

英語

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(60 分)

[I] 次の英文を読んで下記の問いに答えなさい。(※の箇所については次ページの注を参照のこと)

Retired Circus Elephants

After years of very strong public objection, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus finally announced that their Asian elephant performers would retire in 2016. Though this decision was great news for animal lovers and activists, it raised a new issue. The huge animals like elephants or rhinos that were (a) by human beings would not be able to survive in the wild. Now, thanks (b) *White Oak Conservation in Florida, the animals have a new home (c) they can walk around freely.

This conservation center is home to (1) around 400 animals including 35 endangered animals, such as rhinos, cheetahs, giraffes, and so on. The center welcomed the first group of retired circus elephants in May 2021. These 12 female elephants were between 8 and 38 years old.

To make their travel easier, they were made to live together for several months before being moved. (A) The others will join as soon as their new home is (2) ready.

The conservation center is modeled after the elephant's natural environment in the wild. The (3) various environments include forests, grass fields, and wetlands, and all of them are (d) for easy travel by foot. The animals can wander in the woods, relax in the mud, or swim in one of the eleven specially built water holes. The elephants can also spend their days relaxing inside the specially built barns close (e) their human caregivers.

"We are excited to give these elephants (4) a place to wander and explore," said the conservation center's owners Mark and Kimbra Walter. "We are working to (4) protect wild animals in their native environments. But for these elephants that can't return to the wild, we are (5) pleased to give them a place where they can live comfortably for the rest of their lives."

White Oak Conservation is not the only conservation center for retired circus elephants. *Elephant Refuge North America (ERNA) in Georgia recently welcomed Bo, a 34-year-old male elephant who spent 30 years working for the George Carden Circus. Bo is now living in

a very large home with grass fields, woods, a pond, and a special elephant house. The area will be expanded to 100 acres once ERNA is able to raise enough money. The conservation center also is hoping to add nine more retired elephants to their facility.

("Retired Circus Elephants Move To New Home With Plenty Of Room To Explore,"

DOGO News, September 16, 2021, by Ariel Kim:

<https://www.dogonews.com/2021/9/16/retired-circus-elephants-move-to-new-home-with-plenty-of-room-to-explore>)

(注)

*rhino(s) サイ

*White Oak Conservation ホワイトオーク保護区。フロリダ州にある大型動物の保護施設。

*cheetah(s) チータ

*giraffe(s) キリン

*barn(s) 家畜小屋。ここではゾウ舎(収容されたゾウたちの施設)のこと。

*caregiver(s) 世話係、飼育員

*Elephant Refuge North America (ERNA) ジョージア州にあるサーカスや動物園を引退したゾウの避難・保護施設。

[1] 本文の内容と合っているものを、次の①～⑧の中から3つ選びなさい。ただし、解答の順序は問わない。 [1] ~ [3]

- ① サーカス団がアジアゾウを引退させる決断をしたことで、すべての問題が解決された。
- ② ホワイトオーク保護区は人間に育てられた動物たちが自由に暮らせる施設である。
- ③ ホワイトオーク保護区には約400種に及ぶ絶滅危惧種の動物たちが暮らしている。
- ④ ホワイトオーク保護区には8歳から38歳の12頭のオスのゾウが収容された。
- ⑤ ホワイトオーク保護区への移動のため、数ヶ月間ゾウは一頭一頭隔離されて過ごした。
- ⑥ ホワイトオーク保護区はゾウが自然に暮らせる環境をモデルとして作られている。
- ⑦ 引退したサーカスのゾウを受け入れる施設はホワイトオーク以外にも存在する。
- ⑧ ERNAは十分な資金をすでに確保しており、100エーカーの施設拡張を計画している。

[2] (a) ~ (e) の各空所に入れるのに最も適切なものを、次の各群の①～④の中からそれぞれ1つずつ選びなさい。

(a) ① raise ② raised ③ rise ④ risen

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(b) ① at ② in ③ on ④ to

[5]

(c) ① when ② where ③ which ④ what

[6]

- (d) ① connect ② connected ③ connecting ④ connects

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- (e) ① at ② in ③ on ④ to

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[3] 下線部(1)~(5)の各語(句)とはほぼ同じ意味の語として最も適切なものを、次の各群の①~④の中からそれぞれ1つずつ選びなさい。

- (1) ① about ② concerning ③ on ④ with

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- (2) ① closed ② needed ③ prepared ④ started

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- (3) ① alike ② different ③ same ④ similar

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- (4) ① look after ② look at ③ look for ④ look into

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- (5) ① happy ② laughed ③ requested ④ surprised

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[4] 下線部(A)が指示しているものを、次の①~④の中から1つ選びなさい。

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- ① the other people
② the other months
③ the other rhinos
④ the other elephants

[5] 下線部(B)の意味に最も近いものを、次の①~④の中から1つ選びなさい。

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- ① 不思議に思う場所
② 興奮できる場所
③ 歩き回れる場所
④ 逃げ込める場所

II 各文の空所に入れるのに最も適した語(句)を、それぞれ①~④の中から1つずつ選びなさい。

1. () she is?

- ① Do you think who ② Who do you think
③ Who think you ④ Who you think

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2. I don't smoke, () do I drink.

- ① also ② either ③ nor ④ or

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3. Write down my phone number before ().

- ① you don't forget ② you won't forget
③ you forget ④ you'll forget

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4. If I () enough last night, I would not be sleepy now.

- ① had slept ② have slept
③ slept ④ would have slept

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5. Remember () this letter tomorrow morning.

- ① mail ② mailing
③ to be mailed ④ to mail

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Ⅲ 各文の空所に入れるのに最も適した語(句)を、それぞれ①～④の中から1つずつ選びなさい。

1. He doesn't have any friends to talk ().

- ① for ② there ③ to ④ together

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2. Do you take me () a fool?

- ① for ② from ③ in ④ to

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3. I took it () granted that you would join.

- ① by ② for ③ in ④ up

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4. I had to cancel my trip () of bad weather.

- ① because ② despite ③ due ④ result

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5. Honesty is the best ().

- ① critic ② liberty ③ medium ④ policy

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Ⅳ 次の1～5において、それぞれ下の①～⑤の語(句)を並べかえて空所を補い、文を完成させなさい。ただし、解答はそれぞれ[1]～[5]に入るものの番号を答えなさい。

1. Many students seem to find [1] _____ in English.

- ① difficult ② it ③ understood ④ to make ⑤ themselves

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2. When we meet someone first, we usually form [2] _____ like.

- ① an opinion ② about ③ is ④ that person ⑤ what

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3. He's on another phone. Would [3] _____ ?

- ① a message ② leave ③ like ④ to ⑤ you

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4. The shop had [4] _____ completely at a loss.

- ① from ② I was ③ so many ④ that ⑤ to choose

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5. Recently, people [5] _____.

- ① have ② of fat ③ reduced ④ the amount ⑤ they eat

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▽ 次の1～5において、A、Bが自然な会話になるように①～④からそれぞれ1つ選び、番号を答えなさい。

1. A : I would love to try skydiving one day.

B : ()

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① Really? I am afraid of heights.

② I used to fly to Hokkaido once a year.

③ No, I have never been skydiving.

④ Sure, I will make a reservation for the scuba diving tour.

2. A : It's a beautiful day today, isn't it?

B : ()

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① I didn't go out yesterday.

② Yes, the weather is fantastic.

③ Yes, we should be back soon.

④ No, the sun is shining, and the temperature is perfect.

3. A : It is so difficult to choose a phone nowadays.

B : ()

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① Yes, I know. There are just so many options.

② Do you want to sell your phone?

③ I bought my phone online.

④ Yes, I have a fantastic phone.

4. A : How is your English essay coming along?

B : ()

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① Pretty good. I think I will be able to finish it by the deadline.

② My English essay is about social media.

③ No, I never come late to English class.

④ I need to learn more about the students in my English class.

5. A : Why don't we go to Okinawa for a holiday?

B : ()

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① Because I don't like big cities.

② So that we don't have to work.

③ I don't know why.

④ That is a wonderful idea. I have always wanted to go there.