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**1** 次の問い（問1～15）の空欄に入る最も適切なものを次の①～④のうちから一つ選べ。

問1 It is believed that there  more than 3,500 species of mosquitoes in the world, and about 100 species are said to live in Japan.

- ① be                      ② is                      ③ are                      ④ being

問2 Prime Minister Keir Starmer  June 15 that Blaise Metreweli, 47, will be the next head of the U.K.'s foreign intelligence agency, and the first woman to hold the post since its founding in 1909.

- ① announce              ② announced              ③ announcing              ④ be announced

問3 A remote Australian town that will soon lose its only doctor is  a salary of up to \$680,000 Australian, plus free rent and a car, to attract a new candidate.

- ① offer                      ② offered                      ③ offering                      ④ be offered

問4 New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge will play for Team USA at the 2026 World Baseball Classic and  as the squad's captain, his team said April 14.

- ① serve                      ② served                      ③ serving                      ④ to served

問5 As usual, the 9<sup>th</sup> season of "ER" has a lot of drama. The doctors and nurses must  hard to save lives in each episode.

- ① work                      ② works                      ③ working                      ④ worked

問6 If you go to a nice restaurant in Japan, the first thing you will probably be served is a wet towel  an *oshibori*.

- ① call                      ② calling                      ③ called                      ④ call of

問7 Are you spending too much time scrolling  on social media? If so, you might be suffering from brain rot. That's a term that's so popular it's been named Oxford's Word of the Year for 2024.

- ① aim                      ② aimless                      ③ aimlessness                      ④ aimlessly

- 問8 Thousands of troops and firefighters are battling Japan's biggest wildfire in decades, and authorities warn it's likely to get even . The fire has burned about 2,100 hectares of forest in the city of Ofunato since it started on Wednesday. More than 1,000 people have been forced to take refuge in school gymnasiums and other shelters.
- ① big            ② bigger            ③ biggest            ④ more bigger
- 問9 Japan has a new sumo grand champion — or yokozuna — and the big news is he's Japanese. Onosato,  was promoted on May 28, weighs 191 kilograms, and he is the first Japanese competitor to reach the top rank since 2017.
- ① who            ② which            ③ whose            ④ where
- 問10 The southernmost islands of Japan are frequented by tourists from the neighboring island of Taiwan, as well as Americans,  government has military bases there. It also attracts scuba divers from around the world.
- ① who            ② which            ③ whose            ④ where
- 問11 Companies in Silicon Valley care about their employees' private time. They understand that it is important to balance work and personal time, and they try to make their employees happy; , businesses can't keep talented people.
- ① but            ② so            ③ otherwise            ④ and
- 問12 The walking tour takes about two hours and ends quite close to here at The Sherlock Holmes pub, which is a little way in that direction,  you can have a cup of tea or something stronger.
- ① when            ② where            ③ how            ④ whom

- 問13 Well, the next time you're hiking China's Great Wall and get a little hungry, you can just call for takeout. Food-delivery company Meituan has launched a drone delivery service bringing food, drinks, and even medical supplies to tourists. The company says it can deliver up to 5 pounds of whatever you may need  about five minutes.
- ① at                    ② in                    ③ on                    ④ to
- 問14 Adventurous mountaineers looking to climb Mt. Everest will soon have to pay a steeper price. Nepal is  permit fees, making it 35-percent more expensive to summit the world's tallest peak.
- ① raising            ② rising            ③ raised            ④ risen
- 問15 Australians can finally put their phones on silent after leaving the office and not worry about missing a work e-mail or phone call. That's due to a new law that  today, protecting their, quote, "right to disconnect."
- ① takes care    ② takes effect    ③ takes part    ④ takes off

**2** 次の1)～3)の英文を読んで、空欄に入る最も適切なものを次の①～③のうちから一つ選べ。

1) Aquarium workers in Japan found a creative way to cheer up a lonely sunfish.  
. . . The aquarium said it plans to keep the cutouts up for the time being.

注 sunfish マンボウ cutout 切り抜き

問1

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2) A century after his death, French Impressionist painter Claude Monet is on the lips of art lovers across Japan. His popularity has begun spreading among young people. . . . The paintings are currently open to public viewing at the Kyoto City Kyocera Museum of Art and will be exhibited at the Toyota Municipal Museum of Art in Aichi Prefecture.

注 Impressionist 印象派 on the lips of 話題になっている

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3) If you’re looking for an authentic day trip experience from London, you can’t go wrong with Bournemouth, just a couple of hours from the capital. . . . And, once you get to the end of the pier, take a zip line all the way back to the beach.

注 pier 棧橋 poking out 突き出ている

edible rocks ロック・キャンディー(イギリス名物の硬い棒状の砂糖菓子)

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**3** 下記の英文はスウェーデンの首都ストックホルム出身の落語家、三遊亭好青年（本名ヨハン・エリック・ニルソン・ビョルク）さんに関する文である。英文を読んで次の問い（問1～3）に答えよ。

As a youth, Johan Erik Nilsson Bjoerk felt much closer to Japanese culture than the actual distance between his home country of Sweden and Japan would make it appear. Since childhood, he had been familiar with Japanese anime and manga, such as “Naruto” and “Pretty Guardian Sailor Moon,” and felt attracted to the culture of a country 8,000 kilometers away. “I read ‘Dragon Ball’ in Swedish and played Nintendo games. My grandfather was an ambassador to an Asian country, though not Japan, and that led my interest to this country,” said Sanyutei Kouseinen, the stage name that Nilsson Bjoerk has adopted as a rakugoka.

He chose Japanese to study in high school and went on to the prestigious Stockholm University, where he majored in Japanese. “The most time-consuming part (in Japanese) is learning its characters. No matter how smart you are, you can’t learn kanji all at once, so you have to learn them little by little.”

He was introduced to *rakugo* during his second study abroad program at Chuo University in Tokyo. “I was invited by the college’s rakugo society members to a live performance to welcome newcomers.” He, who had long appreciated live theater, became interested in rakugo, a form of entertainment in which one person performs the entire act.

He returned to Sweden and graduated with a thesis on a topic related to rakugo. Then he decided to head back to Japan because he wanted to perform.

He also wanted to make use of the Japanese he had learned. But he hesitated to reveal his true plans. “If I went to the Japanese Embassy in Stockholm and asked them to give me a visa because I wanted to become a rakugoka, that would have been a rakugo story in itself,” he laughed.

He frequently went to *yose* theaters to see comic storytellers and vaudevillians live on the stage, and performed rakugo as an amateur while studying acting at a technical college in Tokyo. i

The only way to become a professional rakugoka is to apprentice oneself to a rakugoka. So, it was important to know whom to take as a master. He decided to become an apprentice to Sanyutei Koraku, a well-known veteran comic storyteller. He sent a three-page letter written in polite Japanese to ask Koraku for his help. Koraku agreed to take him on, and soon Kouseinen joined his theater family as his 10<sup>th</sup> apprentice at age 30. ii

It was a Ⓐ tough time for him to spend as a *zenza* (opening act). Under traditional customs, there are many duties to do that even modern Japanese don't understand. He had to serve not only his own master, Koraku, but other masters as well during a rakugo event.

Four years later, he was promoted to the rank of *futatsume* and given the name Kouseinen, meaning “nice guy,” from his master. From then on, he could call himself a rakugoka. iii

Having been influenced by Japanese culture in his younger days, he is now in a position to be able to influence it in return. Still, it is through different means than anime or manga — his strength is rakugo. iv

注 prestigious 名門の thesis 卒業論文 vaudevillian 芸人  
 apprentice oneself 入門する

問1 下線部⑤を別の単語に置き換えた場合、次の①～④のうちどれが適切か。①～④のうちから一つ選べ。

- ① fun                      ② difficult                      ③ tiresome                      ④ boring

問2 次の英文は、～のどこかに入る。次の①～④のうちから一つ選べ。

“No matter what kind of story he performs, warmth and tenderness are always in his storytelling,” Kouseinen said of his master.

- ①                       ②                       ③                       ④

問3 本文の内容に沿うものを、次の①～⑤のうちから三つ選べ。但し、解答の順番は問わない。

- ① 祖父の影響から日本に興味を持つようになり、幼少のころから日本のアニメや漫画に親しんできた。
- ② アニメキャラクターの名前を一人一人覚えていくのはとても骨の折れる作業だった。
- ③ 落語家になるためにストックホルムの日本大使館にビザの申請に行ったら、その場で落語のパフォーマンスをするよう言われた。
- ④ プロの落語家になるためには師匠に弟子入りしなければならず、ビョルクさんはとある有名な落語家に手紙を書き、入門の許しを請うた。
- ⑤ 34歳で二ツ目に昇進し「好青年」という名前をもらったビョルクさんは、落語を通して日本に恩返ししようと考えている。

**4** 下記の英文を読んで次の問い（問1～3）に答えよ。

**It turns out, our furry best friend might be our sleep** ア

Lots of pet owners let their animals sleep on the bed with them, which usually disrupts sleep. But many would say it's worth it. And researchers don't necessarily disagree. Melissa Milanak, a professor at Medical University of South Carolina specializing in sleep health, said most people at her clinic say their pets disturb them often at night. "You can't say that hands down, it's bad for every single person, but there is a lot out there saying it negatively impacts your sleep," she said.

In general, having a pet is good for many people's health.

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Dogs tend to be light sleepers and wake up multiple times at night. Some display instinctual behavior like scratching at bedding, which can prevent deeper phases of sleep even if it doesn't wake you up. As many cat owners know, "the zoomies" often happen before they are ready to get out of bed. Cats evolved to hunt in low light, meaning they are particularly active at dusk and dawn. Milanak also said allergens such as pet dander and microbes brought into the house can affect owners' breathing, preventing them from getting enough deep sleep.

Brian Chin, a professor of social and health psychology at Trinity College in Connecticut, said his research has found sleeping with pets was associated with poor sleep, "particularly those dimensions of sleep quality and insomnia symptoms." Moreover, a higher number of pets was associated with higher sleep disruption, he said.

It's not as simple as telling pet owners that they shouldn't share the bed, Milanak said. For a lot of people, it becomes part of their sleep routine, which makes it difficult to sleep without it because they have come to associate pets with sleep. Because the topic is sensitive, Milanak asks new patients several questions

before getting to whether they sleep with a pet. If they're waking up multiple times a night, for example, they may not realize why. Once the association is made, she then asks whether they are open to not sleeping together. "It's like if I said to somebody, you need to stop smoking," she said. "They're going to give me all the reasons why they want to continue smoking."

The first, most obvious solution is putting a dog bed on the floor in the bedroom, or locking the cat out of the room at night. For those who insist on having the pet in bed with them, she advises washing the sheets more frequently and perhaps adjusting their sleep schedule to match their pet's routine. "Maybe you need to go to bed earlier so you can get up earlier to accommodate the pet," she said.

注 furry ふわふわした

can't say that hands down 言い切ることはできないものの

zoomies 突然の猛ダッシュや破壊行為 allergen アレルゲン

pet dander ペットの皮膚や毛の断片 microbes 微生物, 細菌

insomnia symptom 不眠症状

問1 タイトル中の  に入る語として適切なものを, 次の①～④のうちから一つ選べ。

- ① contributor      ② enemy      ③ supporter      ④ machine

問2 本文中の  には以下の英文が入る。正しい順番だと思う選択肢を次の①～④のうちから一つ選べ。

- i Many pet owners also say they feel an immeasurable amount of comfort by having their pets close as they sleep.
- ii But dogs' and cats' natural sleep cycles aren't the same as those of humans.
- iii Pets have been shown to lower their humans' stress levels, get them to exercise and more.

- ① iii → ii → i                      ② i → ii → iii  
③ ii → iii → i                      ④ iii → i → ii

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- ① 多くの人がペットと一緒に寝るのを習慣にしており、研究者もその利点については認めているが、概して人間の睡眠に悪影響を及ぼすものだ。
- ② 犬や猫は夜中や明け方に本能的な習性に従って行動することがあるため、睡眠の質を向上させたいければ犬用のベッドを設置したり寝室に入らせないようにすると良い。
- ③ 睡眠の状態について正確な情報を得るため、Milanakさんは患者に、ペットと一緒に寝ているかどうかの確認を速やかに行っている。
- ④ Milanakさんが患者に、ペットと一緒に寝るのを止めるかタバコを止めるかどちらか選択するよう促すと、たいていの人はタバコは止められないと言う。
- ⑤ どうしてもペットと一緒に寝たい、なおかつ睡眠の質を向上したい、と言うならば、早寝早起きなど人間がペットの睡眠サイクルに合わせる必要があるかもしれない。

大問 ② 1)

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大問 ② 2)

『モネ展が盛況 若者の間で広がる人気』

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大問 ② 3)

『Bournemouth』

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大問 ③

『Here's a tale: Swedish performer makes 'rakugo' fun in English』

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大問 ④

『Should you let your furry friends sleep next to you?』

「the japan times alpha, June 27, 2025 (AP)」 (株)ジャパントイムズ

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