now.

イ. Good medical care has solved the problem of paying retired people's pensions.

ウ. Governments spend less money on health care for the elderly because of medical advances.

エ. Industrialized countries do not need to pay pensions to the elderly because of economic considerations.

問 6 本文の第5段落の内容に合うものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(43)

ア. Countries which encouraged early retirement do not have many problems paying pensions.

イ. People are reluctant to pay taxes because of the government's pension problems.

ウ. The decreasing birth rate means that there are less jobs for young people.

エ. There are fewer young workers today, so the amount of tax received by the government is less.

The situation has become even more serious in some countries because governments in the 1980s and 1990s encouraged people to retire at an early age. The aim was to create more jobs for young people, but governments also had to increase their spending on pensions.

問 1 本文の第1段落の内容に合うものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(38)

ア. As yet there are not many products available for the elderly.

イ. Older people will have problems finding suitable medicine in the future.

ウ. Special transportation is available for elderly people who travel.

エ. The number of old people is not as high as it was twenty years ago.

問 2 本文の第2段落の内容に合うものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(39)

ア. More and more elderly people feel unhappy about helping their families.

イ. Older people in Western countries felt overworked by their families.

ウ. Older people used to be more involved with helping their families.

エ. The elderly are becoming more useful to their families.

問 3 本文の第3段落の内容に合うものを、ア～エから一つ選べ。(40)

ア. Even when elderly parents live far from their children, they still have a good relationship with them.

イ. Many changes in technology have caused adult children to become closer to their parents.

ウ. Many grown-up children live independently of their parents.

エ. Technology makes it possible for elderly people to feel more a part of society.

問 7 本文の内容と合わないものを、ア～キから二つ選び、(4)と(5)に一つずつマークせよ。ただし、マークする記号(ア, イ, ウ, ...)の順序は問わない。

ア. Drug companies are no longer developing new medicine for the elderly.

イ. Travel agents provide trips specially designed for the elderly.

ウ. Lots of older people in industrialized countries feel unhappy because they are not seen or visited by their families.

エ. Many years ago older men and women didn't help their children.

オ. For two decades older workers were encouraged to retire earlier than usual for the benefit of the younger generation.

カ. One of the reasons for pension problems is the growing number of retired people.

キ. Governments find it difficult to pay pensions because pension funds have grown smaller.

(以下 余白)