

2026年度一般入学試験問題

英 語

(2月13日)

開始時刻 午前10時30分

終了時刻 午前11時30分

注 意 事 項

1. 試験開始の合図があるまで、この問題冊子の中を見てはいけません。
2. この冊子は14ページです。落丁、乱丁、印刷の不鮮明及び解答用紙の汚れなどがあった場合には申し出てください。
3. 解答用紙には解答欄以外に次の記入欄があるので、監督員の指示に従って、それぞれ正しく記入し、マークしてください。

① 受験番号欄

受験番号を記入し、さらにその下のマーク欄にマークしてください。正しくマークされていない場合は、採点できないことがあります。

② 氏名欄

氏名とフリガナを記入してください。

4. 解答は解答用紙の解答欄にマークしてください。例えば、

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と表示のある問いに対して③と解答する場合は、次の(例)のように解答番号10の解答欄の③にマークしてください。

(例)

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5. 問題冊子の余白等は適宜利用してもかまいません。
6. 試験終了後、問題冊子は持ち帰ってください。

1 次の英文を読み、下の問1～5に答えなさい。

A Timely Business

★★★★ APRIL 14, 1860 ★★★★★

The mail did get through! The Pony Express mail delivery service is happy to announce that its riders finished the first complete run from Saint Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. It originated on April 3.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Pony Express, this impressive service employs men who ride fast ponies or horses, relay-style, across a 1,966-mile trail. These men carry letters and small packages. They promise delivery from one end of the trail to the other in 10 days or less!

Finally, there is a way to communicate long distance with friends and acquaintances. You will not have to rely on slow boats or stagecoaches. Over 80 riders, 400 fast horses, and 197 Pony Express stations make up the Pony Express. Its riders are generally of small build, and many are teenagers. A day's work consists of about a 75-mile trip, with stops at several stations. The stations are 5 to 20 miles apart. Riders earn about \$100 to \$150 a month.

The Pony Express operates both day and night to ensure⁽³⁾ timely delivery of important letters and packages. Its riders work in all kinds of weather. Be kind if you see a hard-working rider.

★★★★ OCTOBER 26, 1861 ★★★★★

Sad news for the Pony Express. After operating for only about 19 months, the service closed its doors today. This came just 2 days after the opening of the transcontinental telegraph, a device that has revolutionized long-distance communication. Needless to say, the Pony Express faces huge monetary losses.

The closing comes just months after the Pony Express service boasted of a 7-day, 17-hour delivery from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. The record-breaking ride delivered a copy of President Abraham Lincoln's first address to Congress.

(出典) *Scholastic Success With Reading Comprehension: Grade 5*

(Scholastic Teaching Resources, 2022)

(注) stagecoach 駅馬車 transcontinental 大陸横断の
monetary 金銭上の

問 1 1

次の問の答えとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

What does the phrase “relay-style” in the first passage imply about the Pony Express delivery system?

- ① Riders carried multiple mailbags at once, traveling in a straight line.
- ② Riders switched off at stations, passing the mail to each other along the route.
- ③ Riders traveled in large groups for protection against threats.
- ④ Riders followed a set course without stopping, delivering mail in a continuous motion.

問 2 2

次の問の答えとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

What was one major advantage of the Pony Express over previous mail delivery methods?

- ① It promised delivery within 5 days.
- ② It was cheaper than stagecoaches and boats.
- ③ It offered a much faster method of mail delivery compared to stagecoaches and boats.
- ④ It employed a direct railway system, greatly speeding up mail delivery.

問 3 3

下線部(3) ensure の意味として最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

- ① prevent ② confirm ③ ignore ④ guarantee

問 4 4

次の問の答えとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

Why did the transcontinental telegraph cause huge monetary losses for the Pony Express?

- ① The telegraph lines destroyed the Pony Express stations.
- ② The Pony Express failed to adapt and integrate telegraph technology.
- ③ The telegraph service was owned by the same company that managed the Pony Express.
- ④ The telegraph provided a faster and more efficient means of long-distance communication.

問 5

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次の英文の空所に入る最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

If the transcontinental telegraph had not been invented, what would most likely have happened to the Pony Express?

—It would have

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- ① expanded into a global mail service, delivering messages across continents
- ② continued operating until a faster communication method replaced it
- ③ been abandoned much earlier due to the high cost of maintaining the service
- ④ been taken over by the government for military use

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3 次の英文を読み、下の問 1 ～ 5 に答えなさい。(設問の関係上、本文を改めたところがある。)

The Great Mount Everest Clean-Up Effort

Sir Edmund Hillary made history on May 29, 1953. The New Zealand native gained recognition as the first climber to reach the summit of Mount Everest in the Himalaya Mountains of Nepal. At that time the feat seemed almost impossible, yet, as the years went by, more and more climbers achieved the same goal. In 2017 alone, 648 adventurers successfully climbed Mount Everest. Along with an increase in the number of Everest mountain climbers is the increased problem of litter left behind on this natural wonder. Fortunately, Nepalese officials are working to fix this potential environmental A.

It is true that Mount Everest has brought much-needed income to Nepal, but it is also true that a lot of waste has accumulated as a result. Hikers require a lot of equipment to successfully climb the mountain. A typical team of hikers can easily use up hundreds of oxygen cylinders and as many as 15 plastic tents and other equipment during the climb. In addition, there is the issue of human waste. This has been a growing problem and has reached life-threatening levels. The waste problem now extends from the base camp to the watershed below, polluting the local water supply. Not only does all this waste ruin the beauty of what was once an unspoiled peak, but the risk of B to Mount Everest communities grows with each passing year. In 2014, the Nepalese government tried to solve this pollution issue by implementing a law stating that climbers must bring back 18 pounds of garbage on their way down the mountain. This C did not work for a number of reasons, especially logistics. Officials hope that new strategies prove more successful.

A combined effort between Mount Everest officials and the city of Kathmandu has been proposed. Garbage disposal sites have been installed along the mountain paths. These sites are sturdy enough to survive yaks rummaging—or digging through—the garbage. Because the animals would destroy plastic bins, the new containers are made out of stone. In addition, heavy fines will be given to hikers who pollute the mountain. These hikers risk losing their \$4,000 waste deposit if they are caught throwing things on the mountain. In this way, the careless throwing away of items will definitely be reduced. The final step is removing the garbage from the mountain. This is where a local airline comes in. It has agreed to transport the waste from the mountain to the capital city, where it will be recycled. This increased collaboration is bound to have a positive effect on the environmental problem.

The problem of environmental waste on Mount Everest is serious, with more and more climbers leaving a nasty stain on the natural beauty of the mountain. Now, with these new

regulations in place, the mountain should see a return to its former self. There are no more excuses as the government has provided adequate resources to reduce pollution on the mountain. The world's highest peak deserves to be visited, but as with all wonders of the world, it should be respected. As a local Nepalese school official stated, "Tourists are not fully abiding by our rules. It is time to enforce the law."

(出典) Keith S. Folse, April Muchmore-Vokoun & Elena Vestri, *Great Writing 4: Great Essays*
(National Geographic Learning, 2019)

(注) litter ごみ watershed 流域

logistics ロジスティクス(物資の運搬や管理) garbage disposal sites ごみ捨て場

yak ヤク(チベットからヒマラヤ山脈にかけての高地にすむウシ科の哺乳類)

rummage ～ ～をひっくり返して捜す nasty stain ひどい汚れ

abide (規則・約束などを)忠実に守る

問 1 11

本文の空所 A ～ C に当てはまる組み合わせとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

- ① A. solution B. disease C. disaster
- ② A. disaster B. solution C. disease
- ③ A. disease B. disaster C. solution
- ④ A. disaster B. disease C. solution

問 2 12

次の問の答えとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

Why is the waste problem on Mount Everest considered dangerous for people's health?

- ① The waste gives off harmful gases that can make climbers sick at high elevations.
- ② The waste pollutes the local water, spreading disease and making people sick.
- ③ The waste attracts wild animals, which could attack climbers and local people.
- ④ The waste piles up and makes the mountain unstable, causing landslides.

問 3 13

次の問の答えとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

What is the purpose of the stone garbage bins installed along the mountain paths?

- ① To prevent yaks from damaging them
- ② To make the mountain paths look more natural
- ③ To provide climbers with shelter during storms
- ④ To store emergency food supplies

問 4 14

次の問の答えとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

How is the collected garbage removed from Mount Everest?

- ① The garbage is carefully buried in particular locations close to the base of the mountain.
- ② Local workers manually carry down the garbage from the higher areas of the mountain to lower points.
- ③ The garbage is burned in specific areas on the mountain to reduce waste and prevent further pollution.
- ④ A local airline is responsible for transporting the collected garbage from the mountain to the capital city, where it is recycled.

問 5 15

次の問の答えとして最も適切なものを、下の①～④から1つ選びなさい。

What is the main goal of the new regulations mentioned in the passage?

- ① To reduce the number of climbers on Mount Everest
- ② To prevent climbers from taking shortcuts on the mountain
- ③ To restore the natural beauty of Mount Everest
- ④ To promote eco-friendly climbing gear

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①～④から 1 つずつ選びなさい。

問 1 I can't read Greek so I am having the documents 21 . My nephew is helping with the translation.

- ① to translate ② translating ③ translate ④ translated

問 2 My sister has just come back from abroad. She seems 22 her trip very much.

- ① to have enjoyed ② to enjoy ③ to be enjoying ④ to enjoying

問 3 He couldn't believe 23 he saw when he opened the box filled with unexpected gifts.

- ① that ② what ③ which ④ why

問 4 She spilled the coffee 24 purpose to get his attention.

- ① to ② along ③ on ④ for

問 5 He accidentally 25 the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.

- ① make ② let ③ put ④ keep

問 6 She is engaged 26 a new research project at the university.

- ① to ② at ③ in ④ over

問 7 27 , he continued working until the project was completed to perfection.

- ① However it got late ② How it got late
③ However late it got ④ However got it late

問 8 She was deeply 28 to the staff for their dedication and hard work.

- ① obliged ② appreciated ③ thanked ④ acknowledged

問 9 29 escaping the fact that climate change is a serious global issue.

- ① It is used to ② There is no rule but
③ There is nothing of ④ There is no

問10 30 you leave without even bothering to say goodbye to everyone in the room?

- ① How dare ② Why not ③ How about ④ When to

