

I 次の1 - 20について、空所を埋めるのに最も適切な語句をそれぞれA - Dから選び、その記号を解答欄に記入しなさい。

1. I enjoyed my time at the beach; (), the stunning sunset made the experience even more memorable.
A. therefore B. however C. on the other hand D. moreover
2. I () visited Paris and was amazed by the city's beautiful architecture and rich history.
A. never B. recently C. no longer D. annually
3. In the bakery, you can find a variety of delicious pastries, () croissants, muffins, and Danish rolls.
A. such as B. than C. made of D. probably
4. I need to () this document from French to English before the meeting tomorrow.
A. spend B. agree C. translate D. transport
5. I plan to buy a new laptop to replace my old one, which has been () me a lot of technical issues.
A. happening B. causing C. working D. standing
6. Even though it was raining outside, the children () playing soccer in the backyard.
A. insisted on B. were affected by C. had effects on D. broke into
7. I need to be () early tomorrow morning to catch the sunrise at the beach.
A. asleep B. anxious C. awake D. emotional
8. I would like to () you to my friend, who shares the same passion for photography as you do.
A. introduce B. evaluate C. receive D. reply
9. I used to live () 6th street.
A. on B. about C. in D. to
10. I hope I will get () the difficulty.
A. up B. over C. under D. among
11. No one () responsible for the matter.
A. are B. can C. is D. may
12. My sister was just () to leave for the office.
A. ago B. often C. above D. about
13. Strictly (), our idea is different from theirs.
A. to speak B. speak C. speaks D. speaking
14. Our new house is () bigger than the old one.
A. very B. lots C. more D. much

15. I met him at the bookstore by ().
A. degrees B. chance C. nature D. turns
16. My mother grows various kinds of roses in her garden, () smell wonderful when they bloom.
A. who B. where C. which D. this
17. If I were you, I () looking for another job.
A. start B. had started C. would start D. have started
18. Our young children enjoyed () when we cleaned the house for the move.
A. about help B. to help C. on helping D. helping
19. () I'm asking for is a little respect and tolerance.
A. Once B. All C. Only D. Simply
20. You have to express your thoughts clearly, but () the same time you should be sympathetic and listen to other opinions.
A. on B. in C. at D. about

II 次の英文を読んで、空所21 - 30を埋めるのに最も適切な語句をそれぞれA - Cから選び、その記号を解答欄に記入しなさい。

Swedish Dads

Johan Bävman is a Swedish photographer who started a photo project called "Swedish Dads." "Swedish Dads" is based on a series of portraits of fathers who (21) to stay at home with their children for six months or longer. Forty-five dads were portrayed with their children, and were first (22) in 2014. The pictures have been (23) on several photo festivals around the world.

With this project, Johan wanted to find out what made these (24) stay at home longer than most of their fellow fathers. What have they gained from this (25)? In what way has the decision to take parental leave changed their (26) with their partner and their child? What (27) did they have before parental leave?

Johan has two aims with this photo project. Firstly, he wants to illustrate Sweden's unique parental policy. Secondly, he wants to inspire other fathers to see the positive (28) of taking a more active role in their young children's lives. He doesn't want to glorify the fathers in this series. Instead, he (29) to engage in a discussion about why these dads are considered (30).

(Adapted from: <https://www.johanbavman.se/swedish-dads/>)

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|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 21. A. choose | B. bring | C. oppose |
| 22. A. checked | B. closed | C. published |
| 23. A. performed | B. shown | C. prepared |
| 24. A. children | B. fathers | C. mothers |
| 25. A. experience | B. mistake | C. success |
| 26. A. region | B. research | C. relationship |
| 27. A. numbers | B. species | C. expectations |
| 28. A. benefits | B. contracts | C. exercises |
| 29. A. runs | B. occurs | C. wishes |
| 30. A. special | B. ordinary | C. sad |

- Ⅲ 次の英文を読み、設問 31 - 35 に答えなさい。31 - 35 の答えはそれぞれ A - D の中から最も適切なものを選び、その記号を解答欄に記入しなさい。

Saturn^{注1} Regains Its "Moon^{注2} King" Status With 62 New Moons

Earlier this year, Saturn lost its long-standing status as "moon king" to Jupiter^{注3} after 12 new moons were added to the gas giant's 83 known moons. But Jupiter's victory was short-lived. The ringed planet, Saturn, has reclaimed the title with the discovery of 62 additional moons. Saturn now has 145 known moons and is the first and only planet in the solar system to surpass 100 moons. (Paragraph 1)

Dr. Edward Ashton and his team revealed the discovery (1) May 11, 2023. They detected the moons using three years of data from the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope in Hawaii. The scientists say the 62 moons are all "irregular moons^{注4}." This means they follow distant, elliptical orbits^{注5} around their host planet. Many also move in the opposite direction of Saturn's rotation^{注6}. The ringed planet now has 121 irregular moons and 24 regular moons. The smallest of the newly announced moons is just 1.6 miles (2.5 km) wide. In contrast, Saturn's largest moon, Titan, has a diameter of 3,200 miles (5,149 km). (Paragraph 2)

Irregular moons tend to clump together^{注7} in groups with others in their orbit. Saturn has three such groups. They include the Inuit group^{注8}, the Gallic group^{注9}, and the Norse group^{注10}. Actually, [ア. the new moons イ. to ウ. all of エ. the three groups オ. belong カ. one of]. The researchers believe the small moons in the groups may all be from a larger parent moon that broke apart millions of years ago. (Paragraph 3)

"As one pushes to the limit of modern telescopes^{注11}, we are finding increasing evidence that a moderate-sized moon orbiting backward around Saturn was blown apart something like 100 million years ago." (2) Brett Gladman, an astronomy professor at the University of British Columbia. (Paragraph 4)

(Adapted from <https://www.dogonews.com/2023/5/17/saturn-regains-its-moon-king-status-with-62-new-moons>)

注 1 Saturn 土星 2 moon 衛星 3 Jupiter 木星

4 irregular moons 不規則な動きをする衛星 5 elliptical orbits 楕円軌道

6 rotation 自転 7 clump together ひとまとまりになる

8 the Inuit group イヌイット群 (土星の衛星群)

9 the Gallic group ガリア群 (土星の衛星群)

10 the Norse group 北欧群 (土星の衛星群) 11 telescopes 望遠鏡

31. 第1パラグラフによると、

- A. 土星のまわりに新しく 62 の衛星があることが発見された。
B. 木星は巨大なガスの惑星である。
C. 土星は太陽系で唯一 100 を超える衛星を有する。
D. 上記 (A、B、C) のすべてが当てはまる。

32. (1) に入れるのに最も適した語を選びなさい。

- A. for B. up C. with D. on

33. 第2パラグラフによると、

- A. 不規則な衛星は土星の自転とは逆の方向に動いている。
B. 新しく見つかった衛星は、全て規則的な衛星である。
C. 土星のまわりにある最も小さい衛星は、最も大きい衛星のおよそ半分の大きさである。
D. 上記 (A、B、C) のすべてが当てはまる。

34. 第3パラグラフの下線部が「新しい衛星の全てが、三つの衛星群の一つに属している」という意味になるようにカッコ内の単語を並び替えたとき、(X) と (Y) にくる語句の組み合わせとして正しいものを選びなさい。

[ア. the new moons イ. to ウ. all of エ. the three groups オ. belong カ. one of]

() (X) () () (Y) ()

- A. ア・イ B. ア・カ C. ウ・イ D. ウ・カ

35. (2) に入れるのに最も適した語を選びなさい。

- A. say B. to say C. says D. to be said

IV 次の英文を読み、設問 36 - 40 に答えなさい。36 の答えは解答用紙の所定の欄に記述しなさい。37 - 40 の答えはそれぞれ A - D の中から最も適切なものを選び、その記号を解答欄に記入しなさい。

Are zoos a good thing?

¹Zoos are hugely popular attractions for adults and children alike. But are they actually a good thing? (Paragraph 1)

Critics of zoos would argue that animals often suffer physically and mentally by being enclosed². Some zoos make animals behave unnaturally: for example, marine parks often force dolphins and whales to perform in shows. These animals may die decades earlier than their wild relatives, and some even try to commit suicide.

(Paragraph 2)

On the other hand, by bringing people and animals together, zoos have the potential to encourage people to protect animals and their living environment. Some zoos provide a safe environment for animals which have been mistreated in circuses, or pets which have been abandoned. Zoos also carry out important research into subjects like animal behavior and how to treat illnesses.

(Paragraph 3)

One of the most important modern functions of zoos is supporting international breeding³ programs, particularly for endangered species⁴. A good zoo will enable these species to live and breed in a secure environment. Zoo-bred animals can be released into their natural environment to increase genetic diversity⁵. (Paragraph 4)

However, ⁶opponents of zoos say that the vast majority of captive breeding programs do not release animals back into nature. Some are sold not only to other zoos but also to circuses or hunting ranches⁷ in the US or South Africa, where some people are willing to pay a lot of money for the chance to kill an animal in a fenced enclosure⁸.

(Paragraph 5)

So, are zoos good for animals or not? Perhaps ⁹[ア. on イ. are managed ウ. individual エ. it all オ. how well カ. depends キ. zoos], and the benefits of zoos can surely outweigh¹⁰ their harmful effects. However, it is understandable that many people believe imprisoning animals for any reason is simply wrong. (Paragraph 6)

(Adapted from <https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/b2-reading/are-zoos-good-thing>)

注 1 enclosed 閉じこめられて 2 breeding 繁殖の

3 endangered species 絶滅危惧種 4 genetic diversity 遺伝的多様性

5 ranches 放牧場 6 enclosure 囲われた土地 7 outweigh まさる

36. 下線部(1)の表す意味を、日本語で書きなさい。

37. 第3パラグラフによると、

- A. 動物園やサーカスは、動物保護の意識を高めるために役立っている。
- B. 動物園やサーカスの動物、そしてペットとして飼われている動物の多くは、安全な環境で大事に扱われている。
- C. 動物園では、動物の行動や病気についての研究もなされている。
- D. 上記 (A、B、C) のすべてが当てはまる。

38. 第4・第5パラグラフの内容に一致するものをひとつ選びなさい。

- A. Breeding programs supported by zoos help preserve genetic diversity in the natural world.
- B. The problem is that animals born in zoos have difficulty in living in the wild.
- C. The ranches for hunting purposes have been encouraged by animal protection groups.
- D. One of the important roles of zoos is to provide a safe home for dangerous animals.

39. 下線部(2) opponents と近い意味を持つ語を、以下に挙げた本文中の語からひとつ選びなさい。

- A. critics B. the potential C. functions D. benefits

40. 下線部(3)が「それは全て、個々の動物園がいかにきちんと管理されているかによる」という意味になるようにカッコ内の語句を並べ替えたとき、(X) と (Y) に来る語句の組み合わせとして正しいものを選びなさい。

[ア. on イ. are managed ウ. individual エ. it all オ. how well カ. depends キ. zoos]

() () (X) () () (Y) ()

- A. カ・ア B. キ・カ C. ア・キ D. エ・ウ