令和4年度 帰国生入学試験問題

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(50分)

- 注 意 -

- 1 この問題用紙は、試験開始の合図で開くこと。
- 2 問題用紙と解答用紙に受験番号・氏名を記入すること。
- 3 答えはすべて解答用紙に記入すること。
- 4 印刷がわからない場合は申し出ること。
- 5 試験終了の合図でやめること。

受験番号	氏	
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- 1 次の語句を日本語の意味に合うように並べかえたとき、()内で2番目、5番目、8番目 にくるものを選び、記号で答えなさい。ただし、文頭にくるべき語も小文字で始めてあります。
 - これらのイスは、小さな子供たちが運び出せるくらい軽いです。
 These chairs (ア children イ for ウ are エ carry オ enough カ to キ little ク light) outside.
 - 2. 雨が降っていなければ歩いて家に帰れるのですが。
 If (アI イ raining, ウ walk エ would オ not カ to キ were ク able ケ it コ be) home.
 - 3. この種の罪を犯せば必ず厳しく処罰されます。
 You (ア this イ being ウ cannot エ of オ commit カ punished キ crime ク sort ケ without) severely.
 - 4. そのかわいそうな老人は意思に反して契約書に署名させられた。
 The poor old man (ア made イ sign ウ to エ will オ was カ contract キ against ク the ケ his).
 - 5. 彼女は世界平和のために身をささげて働くことが自分の責務だと感じている。
 She (ア duty to イ it's ウ herself エ feels オ her カ working キ commit ク to) for world peace.

 - 7. 彼らはその子犬をまるでわが子のように扱っている。
 They (ア if イ their ウ were エ the puppy オ it カ child キ as ク own ケ treat).
 - 8. あなたは彼らが私たちに提案している計画に賛成ですか、それとも反対ですか。 Are you for (ア the plan イ proposed ウ us エ against オ to カ have キ or ク they)?

2 次の各問いに答えなさい。

- 1. 次の一文は、以下の文章中から取り出したものである。元に戻すとしたらどの箇所が最も適切か、 $(r)\sim(r)$ の中から選び、記号で答えなさい。
 - ① (取り出した一文) Some people think that it will lead to a serious shortage of workers in the future.
 - The number of children has continued decreasing in Japan. (1) There seem to be different reasons behind this decrease, but we should not leave this problem unresolved. ($\dot{\tau}$) So they believe the decrease in birthrate should be taken more seriously. (\bot) It is important for the whole of society to think about how to make it easier to have and raise children. (\dagger)
 - ② (取り出した一文) As a result, a lot of schools are providing students with classes for these skills.
 - (\mathcal{T}) Nowadays practical skills such as using computers or collecting information through the Internet are regarded as important. (\mathcal{T}) Actually, learning in such classes is a lot of fun and gives them more useful opportunities for their future. (\mathcal{T}) However, some experts worry that students may be losing interest in traditional subjects like history or science. (\mathcal{T}) Learning practical skills is important, but studying traditional subjects is also important. (\mathcal{T})

- 2. 次の [A] と [B] の組み合わせは、以下の文章中から取り出したものである。元に戻すとしたらどの組み合わせが最も適切か、(r)~(x)0 の中から選び、記号で答えなさい。
 - ① (ア) [A] However [B] in place of
 - (イ) [A] However [B] in spite of
 - (ウ) [A] For example [B] in place of
 - (エ) [A] For example [B] in spite of

Today a wide variety of plastic products are everywhere around us. [A], they do serious harm to the environment when burned or thrown away into the sea. In order to tackle this problem, a company in Japan is developing a new kind of material [B] plastic. The material is made from rice powder. This is more friendly to the environment than plastic. Such a material will be sure to become more widely used in the near future.

- ② (ア) [A] private [B] abolishing
 - (イ) [A] private [B] establishing
 - (ウ) [A] public [B] abolishing
 - (エ) [A] public [B] establishing

Security cameras are now becoming more and more common in Japan. These cameras can help people avoid traffic accidents and prevent crime, so they are being used on streets and in other [A] places. However, there is an important consideration when we discuss the use of security cameras. It's about protecting our privacy. In an attempt to do this, some municipalities have started [B] rules concerning the use of security cameras.

3

Pet ownership in Japan has boomed in the past decade, and it's now thought that the number of cats and dogs in Japan outnumbers children.

That's why you're likely to find a crowd *cooing over the high-priced kittens and puppies in the windows of pet stores across the country. According to a recent study by Anicom Insurance, dog owners in Japan *lavish a yearly average of \\$300,000 per dog while cat owners *shell out \\$160,000 per cat.

But there are still a lot of animals who don't get access to dog strollers and Instagram stardom. In fact, Japan's pet population faces numerous issues, from disease caused by overbreeding to the neglect and gassing of animals *en masse as part of animal control measures.

Thankfully, there are organizations that want to help. Founded in 2006 by Canadian Susan Mercer, HEART Tokushima is a Shikoku-based animal rescue center that started life when Mercer adopted a cat she found abandoned outside a convenience store. Awarded NPO status in 2010, the animal center aims to reduce the number of stray dogs and cats through *spaying or *neutering.

"We began HEART 15 years ago and at that time there were no other rescues or shelters in our area," explains Mercer, who splits her time between the shelter, a spay clinic and teaching. "Now there are multiple rescues," she continues, adding that Japanese people are more aware today of the option to adopt a pet rather than buy one.

Mercer and her husband, Hitoshi Tojo, are the driving force behind the organization, which has grown with the support of local and international volunteers.

The rise in pet ownership could be *indicative that pets are purchased on impulse, with little to no knowledge of the needs of the animals or the characteristics of the breed. This can lead to unwanted pets that are often abandoned, or handed over to animal organizations such as HEART.

Animals taken in by animal control in Japan have only a small chance of being *rehomed, with around 80 percent of unhomed animals distressingly gassed to death in groups; Environment Ministry statistics for 2019 show that 27,108 dogs and 5,635 cats were killed this way in Japan. This figure is decreasing annually, but remains high when compared to other developed countries.

It's not all bad news. According to Mercer, "80% of the animals that have come to HEART in the past two years are animal control rescues." And she believes education is key. "The 'five freedoms' are barely known and there's a lack of knowledge about animal welfare."

The freedoms she is referring to were first formalized by the U.K. Farm Animal Welfare Council in 1979 and outline five aspects of animal control: freedom from hunger or thirst; discomfort; pain, injury or disease; fear and distress; and the freedom to express most normal forms of behavior.

"There are two extremes: Treating pets like dolls or baby humans and not giving them an outlet to express normal behaviors for their species, and the 'no-kill' movement," she says. "Compassionate *euthanasia is still not widely accepted and sometimes even frowned upon. That

has resulted in many cases of warehousing or *hoarding of sick and dangerous animals."

Mercer believes that one of the broader issues related to animal care in Japan is how loose the regulations are when it comes to breeding and operating pet stores.

For HEART, and other rescue groups, funding is a major difficulty. A volunteer organization that receives no government support, it relies solely on donations and grant funding from private companies.

"We have four salaried staff, as the number of volunteers to help us care for the animals is always lacking," Mercer explains.

The best way to help the *cause, according to Mercer, is to donate to a reputable shelter or rescue, volunteer your own time, adopt or foster and — perhaps most importantly — spread the word. And for those who are thinking about becoming a pet owner, her advice is to think about it carefully, first.

"Look carefully at your life circumstances and lifestyle, and find a match that fits," she says.

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 - 1. Choose the correct statement about the current situation of pet ownership in Japan.
 - The domestic market for pet business has been shrinking in the past decade.
 - ↑ The number of cats and dogs in Japan is said to be greater than that of children.
 - ウ According to a study, dog owners in Japan spend less money on their pets than cat owners.
 - There are not so many problems related to pets like dogs and cats.
 - 2. Choose the correct statement about HEART.
 - 7 HEART was started as an NPO in 2006 by a woman who lives in Canada.
 - 1 HEART is an animal rescue center whose purpose is just to find stray dogs or abandoned cats.
 - ウ HEART is a non-profit organization, but has never been given the official status of an NPO.
 - 工 HEART couldn't continue to develop without the support of local and international volunteers.

3. According to Mercer,

- 7 there were a few animal rescue centers other than HEART in Tokushima 15 years ago.
- 1 today fewer Japanese are aware of the option to adopt a pet rather than buy one.
- ウ 80% of the animals that have come to HEART in the past two years are killed in groups.
- The 'no-kill' movement is one of the reasons for the increase in sick and dangerous animals.

4. Choose the correct statement.

- 7 More than half of the abandoned dogs and cats in Japan can find a new owner.
- 1 The number of dogs and cats killed as a population control measure is on the rise annually.
- ウ In Japan there are more dogs and cats gassed to death in groups than in many other developed countries.
- ⊥ Most of the animal rescue organizations like HEART are given financial support by a central or local government.

5. It seems that Mercer thinks that

- 7 in order to develop animal welfare, loose regulations are more important than charity donations to a reputable rescue center.
- 1 the 'five freedoms' first formalized in the U.K. are well known to pet owners in Japan.
- ウ there is enough knowledge about animal welfare among pet owners in Japan.
- It is necessary for would-be pet owners to be certain they want a pet before getting one.

6. Choose the best title of this article.

- 7 A woman's 15-year quest to educate on pet adoption in Japan.
- 1 Animal rescue organizations need educational support.
- ウ The rise in group pet killing in Japan.
- エ Animal welfare volunteer shortage.

4 Please write an essay of 100-120 words on the following topic.

We all have a favorite activity. Write an essay explaining why your activity is fun and why other people should try it.

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