

2026 (令和 8) 年度入学試験問題

英 語

1. 試験開始の合図があるまで、この問題冊子の中を見てはいけません。
2. 試験時間は60分です。
3. この問題の本文は全部で20ページです。
4. 試験中に問題冊子の印刷不鮮明、ページの落丁・乱丁および解答用紙の汚れ等に気付いた場合は、手を挙げて監督者に知らせてください。
5. 解答は、設問に従って、該当する解答欄にマークしてください。なお、すべてマーク解答問題です。解答にあたっては、必ず黒の鉛筆またはシャープペンシルを使用してください。
6. 解答用紙に記入するときには、下記の点に注意してください。
 - (1) 氏名・受験番号を所定欄に記入し、該当するマーク欄を正確にマークすること。
(機械処理上、非常に重要なので誤記のないよう注意してください。)
 - (2) 訂正する場合は、プラスチック消しゴムで完全に消してから改めて書き直すこと。
 - (3) 指定した解答欄以外および枠外の空白部分には何も書かないこと。
 - (4) 解答用紙は、折り曲げたり汚したりしないこと。
 - (5) 解答用紙の解答欄をマークするときは、次の(例)のようにマーク解答欄の番号をぬりつぶすと。

(例) ③と解答する場合

マ ー ク 解 答 欄									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
①	②	●	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨	⑩

7. 問題冊子の余白等は適宜利用してかまいません。
8. 試験終了後、問題冊子は持ち帰ってください。

I 次の英文を読んで、設問1～11に答えなさい。なお、*印の語(句)には文末に注がついています。

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出典：Dale Carnegie, *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living*, Pocket Books, 1984 (一部改変)

1. 下線部 (ア) の言い換えとして最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 にマークしなさい。

- ① Although I can't write a whole book about it now, I might do so later.
- ② I have little information to fill a book, so I'll summarize it instead.
- ③ This story isn't rich enough for an entire book, so I'll just tell you the main points.
- ④ If I try, I can easily write an entire book on the subject, but I will be brief for now.

2. 下線部 (イ) で筆者がねらった効果は何でしょうか。最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 にマークしなさい。

- ① To highlight the harshness of Mrs. Glover's circumstances.
- ② To show the kindness of Bill Ellis.
- ③ To describe the traffic.
- ④ To illustrate the end of the American Civil War.

3. 下線部 (ウ) の意味として最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 にマークしなさい。

- ① Her life was full of joy despite illness, sadness, and tragedy.
- ② She had experienced almost nothing but sickness, sadness, and misfortune throughout her life.
- ③ While she had many happy times, her life was largely overshadowed by sickness, sorrow, and tragedy.
- ④ Despite having some exceptional dreams, she often felt overwhelmed by her ill health, sadness, and misfortune.

4. 下線部 (エ) の意味として最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 にマークしなさい。

- ① an insignificant and rare game changer
- ② an extremely unhappy miracle
- ③ a moment of insight and inspiration
- ④ an imaginable experience

5. 空欄（オ）に入る最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **5** にマークしなさい。

- ① the more I doubt
- ② the less I believe
- ③ the less meaningful my experience is
- ④ the longer I live

6. 空欄（カ）に入る最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **6** にマークしなさい。

- ① to perform
- ② performed
- ③ performing
- ④ perform

7. グローヴァー夫人がウェブスター家のドアをノックした時、何を求めていますか。最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **7** にマークしなさい。

- ① food and shelter
- ② a place to think and work out a great problem
- ③ medical assistance
- ④ a place to start her own business

8. ビル・エリスのグローヴァー夫人に対する態度はどうだったと思われ
ますか。最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄

8 にマークしなさい。

- ① He was compassionate.
- ② He was indifferent.
- ③ He was hostile.
- ④ He was supportive.

9. メアリー・ベイカー・エディが聖書の言葉を読んだあと、**起こらなかつ
たこと**は何ですか。最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番
号を解答欄 **9** にマークしなさい。

- ① She immediately got out of bed and walked.
- ② She gained the certainty that Mind controlled everything in life.
- ③ She discovered how to be well herself and make others so.
- ④ She believed all mental phenomena were illusions.

10. メアリー・ベイカー・エディの人生の転機となった出来事は何ですか。
最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **10**
にマークしなさい。

- ① her fall on the icy pavement and later recovery
- ② her happy encounter with Bill Ellis
- ③ her establishment of the Catholic church
- ④ her first marriage

11. 本文の内容と一致するものを①～⑨の中から3つ選び、その番号を解答欄 ～ にそれぞれ1つずつマークしなさい。解答の順序は問いません。

- ① The timing of Mrs. Glover's arrival at "Mother" Webster's door was shortly after the American Civil War was over.
- ② Mrs. Glover was able to find a long-term place to stay with "Mother" Webster in Amesbury.
- ③ Mary Baker Eddy experienced a miraculous recovery after touching the Bible, even though she was never able to walk again.
- ④ Bill Ellis originally came from New York, but happened to live with "Mother" Webster when he met Mrs. Glover.
- ⑤ Mary Baker Eddy's early life was characterized by happiness, stability, and supportive relationships.
- ⑥ Despite facing numerous hardships, Mary Baker Eddy went on to found Christian Science, a globally recognized religion established by a woman.
- ⑦ "Mother" Webster's son-in-law played the only role in helping Mary Baker Eddy overcome her life's challenges and troubles.
- ⑧ Mary Baker Eddy's second husband was a source of support and care throughout her life.
- ⑨ The words of Jesus, as read by Mary Baker Eddy from the Bible, provided her with the strength and faith to walk again despite her severe injury.

II 次の英文を読んで、設問1～13に答えなさい。なお、*印の語には文末に注がついています。

Cats meow* at each other. So Jonathan Losos, a former Harvard professor, always viewed a cat meowing to him as a kind of compliment. It was as if he was being greeted as a friend.

Not so, it turns out. Rather, it's for the cats' convenience.

Evolutionary biologist Losos talked about his new book *The Cat's Meow: How Cats Evolved from the Savanna to Your Sofa*.

Losos pointed out that this book, and the science behind it, is a bit of a departure for him. (イ) a childhood love of cats, Losos became an eminent herpetologist*, largely from a desire to study lizards, another childhood passion, and one that could be more easily observed in its natural state.

“I was also under the impression that there was no interesting research on domestic cats,” said Losos, who was wearing a shirt with black cats printed on it. “I was wrong.”

While teaching a class on cats (which he correctly predicted would be popular), he connected with a number of researchers and ongoing studies. One was on the meow.

The work proved his belief about meowing wrong—and more. While all species of small wild cats vocalize at each other, and some larger ones, such as cheetahs, do too, he came across research that shows how the signature sound of the “meow” has evolved.

Cornell University graduate student Nicholas Nicaastro had recorded large cat vocalizations at the Pretoria Zoo in South Africa and compared them with the meows of ordinary house cats. (カ) meow, Losos explained, “is understood as much more urgent and demanding. (キ) is much more

pleasant to our ears, higher pitched. What that suggests is that during domestication cats evolved a difference in their meow that is more appealing to us—and lets them use us more.”

A similar change was observed in purrs*. While all small species of wild cat also purr, domestic cats have distinct “satisfaction” and “request” purrs. The request purr, he noted, reaches higher pitches, similar (ク) the cry of a human baby, with which we naturally feel familiar.

Losos also covered how cats communicate with each other. A raised tail, for example, appears to signal that a cat is friendly and approachable. Studies using silhouettes of cats with tails raised and tails down appear to confirm this. And while the studies only worked for a short time—the cats quickly ^(b) learned the silhouettes weren’t real cats—they did respond at first. If the silhouette had its tail up, “they stick up their own tails and approach. Tail down and the cats approach much (コ) quickly, and they didn’t raise their own tails.”

While this is seen as a characteristic that evolved with the domestication of cats, it isn’t exceptional: Lions, which live in groups, also signal approachability and friendliness with raised tails.

^(b) Lion A groups consist of related females who will groom* each other, hunt together, and even nurse each other’s babies, he went on to explain.

Domestic cats can also be highly A, especially with other cats with which they have been raised. “When cats live in crowded areas,” such as urban cat communities, fishing villages, or farms, “they behave like lions.”

The one major difference? “Lions hunt collectively and can bring down much larger prey this way. Fortunately, domestic cats don’t do this.”

The evolutionary biologist then moved on to how our house cats came to exist. Losos summarized genetic research that traces domestic cats back to,

most likely, North African wild cats, between 35,000 and 10,000 years ago. This occurred at the same time with the beginnings of agriculture, and Losos outlined the common theory that wild cats were drawn to the rodents* that fed on grain stores—and that humans welcomed ^(ア) these predators in.

“People would see the advantage of having these cats around and would put out a bowl of milk or let them into the hut where it was warm and dry,” he said. “The next thing you know, you have the domestic cat.”

Still, Losos pointed out, there are currently only 75 species of domestic cats, while there are at least 200 of dogs. “Cats,” he concluded, “^(ス) need to catch up.”

出典：Clea Simon, “So Why Does Mr. Whiskers Meow?” *Harvard Gazette*, September 23, 2024 (一部改変)

[注] mcow : (猫が) ニャーと鳴く, 鳴き声

herpetologist : 爬虫類学者

purr : (猫が) ゴロゴロと喉を鳴らす音

groom : 毛づくろいをする rodent : (ネズミ等の) げっ歯類

1. 下線部 (ア) の意味内容として最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び, その番号を解答欄

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 にマークしなさい。

- ① 猫はお互いに対してニャーと鳴く
- ② 猫はお互いに対してニャーと鳴かない
- ③ 猫がロソスにニャーと鳴くのは友だちとして受け入れている証拠だった
- ④ 猫がロソスにニャーと鳴くのは友だちとして受け入れている証拠ではなかった

6. 空所 (カ) と (キ) に入る語の組み合わせとして最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **19** にマークしなさい。

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| ① (カ) The domestic cats' | (キ) The wild cat |
| ② (カ) The wild cats' | (キ) The domestic cat |
| ③ (カ) The domestic cats' | (キ) The domestic cat |
| ④ (カ) The wild cats' | (キ) The wild cat |

7. 空所 (ク) に入る最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **20** にマークしなさい。

- ① on ② for ③ to ④ as

8. 下線部 (ケ) の意味内容として最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **21** にマークしなさい。

- ① 猫が互いにコミュニケーションを取ること
 ② 猫がしっぽを立てることによりコミュニケーションを取ること
 ③ 猫がしっぽを立てるのは友好的態度の印であること
 ④ 猫がしっぽを下げるのは友好的態度の印であること

9. 空所 (コ) に入る最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 **22** にマークしなさい。

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| ① more | ② better |
| ③ often | ④ less |

13. 本文の内容と一致するものを①～⑩の中から3つ選び、その番号を解答欄 ～ にそれぞれ1つずつマークしなさい。解答の順序は問いません。

- ① ロソスは子どもの頃から猫が好きだったので、そのままネコ科専門の進化生物学者になった。
- ② 野性の大型の猫が鳴き声を出して互いにコミュニケーションを取ることはない。
- ③ 家畜化とともに猫は人間にとって心地よく聞こえる鳴き声を出すようになった。
- ④ 猫は眠気を感じたときに喉をゴロゴロ言わせる。
- ⑤ ロソスの実験では、猫は最後までシルエットと本物の猫を区別できなかった。
- ⑥ イエネコは集団で狩りをしない。
- ⑦ ネコ科が誕生したのは三万五千年前から一万年前のことである。
- ⑧ ネコの家畜化は農耕の始まりと時期を同じくしている。
- ⑨ 犬と違って猫を家畜化することに人間にとってのメリットはない。
- ⑩ 家畜化されたあとも猫は屋外で飼われていた。

Ⅲ 次の英文を読んで、空所 ～ に入る最も適切なものをそれぞれ①～④の中から1つ選び、その番号を解答欄 ～ にマークしなさい。

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出典：90's History, Facebook Com. Star Groups LLC, Jan.1, 2025 (一部改変)

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| 29 | ① thought | ② full |
| | ③ aware | ④ taking |
| | | |
| 30 | ① crisis | ② break |
| | ③ week | ④ sickness |
| | | |
| 31 | ① friendship | ② painting |
| | ③ mother | ④ emotions |
| | | |
| 32 | ① lose | ② deny |
| | ③ break | ④ think |
| | | |
| 33 | ① material | ② attention |
| | ③ recall | ④ inability |

3. 外国での日々が過ぎるにつれて、彼女の故郷への憧れはますます強くなりました。

() the days () **38** in the foreign land, her **39**
() home grew ().

- ① longing ② stronger ③ for
④ by ⑤ went ⑥ as

4. ブレインストーミングセッションによくあることですが、誰かが素晴らしいアイデアを思いつき、それがプロジェクト全体の方向を変えることになりました。

As is () the **40** () brainstorming sessions, someone
41 on a brilliant () that changed the entire project's ().

- ① idea ② direction ③ with
④ case ⑤ often ⑥ hit

2. A: This is the customer service center at Northwood shopping mall.

How can I () you?

B: Hi, I'd like to **44** the product I bought yesterday. It's a sweater and when I tried it () at home, it was just too tight.

A: In order to return it you need to bring your () with the product with its tag on and come directly to customer service.

B: Sounds good. Could you () me know your opening hours?

A: We are open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day **45** for Mondays.

- ① receipt ② return ③ let
 ④ help ⑤ on ⑥ except

3. A: I'm not **46** about the upcoming exam for Spanish 101.

B: Me (). Why don't we have a study group and () it together?

A: That's a good ()! There are so many things I don't understand just studying **47** myself.

B: All right then. How about meeting () on Thursday night at the library study room? I will also ask Nick if he wants to join.

- ① by ② review ③ confident
 ④ plan ⑤ neither ⑥ up