

読解

【目標時間 24分】

1 英文を読んで、問に答えなさい。

17 (埼玉大)

“Although Kitty* may seem to be a single and consistent image, she has changed with the times,” says Yuko Yamaguchi, who became the third chief designer of the Hello Kitty products in 1980. “Besides,” she continues, “trying to keep only one image would bore me, and what’s more, it would bore the fans. I constantly try to give Kitty a fresh angle.” For instance, Yamaguchi reflects, “⁽¹⁾The first Kitty I ever designed was at the keyboard of a grand piano, very carefully playing a single note. That was because all the middle-class Japanese girls at that time played the piano, and a grand piano was something they all longed for.”

In the early '80s, when Teddy bears* were trendy in Japan, Kitty was seen holding a Teddy bear as her special friend. In 1987, after Yamaguchi received a letter from a high-school girl asking for “⁽²⁾the sort of Kitty a grown-up could have,” Kitty appeared in the then-trendy black-and-white dress, and sales for this line went through the roof. The overwhelmed staff at Sanrio* started consciously aiming to expand the target age group.

Another major event in Kitty’s history came at the beginning of the '90s when her boyfriend Daniel arrived on the scene. “⁽³⁾It would have been unthinkable during the '80s when actresses tried hard to hide their love lives from the public eye,” Yamaguchi explains. “But with the '90s came the realization, especially among women, that it’s only natural for female figures to have a partner.” Although she was very anxious at the same time, Daniel was warmly received by Kitty’s fans, and he even helped extend the Kitty world into products related to wedding.

Yamaguchi observes, “They say that Kitty survives the test of time because I did not draw a mouth, that consumers can project their own feelings onto her.” But it is clear that the energetic effort Yamaguchi and her staff at Sanrio put into keeping Kitty in tune with the times ⁽⁴⁾plays a huge part. Their sensitive fingers on the pulse of the trends and their readiness to incorporate these trends have certainly been ⁽⁵⁾key to the success of their cool cat thus far. Later this year on November 1 when the forever-youthful Hello Kitty turns 30, all of her parents will have good reason to celebrate.

* Kitty「キティちゃん（子猫のキャラクター）」 Teddy bears「ぬいぐるみのクマ」 Sanrio「サンリオ（キティちゃんの発元企業）」
（編集部注：この英文は2004年に書かれたものである。）

1,2,3-各7点 4-3点 5-8点 6-各3点 計38点

1. 下線部(1)について、「私」がそのようなデザインにした理由を本文に即して、日本語で説明しなさい。

2. 下線部(2)は、具体的にはどういうキティちゃんを指しているか。日本語で説明しなさい。

3. 下線部(3)を、「It」の内容を明らかにしながら、日本語にしなさい。

4. 下線部(4)のplaysの主語は何か。英単語1語で答えなさい。

5. 下線部(5)の具体的な内容を、40字以内（句読点を含む）の日本語で述べなさい。

(埼玉大)

6. 本文の内容と一致する文を2つ選びなさい。

- ① キティちゃんのイメージをずっと同じものにしておくのは、制作者にとってもファンにとっても、退屈なことだとヤマグチ氏は考えている。
- ② ぬいぐるみを抱えたキティちゃんは、80年代、90年代を通して、あらゆる年齢層のファンに支持された。
- ③ 90年代になると、女の子のフィギュアに恋人がいることは当然だという意識が、特に女性たちの間に生まれた。
- ④ サンリオのスタッフの予想通り、ダニエルは、キティちゃんのファンに暖かく迎えられた。
- ⑤ 今年の11月には、キティちゃんのフィギュアの種類の数は30を数えることになる。

文法・語法

【目標時間 6分】

2 各1点 3 各1点 計12点

2 空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを1つ選びなさい。

- The teaching assistant makes all job applicants () a presentation test conducted in English. (玉川大)
① take ② takes ③ to take ④ had taken
- This incredible accident must be remembered () be repeated. (立命館大)
① not so as to ② so as not to ③ so that it ④ so that not
- In most cities, it is requested that smoking () allowed only in designated areas.
① is ② are ③ be ④ been (麻布大)
- The store was not able to get a promising person () the job offer. (明治大)
① accepted ② to accept ③ making ④ having made
- It was quite surprising that he left the hotel without anybody () him. (日本大)
① see ② saw ③ to see ④ seeing
- I remember () the key on the table last night but can't find it now. (岐阜聖徳学園大)
① to leave ② leaving ③ to have left ④ leave
- My relationship with Ann is not the greatest, and now I find it hardly worth (). (金沢医科大学)
① maintenance ② to maintain ③ maintaining ④ being maintained
- Would you mind () down the information for me? (愛知淑徳大)
① of writing ② write ③ to write ④ writing

3 下線部に最も近い意味を表す語(句)を1つ選びなさい。

- He intends to make up a new excuse this time too. (中央大)
① believe ② forget ③ invent ④ remember ⑤ spread
- The flag of the United States consists of 13 stripes and 50 stars. The 13 stripes on the flag represent the 13 original colonies. (北里大)
① stand for ② figure out ③ look on ④ stop by
- It does not seem to make sense that he would have quit such a wonderful job. (関西外国語大)
① seem disturbing ② seem understanding ③ seem comprehensible ④ seem a big deal
- Mary lost her temper during the argument. (成蹊大)
① felt cold ② fainted ③ became sick ④ got angry

速読

【目標時間 12分】

4 各2点 5 完答6点 計20点

4 次の英文を読み、空所1～7に入れるべき最も適切な文を1つずつ選びなさい。(青山学院大)

It is estimated that there are about 110 million unexploded landmines in the world. 1 A politician in Britain said, "According to the Red Cross, landmines kill or maim up to 25,000 people a year. 2 This really is appalling."

5 People are constantly thinking of different ways to tackle the terrible landmine problem. 3 It has six legs, each with a sensor to locate the position and type of landmine. When the robot finds a mine, it marks the spot with paint and sends data back to the main computer. Currently, teams of mine detectors work in pairs to check between one and 40 square meters of land a day, depending on conditions.

10 This is highly dangerous work and very slow. 4

Professor Nonami says that over the next few years his team will iron out any imperfections in the robotic mine detectors. 5 "We want to get the robot detector to the countries where it is needed most," Nonami says.

6 If the explosives in all the numerous landmines in Cambodia were gathered together, they would be twice as many as in all the bombs dropped on Japan in World War II. The removal of landmines would open up huge areas of Cambodia for farming and forestry. 7

* landmines < landmine 「地雷」 the Red Cross 「(国際)赤十字社」 maim 「～を不具にする」
appalling 「ぞっとさせる」 currently 「現在(のところ)」 detectors < detector 「探知者」
iron out～ 「を取り除く」 imperfections < imperfection 「不完全さ、不備」 removal 「除去」
farming 「農業」 forestry 「林業、森林地」 injured 「傷ついた」

- The Cambodians are particularly grateful for Japanese aid and support.
- The robot's first destination will be Cambodia, one of the countries worst affected by landmines.
- For instance, Professor Kenzo Nonami of Chiba University's Faculty of Engineering has developed the world's first robot computer to detect landmines.
- Then they aim to start mass production of the robot.
- In other words, someone, somewhere, is injured or killed by a landmine every 20 minutes!
- In contrast, the robot can cover about 450 square meters per day.
- These mines have been laid in the 64 countries where wars are now being fought or have been fought recently.

- 5 次のパラグラフは途中が抜けている。①～⑥の英文を最も自然な文脈になるように並び替え、パラグラフを完成しなさい。
(甲南大)

One of the most exciting times for many teenagers is the year when they start studying at college. It is essential for young people to realize that unless they use these cards carefully, they just might become their worst enemy.

- ① There are also many new responsibilities that must be faced during this time.
- ② One of the biggest troubles is being caused by credit cards.
- ③ Since it is the first time for many to work and manage their own budgets, more and more teenagers are having serious money troubles.
- ④ They encounter new experiences, meet a large number of new people, and often begin to be independent from their parents.
- ⑤ The main problem with the cards is that although they are a convenient way to buy the various necessities, they can also be misused very easily.
- ⑥ For example, many are expected to work at a part-time job to pay for some of their expenses, such as renting their apartment and buying their own clothes and food.

英作文 【目標時間 10分】
6 各2点 7 各7点 計22点

- 6 ()内の語句を並べかえて、英文を完成しなさい。

1. 私はそんなに腹を立てたことを恥ずかしく思った。(1語不要) (京都薬科大)
I (myself / ashamed / to / angry / felt / for / getting / of / so).
2. ぼくは彼女が時間どおりに来ないことには慣れていた。 (中央大)
I (to / time / accustomed / on / not being / her / was).
3. 地球温暖化に歯止めをかけるために、我々はまず、車をできるだけ使わないようにしなければならない。 (神戸学院大)
To stop global warming, (we should / using cars / to try to avoid / thing / do / is / the first) as much as possible.
4. Tom was disappointed (having / by / at / a player / beaten / been / ranked) lower than himself. (※西南学院大)

- 7 次の文を英語に訳しなさい。

1. 毎朝、時刻を知るだけのためにテレビをつけっぱなしにしている家があります。 (岡山大)
2. 3歳の男の子がはじめてサッカーをするのを見た時、私たちは笑わないわけにはいかなかった。 (群馬大)

リスニング 【目標時間 3分】
各2点 計8点



- 8 音声を聞き、答えとして最も適当なものを、選択肢から1つずつ選びなさい。英文は2度読まれます。 (熊本大)

1. When did the story take place?
 - ① In the middle of summer.
 - ② At midday in the summer.
 - ③ Just before autumn.
 - ④ In the autumn.
2. Why is the man unhappy at first?
 - ① His wife hasn't finished cooking dinner.
 - ② His son wants him to read.
 - ③ He had a tiring day at work.
 - ④ He doesn't like summer.
3. What can be understood from the story?
 - ① The man never reads to his son.
 - ② The man always reads to his son.
 - ③ The man hasn't recently read to his son.
 - ④ The man doesn't read to his son.
4. Why is the man finally happy?
 - ① He finishes reading the book to his son.
 - ② He would eat dinner soon.
 - ③ The sofa makes him comfortable.
 - ④ His son makes him feel good.