

英語問題 (60 分)

(この問題冊子は 8 ページである。)

受験についての注意

1. 監督の指示があるまで、問題を開いてはならない。
2. 携帯電話・PHS の電源は切ること。
3. 時計に組み込まれたアラーム機能、計算機能、辞書機能などを使用してはならない。
4. 試験開始前に、監督から指示があったら、解答用紙の受験番号欄の番号が自身の受験番号かどうかを確認し、氏名を記入すること。
5. 解答用紙は 3 枚ある。解答は解答欄に記入し、その他の部分に何も書いてはならない。
6. 監督から試験開始の合図があったら、この問題の冊子が、上に記したページ数通りそろっているかどうか確かめること。
7. 筆記具は、H、F、HB の黒鉛筆またはシャープペンシルに限る。万年筆やボールペンなどを使用してはならない。訂正する場合は、消しゴムで丁寧に消すこと。消しきずはきれいに取り除くこと。
8. 解答用紙を折り曲げたり、破ったりしてはならない。
9. 試験時間中に退場してはならない。
10. 問題冊子と解答用紙を持ち帰ってはならない。

以上

I 次の (1) ~ (5) の英文を読み、下線部に最も近い意味のものをそれぞれ A~D の中から選びなさい。

(1) These days there is a growing demand for organic products.

- A. desire B. feeling C. dislike D. influence

(2) The population of this nation has been decreasing for a long time.

- A. advancing B. expanding C. shrinking D. slowing

(3) It is important to express yourself in plain language when you write.

- A. formal B. foreign C. simple D. special

(4) The outcome of the research was shocking, but it was also accurate.

- A. study B. result C. field D. exit

(5) I was surprised that he mentioned me in his speech because I did not know he knew me.

- A. praised B. challenged C. believed D. named

Ⅱ 次の(6)～(10)の英文を読み、空所に入れるのに最もふさわしいものをそれぞれA～Dの中から選びなさい。

(6) The () price of this product is 624 yen.

- A. approximate B. exact C. expensive D. over

(7) When I entered the room, the smell reminded () of my old desk.

- A. myself B. itself C. mine D. me

(8) This course () to make you a good writer of English essays.

- A. completes B. goals C. aims D. successes

(9) White is the color often associated () snow, rabbits, rice, and tofu.

- A. with B. from C. about D. by

(10) Not () each other for many years, the sisters cried when they met.

- A. have seen B. having seen C. being seen D. see

Ⅲ 次の英文を読み、(11) ～ (15) の空所に入れるのに最もふさわしいものをそれぞれ A～Dの中から選びなさい。

Traveling to a new country can be a challenge in many ways. Japan has a great transportation network and most Japanese people (11) _____ Japan as a convenient and easy country to get around in. But let's consider this from the viewpoint of foreign travelers (12) _____ Japan for the first time. The public transportation system in Tokyo can be very difficult to (13) _____. Visitors (14) _____ step onto the wrong train and arrive at the wrong destination. So, what can you do? Watch for travelers who might be lost and try to help them (15) _____ you can. And don't be afraid to use your English!

- (11) A. wanted to B. think of C. afraid of D. sure of
- (12) A. visiting B. visit C. visited D. can visit
- (13) A. get over B. catch up C. try on D. figure out
- (14) A. have B. did C. may D. were
- (15) A. then B. what C. should D. when

Ⅳ 次の英文を読み、設問（16）～（27）に答えなさい。なお、*印のついた語句には注があります。

- ① What is your zodiac sign*? If your birthday is today, February 1, you are an Aquarius*. There are twelve groups of stars, or constellations, and these make the “signs” that are used in astrology, which is a kind of fortune-telling. What does your sign say about you? If you want to know, then you can have your horoscope told. A horoscope is a chart that shows the positions of the stars and heavenly bodies at a certain time, usually your birthday. Your birthday horoscope is said to hold all the important information about you. People who read these signs, astrologists, believe they can look at your horoscope and tell you, according to the stars, what kind of person you are, and what will happen to you in the near or distant future.
- ② Horoscope reading as a way of fortune telling is based upon a long history of looking at the stars to try to understand earthly matters. People who believe in astrology claim that your horoscope can reveal specific details about your personality and your characteristics. Some astrologists even say they can predict when big events or accidents will happen in a person’s future. Astrologists claim that astrology is an accurate and useful way of fortune telling. They believe that heavenly bodies such as the sun, moon, planets, and stars all influence what happens in the universe, here on Earth, and to you specifically.
- ③ Are horoscopes and astrology really different, or more scientific, than other types of fortune telling? (あ) Some believe that human personalities can be understood and categorized by blood type, resulting in all people being grouped into four basic character types. The 12 zodiac signs for horoscopes certainly offer a greater variety of personality types, but through the long history of scientific research into astrology, no evidence has been found that horoscope readings and their predictions are reliable or accurate. Most of the so-called “readings” and predictions are simple reflections of general traits*.
- ④ Imagine an astrologist reading your horoscope and telling you about your personality characteristics. You hear that you are “reserved and careful, but can be bold when it comes to something that really matters to you.” You may wonder how this astrologist knows so much about you. But think about this carefully. Yes, maybe this

statement *does* apply to you, but it also applies to almost everyone, not *only* to you or to people of certain zodiac signs.

⑤ Astrologists may claim to predict the future, but these predictions are often so general that they could cover any outcome. For example, if an astrologist tells you that “this week you will have moments when you feel lonely,” how much of that is really a prediction? Isn’t it likely that most people could have that feeling during any given week?

⑥ A survey conducted in Britain found that 21 percent of the people who answered read their horoscopes “often” or “fairly often.” We can see from this that people enjoy reading their horoscopes, so it’s no wonder we see astrologists’ columns in newspapers and magazines almost every day. (\\) On the other hand, only 1 percent of those answering thought horoscopes were “very scientific,” and 69 percent answered that horoscopes were “not at all scientific.” This shows that while many people may read their horoscopes for entertainment, most do not take them seriously.

⑦ What do you think about astrology and horoscopes? [], how would you react if you heard that today is supposed to be a super-lucky day for your sign? Would that change your way of dealing with the day or the difficulties that may come along? If you enjoy reading your horoscope for fun, that’s fine, but remember not to get trapped by negative predictions, as they are not scientifically proven and there is no reason to feel controlled by them.

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- * zodiac sign 星座
 - * Aquarius みずがめ座
 - * trait(s) 特性, 特徴

Selected References

Astrology: Is it scientific?

http://undsci.berkeley.edu/article/astrology_checklist

Some people think astrology is a science – here's why.

<http://theconversation.com/some-people-think-astrology-is-a-science-heres-why-28642>

- (16) According to paragraph 1, what is your horoscope based on?
- A. The country of your birth and the time of day you were born.
 - B. All of the information that astrologists ask you about.
 - C. The month of the year in which you were born.
 - D. The placement of stars and heavenly bodies on your birthday.
- (17) According to paragraph 1, what do astrologists believe?
- A. That your personal experiences play a large role in your horoscope.
 - B. That your horoscope is necessary for your success in life and at work.
 - C. That they can tell many things about you from your horoscope.
 - D. That studying the Earth, the sun, and the moon increases wealth.
- (18) According to paragraph 2, what might an astrologist be likely to tell you?
- A. Your exam scores from junior high school.
 - B. When you will get married.
 - C. Information that is in the newspaper today.
 - D. The restaurant that had the best pizza in Japan last year.
- (19) According to paragraph 3, how scientific are horoscopes and astrology?
- A. There are absolutely no scientific findings to support their reliability.
 - B. Some of the horoscope readings reflect the most recent scientific studies.
 - C. Enough proof exists to be certain that they are reliable and accurate.
 - D. They are not quite as accurate a way to predict the future as blood type.
- (20) According to paragraphs 4 and 5, how can we explain astrologists' statements that seem accurate?
- A. Their statements usually cause the future to actually change.
 - B. Their statements are based on information they find in your SNS history.
 - C. Their statements are very general and can be true about most people.
 - D. Their statements are often accurate and only apply to one person.

- (21) In paragraph 5, what is the word “they” referring to?
- A. predictions
 - B. astrologists
 - C. people
 - D. zodiac signs
- (22) According to paragraph 6, the British people who read horoscopes
- A. believe them and live life according to them.
 - B. enjoy reading them, but do not really believe them.
 - C. show them to others as a form of entertainment.
 - D. think that they should not appear in newspapers at all.
- (23) What is the best replacement for the blank [] in paragraph 7?
- A. In conclusion
 - B. On the other hand
 - C. In the meantime
 - D. For instance
- (24) What does the author suggest is a good way to deal with horoscope readings?
- A. Do not change your daily activities because of them.
 - B. Avoid all such information because it is misleading.
 - C. Take them as helpful suggestions because they are scientific.
 - D. Do not argue with astrologists who make incorrect predictions.
- (25) What would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Why Horoscope Reading is Big Business Today
 - B. The Scientific Proof of Astrology is Everywhere
 - C. Read Your Horoscope, but Be Careful
 - D. Your Zodiac Sign Shows the Real You

(26) 下線部 (あ) を日本語に訳しなさい。

(27) 下線部 (い) を日本語に訳しなさい。

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(28) 次の英文 (う) か (え) のどちらかひとつを選び、示された書き出しに続けて、英語で文章を書きなさい。具体例や理由をなるべく多く挙げて書きなさい。ボックスの中の語彙や表現は必要に応じて文章中に用いたり、内容の参考にしたりしてもかまいません。これらの語彙や表現の使用の有無は評価には影響しません。

(う) If you were given the chance to name a star, what name would you give to it?
Why?

If I were given the chance to name a star, I would name it ...

astrology	important	memory	gift
name after	remember	extraordinary	opportunity

(え) What are you wearing today? Describe your outfit in detail, and write about your likes and dislikes of the items.

Today I am wearing ...

uniform	keep warm	comfortable	lucky
weather	travel	choice	convenient