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① 次の英文を読み、それに続く設問に答えよ。

① As an American, I'm greatly interested in race. The racism that exists in the United States is a national shame, and has done despairing damage since the nation's beginning. Our history of slavery and the ongoing mistreatment^① of Blacks is well known.

② But racism is not limited to America. You can see evidence of it in countries all over the world, and against all kinds of races. Racism has led to wars, genocide^②, slavery and economic disparities^③ that have ruined millions of lives.

③ But how did the modern idea of racism start? Who decided how we talk about race? Some historians point to the 1800s, when a Swedish naturalist^④ named Carl Linnaeus^⑤ put plants, animals and minerals^⑥ into a classification system, using two-word Latin descriptions. In the animal kingdom, he classified humans as a species of *Homo sapiens*. He divided humans into four “varieties”: European, American, Asiatic and African. Each variety had characteristics. Linnaeus said Europeans were “inventive^⑦” and Africans were “enervated^⑧.” But he thought these differences came from environment and customs. In his view, the four varieties were more alike than different. But other people took Linnaeus's ideas and started saying that the varieties were different because of biology. This view is sometimes called “biological racism.”

④ Most scientists today say that race is actually a “social construct.” What is a social construct? It's when people in society form an idea that is not based in reality. One example is the idea that “pink is for girls and blue is for boys.”

⑤ But, biological racists say, what about illnesses that affect only certain races? For example, sickle cell anemia^⑨ is known as a Black person's disease. This is a set of blood diseases inherited from parents that evolved as a way for the body to fight malaria. People of African descent^⑩ may show high rates of the disease, but so do people of Indian, Mediterranean^⑪ and Middle Eastern descent, because malaria was widespread in those areas, too. If we look back to Linnaeus's classifications of humans, it is based on geography, not skin color. Most scientists say humans are more alike than different. But not all academics agree. The political scientist Charles Murray argues in his book *The Bell Curve* that we inherit intelligence, and that Blacks score lower on IQ tests than whites. Most scientists, however, disagree with Murray's arguments.

⑥ I have seen some positive shifts over recent years. Mixed marriages^⑫ are up. Minorities have better educational opportunities. There are more minority political candidates. But I live in a multicultural city, known for racial tolerance. Make no mistake. Racism is alive and well. The Trump presidency, using bigotry as^⑬ a political tool, revealed that American racism was only napping^⑭.

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注 ①	mistreatment	不当な扱い
②	genocide	大虐殺
③	disparities	格差
④	naturalist	博物学者
⑤	Carl Linnaeus	カール・リンネ (1707-78 ; スウェーデンの植物学者)
⑥	minerals	鉱物
⑦	inventive	独創的な
⑧	enervated	無気力な
⑨	sickle cell anemia	鎌状赤血球症 (貧血症の一種)
⑩	descent	系統
⑪	Mediterranean	地中海人種の
⑫	Mixed marriages	異なる人種間の結婚
⑬	bigotry	偏見
⑭	was napping	小休止していた

設問 1 パラグラフ①②で述べられている内容に最も合致するものをア～エから 1 つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. Racism, which was the cause of slavery, is unique to America.
- イ. The author of this passage supports the existence of racism in the United States.
- ウ. Wars are just one of the terrible results of racism.
- エ. When the United States was founded, there was no such thing as racism.

設問 2 パラグラフ③で述べられている内容に最も合致するものをア～エから 1 つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. リンネの考えは多くの人々に支持されて、人種差別をなくすことに役立った。
- イ. リンネは植物と動物は同じ種だと分類し、人間はそれらとは異なると主張した。
- ウ. リンネは人類を 4 種類に分類したが、それらは異なるというより似ていると考えた。
- エ. リンネはヨーロッパ人とアフリカ人が異なるのは生物としての違いによると考えた。

設問 3 パラグラフ⑤以降の内容に最も合致するものをア～エから 1 つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. チャールズ・マリーは知能が遺伝するという説を論破した。
- イ. 鎌状赤血球症に黒人だけがかかることは生物学的に証明されている。
- ウ. アフリカとインドの人々ではマラリアにかかる人の割合は大きく異なる。
- エ. リンネの説を基に考えれば、マラリアにかかる人が一部の人種に偏っているのは、地理的な理由による。

設問4 以下は本文の要約である。(A)～(E)の空所に入る最も適切な語を下記の枠内より1つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

According to the author, modern ideas of race may have started with Carl Linnaeus, who classified humans into (A)_____ varieties based on their (B)_____, not on their (C)_____. However, some people started insisting there were differences resulting from biology, and said that intelligence depended on one's race. Recently, there have been (D)_____ changes in views of race, but the author warns that racism still (E)_____ common in the modern world.

ア	dies out	イ	diseases	ウ	environment
エ	four	オ	intelligence	カ	negative
キ	positive	ク	remains	ケ	skin color
コ	three				

2 次の英文を読み、それに続く設問に答えよ。

Most journalists get into this line of work with dreams of breaking big political scandals, covering high-profile^① court cases or interviewing a star athlete after a championship game.

But jobs covering those major stories are (1) to come by.

There are only so many^② positions available in big cities and the competition for those jobs can be fierce^③. So, many reporters start out working for local papers in small towns.

That was the case for me. As a 20-something, I was looking for any opportunity to (2)get my foot in the door.

One day, I came across an ad^④ for *The Golden Star*. The paper wanted a reporter to cover news, sports and entertainment in the Rocky Mountain town of Golden. It sounded perfect.

But in a town of only 4,000, the stories that qualify as^⑤ news, (3)sports and entertainment weren't what I had in mind when I decided to become a journalist.

Don't get me wrong, I did get assigned^⑥ some truly (4) stories from time to time: I wrote articles about dramatic avalanche^⑦ rescues and up-and-coming^⑧ bands who eventually went on to play in big arenas across North America.

(5), covering “news” also meant attending a grandmother's 90th birthday party, “sports” was often taking photos of children's soccer games and “entertainment” might be a profile story^⑨ on the high school jazz band.

Basically, in a town that small, (6)just about anything can be worthy of a story in the local paper.

Still, I learned a lot in my three years in Golden and I enjoyed every moment.

From a journalism point of view, the experience was invaluable — the *Star* had a newsroom^⑩ of two people, so in an average week I got a chance to (7)hone my writing, editing, photography, social media and even page layout skills.

Even more so, living in a small town and becoming part of a community was incredible after spending my whole life in big cities, where you often didn't even know the names of your neighbors.

It got to the point where (8)I couldn't take a trip to the grocery store without bumping into a friend or someone I had recently interviewed for a story.

At the end of my tenure^⑪, I was definitely ready to move on to bigger stories in a larger city. After all, that is the goal of most people who choose to make journalism their career. But there's no doubt I still (9) the charm of community reporting.

By writing about regular, everyday people living out their lives in a charming mountain town — rather than (10) politicians or star athletes — I also learned that everyone has an interesting story to tell if you ask the right questions. Especially 90-year-old grandmothers.

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注 ①	high-profile	注目を浴びている
②	only so many	限られた数の
③	fierce	激しい
④	ad(= advertisement)	広告
⑤	qualify as ...	…とみなされる
⑥	get assigned	…を担当した
⑦	avalanche	雪崩
⑧	up-and-coming	新進気鋭の
⑨	profile story	紹介記事
⑩	newsroom	ニュース編集室
⑪	tenure	在職期間

設問1 本文中の(1)に入れるのに最も適切な語を、ア～エより1つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. comfortable イ. easy ウ. hard エ. interesting

設問2 本文中の下線部(2)の内容として最も適切なものを、ア～エより1つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. feel tired of working as a reporter
イ. get accustomed to my job as a reporter
ウ. start working as a reporter
エ. stumble on the door

設問3 本文中の下線部(3)の内容として最も適切なものを、ア～エより1つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. スポーツや娯楽は、筆者が記者になった時はそれほど興味がなかった。
イ. スポーツや娯楽のニュースはまさに筆者が報道したいと思ったテーマだった。
ウ. スポーツや娯楽のニュースを報道したくて筆者は記者になったわけではなかった。
エ. スポーツや娯楽のニュースは筆者が記者になろうと思った時に思い描いていたものと違っていた。

設問4 本文中の(4)に入れるのに最も適切な語を、ア～エより1つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. boring イ. exciting ウ. political エ. scaring

設問 5 本文中の(5)に入れるのに最も適切な語を, ア～エより 1 つ選び, その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. As a result イ. In addition ウ. On the other hand エ. That is to say

設問 6 本文中の下線部(6)の内容として最も適切なものを, ア～エより 1 つ選び, その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. 記事になるような出来事はあまり起こり得ない。
イ. 記事になるような出来事はだいたい期待外れだ。
ウ. だいたいどんなことについても記事にする価値がない。
エ. だいたいどんなできごとが起こっても記事になり得る。

設問 7 本文中の下線部(7)の内容として最も適切なものを, ア～エより 1 つ選び, その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. discard イ. forget ウ. improve エ. worsen

設問 8 本文中の下線部(8)の内容として最も適切なものを, ア～エより 1 つ選び, その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. 旅先で日用雑貨店に寄ると, 友人への土産を買った。
イ. 日用雑貨店に一緒に行ってくれる友人もいなかった。
ウ. 日用雑貨店に行く途中で必ず友人にばったり出会った。
エ. 旅に出ることもできずに, 友人と一緒に日用雑貨店に行った。

設問 9 本文中の(9)に入れるのに最も適切な語を, ア～エより 1 つ選び, その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. don't understand イ. dislike ウ. forget エ. miss

設問 10 本文中の(10)に入れるのに最も適切な語を, ア～エより 1 つ選び, その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- ア. forgotten イ. powerful ウ. unknown エ. rookie

3 次の対話文を読み、それに続く設問に答えよ。

Zack: Hi there, Maya. Are you looking forward to the weekend?

Maya: _____ A _____ We're going to catch up on some household chores that we let slip over the past few months. What about you?

Zack: Ah, well, I feel bad for you. I'm afraid we're going to Ueno Zoo for the "free day."

Maya: Oh that sounds awesome. I forgot they do that. When is it?

Zack: The 1st of October. Tokyo Citizens Day.

Maya: Ueno is really an exceptional zoo, easily one of the best in the world, I think — although obviously, I'm biased.

Zack: As an American, let me say you're not wrong. Ueno is definitely a perk of being an expat in Tokyo. The fact that it's so close to other world-class institutions like the national museum and the science museum is a huge bonus.

Maya: What's the best thing about the zoo for you?

Zack: In my family, we are all in agreement: the animals.

Maya: Ha-ha, of course! But I mean, which ones?

Zack: Well, Ueno has more than 3,000 animals of 400 different species, so it's hard to pick one. But my favorite area, and Joseph's, is the vivarium — lizards and snakes and frogs. But Trisha doesn't like creepy crawlies. Her favorite area is —

Maya: — the giant pandas?

Zack: Exactly! And now there are twins, Lei Lei and Xiao Xiao.

Maya: But will you be able to see them? I heard that they were limiting people through a lottery.

Zack: We got lucky. We entered the lottery and won tickets!

Maya: Congratulations!

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設問 1 What will Maya say in the line _____ A _____?

- ア. It seems so.
- イ. Not at all.
- ウ. That depends.
- エ. Yes, of course.

設問 2 What does the underlined sentence mean?

- ア. I'm glad I can visit Ueno Zoo as a foreign resident living in Tokyo.
- イ. I don't think Ueno Zoo is as impressive as some zoos in the U.S.
- ウ. I think you should correct your prejudice about Ueno Zoo.
- エ. Other zoos around the world are more famous than Ueno Zoo.

設問 3 According to the conversation, which of the following is NOT an example of creepy crawlies?

- ア. Frogs
- イ. Giant Pandas
- ウ. Lizards
- エ. Snakes

設問 4 What is true about this situation?

- ア. It is difficult to enter the lottery to see the giant pandas.
- イ. Lei Lei is Xiao Xiao's mother.
- ウ. The giant pandas are so popular that only those who win the lottery can see them.
- エ. Visitors to Ueno Zoo are prevented from seeing the giant pandas for several reasons.

4 次の(1)～(5)のそれぞれについて、文法的に誤っているものを、ア～ウより1つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- (1) ア. Both my mother and father are from Tokyo.
イ. Greg has three children, and both of them play baseball.
ウ. Yesterday I bought two books, both of which I've already finished reading.
- (2) ア. I hope to study abroad after I enter college.
イ. We don't have much hope to overcome the difficulty.
ウ. The two girls hope for a nice present from Santa Claus.
- (3) ア. I will do whatever you want me to do.
イ. Whatever hard it is, we have to do our best.
ウ. Please complete whatever repairs are needed.
- (4) ア. The pilot was advised to fly lower.
イ. Please lower the antenna when you park your car.
ウ. Due to a good crop, vegetables are lower this year than they were last year.
- (5) ア. Mary has change a lot since she was a child.
イ. I only have a 10,000-yen bill. Do you have change?
ウ. If there is any change in the policy, please let us know.

5 次の(1)~(5)の英文に最も近い意味を持つ英文を、それぞれア~エより1つ選び、その記号を解答欄に書きなさい。

- (1) Without your help, I couldn't have finished my homework.
- ア. I finished my homework because you helped me.
 - イ. I helped you finish your homework.
 - ウ. I was not able to finish my homework because you didn't help me.
 - エ. You tried to help me with my homework, but failed to do so.
- (2) There is no one in this class who is better at mathematics than Cathy.
- ア. Cathy is not very good at mathematics, compared with her classmates.
 - イ. Cathy is not as interested in mathematics as anyone else in this class.
 - ウ. There are a lot of students, including Cathy, who like mathematics.
 - エ. When it comes to mathematics, Cathy is the best in the class.
- (3) This train is due to arrive at Tokyo Station in five minutes.
- ア. Five minutes have passed since the train left Tokyo Station.
 - イ. It will take the train five minutes to get to Tokyo Station.
 - ウ. The train will arrive at Tokyo Station five minutes late.
 - エ. The train was delayed five minutes due to an accident in Tokyo Station.
- (4) Not only did Mary fail to buy a present for her boyfriend, but she also forgot to attend his birthday party.
- ア. Mary bought a birthday present for her boyfriend, but didn't attend his birthday party.
 - イ. Mary bought a present for her boyfriend in order to give it to him at his birthday party.
 - ウ. Mary neither bought her boyfriend a present nor was present at his birthday party.
 - エ. Mary went to her boyfriend's birthday party without bringing a birthday present.
- (5) I couldn't agree with you more.
- ア. I disagree with you.
 - イ. I totally agree with you.
 - ウ. I was able to agree with you.
 - エ. I was not able to agree with you.

