

## 2024 年度 帰国生徒入試 英語

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**I** 次の英文を読み、設問に答えなさい。(48 点)

- 1 Even after years of being studied, the brain continues to hold many secrets. One mystery is why some people who struggle to complete simple tasks are able to perform mental <sup>(1)</sup>feats that would challenge even the most intelligent. These individuals may hold the <sup>(2)</sup>key to discovering how the brain can be trained to work at its best.
- 2 Ellen Boudreaux was blind by four months old and was later diagnosed with autism, a developmental disorder. It took her until the age of four to learn how to walk. Soon after, she taught herself to determine where obstacles are by making sounds as she moves. Doctors postulate\* that her <sup>(3)</sup>amazing sense of hearing combined with the sounds she makes create a type of sonar, like what bats use to fly at night. Her extraordinary hearing has also given her an aptitude\*\* for music. By using her ability to recognize different tones, she has mastered several instruments. She can recall any song that she hears and then play it perfectly.
- 3 When Kim Peek was born, he had such <sup>(4)</sup>severe brain damage that it was believed he could never live <sup>(5)</sup>independently. This ended up being partly true. While he was alive, Kim had difficulty with physical movements, such as buttoning his shirt; however, he had reading powers that can only be described as miraculous. When Kim read, he read one page with his left eye and one with his right eye. What's even more impressive is that he could remember everything he read. He could recall the content of at least 12,000 books from memory!
- 4 Although he wasn't diagnosed with autism until the age of 25, Daniel Tammet started showing signs of remarkable <sup>(6)</sup>genius after a series of childhood seizures\*\*\*. Daniel can relate colors, shapes, and textures to every number. To him, these figures look like beautiful landscapes, which makes it easy for him to do unbelievable calculations in his head. He <sup>(7)</sup>claims that 333 is the most attractive number. <sup>(8)</sup>Additionally, Daniel can learn languages with bewildering ease. Once, Daniel was challenged to learn a language in a week. He learned the language so well that a native speaker successfully interviewed him at the end of the week.
- 5 These geniuses are examples of why the brain is such a mysterious organ. If scientists can find the reasons behind the vast variations in mental abilities, they will achieve great things in the future.

(Source: *New Connection, Book 3*, Seibido, 2019)

- \* postulate 主張する
- \*\* aptitude 適性・能力
- \*\*\* seizures 発作

問 1 下線部(1)～(8)の語句の文中での意味として最も適切なものを、(A)～(D)の中から一つ選びなさい。

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|-----|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) | (A) achievements | (B) defeats      | (C) thoughts   | (D) games       |
| (2) | (A) issue        | (B) intelligence | (C) means      | (D) idea        |
| (3) | (A) incredible   | (B) poor         | (C) ordinary   | (D) familiar    |
| (4) | (A) delicate     | (B) serious      | (C) moderate   | (D) recent      |
| (5) | (A) supported    | (B) happily      | (C) carefully  | (D) alone       |
| (6) | (A) weakness     | (B) ignorance    | (C) brilliance | (D) confidence  |
| (7) | (A) believes     | (B) denies       | (C) promises   | (D) proves      |
| (8) | (A) However      | (B) Surprisingly | (C) Yet        | (D) Furthermore |

問 2 (1)～(4)の質問の答えとして最も適切なものを、(A)～(D)の中から一つ選びなさい。

- (1) Which of the following is true about Ellen Boudreaux?
  - (A) She cannot see and is autistic.
  - (B) She uses her dog to avoid obstacles.
  - (C) While she loves music, she can't hear it at all.
  - (D) She can only play one musical instrument.
  
- (2) Which of the following is true about Kim Peek?
  - (A) He is alive now, despite having serious brain damage.
  - (B) He had no trouble dressing himself.
  - (C) He could read two pages of a book simultaneously.
  - (D) He had 12,000 books in bookcases in his home.
  
- (3) Which of the following is true about Daniel Tammet?
  - (A) He could hardly work out simple sums in his head.
  - (B) The number 333 helped him to remember other information.
  - (C) He was never good at learning languages.
  - (D) He sees a link between numbers and other elements.
  
- (4) Which of the following is true?
  - (A) The mysteries of the brain have already been solved.
  - (B) Research still needs to be done to discover the brain's full potential.
  - (C) Only people who have brain damage can perform miracles.
  - (D) Great things are expected of individuals with autism.

**II** 次の各文の空所に入る最も適切なものを、(A)～(D)の中から一つ選びなさい。(8点)

1. I always have fun on our \_\_\_\_\_ family trip.  
(A) annual (B) manual (C) day (D) current
2. The customer wants a \_\_\_\_\_ that travels long distance on electricity.  
(A) refrigerator (B) vacuum cleaner (C) fan (D) vehicle
3. If time \_\_\_\_\_, I will stop by your house this afternoon.  
(A) were permitted (B) permitted (C) permits (D) is permitting
4. There are too many road signs. It's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) confuse (B) confusing (C) confused (D) to confuse

**III** 次の日本語の意味を表すように、下記の語句を空所に入れて英文を完成させるとき、(1)～(9)に入る語句の記号を答えなさい。ただし、文頭に置かれる語句もすべて小文字で表記されています。(9点)

1. 歴史のレポートで、アリスは日本語を中国語のような他のアジアの言語と比較しました。  
In a history report, Alice ( 1 ) ( ) ( ) ( 2 ) ( 3 ) languages  
( ) ( ) .  
(A) other (B) compared (C) such as (D) Asian  
(E) Chinese (F) to (G) Japanese
2. 「すみません、この席は、あいていますか?」「はい、あいていますよ」  
“ ( 4 ) ( ) but ( 5 ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ?”  
“Go ahead. It's ( 6 ) .”  
(A) taken (B) excuse (C) is (D) seat  
(E) this (F) me (G) free
3. 58 ツールエッフェルは高級レストランです。そこで食べるには、一人につき 200 ドルは必要です。  
The 58 Tour Eiffel is a very expensive restaurant. It ( 7 ) ( 8 ) ( )  
( ) ( ) ( ) ( 9 ) to eat there.  
(A) costs (B) than (C) less (D) no  
(E) per (F) \$200 (G) person

**IV** これまでの海外体験を踏まえて、大学生活および大学卒業後の具体的な希望や計画について、英語で 150 語程度を使って複数パラグラフ（段落）のエッセイを書きなさい。(35 点)