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- (2) 監督者から受験番号等記入の指示があったら、解答用マークシートに受験番号と氏名を記入し、さらに受験番号をマークしてください。
- (3) 解答は、所定の解答用マークシートにマークしたものが採点されます。
- (4) 解答用マークシートについて
 - ① 解答用マークシートは、絶対に折り曲げてはいけません。
 - ② マークには黒鉛筆(HB または B)を使用してください。
指定の黒鉛筆以外でマークした場合、採点できないことがあります。
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 - ④ 解答欄のマークは、横 1 行について 1 箇所に限ります。
2 箇所以上マークすると採点されません。
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- (6) 問題冊子は、試験終了後、持ち帰ってください。

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Read the following passage and answer the questions below. (52 points)

- [1] A believer in flat-Earth conspiracies made another attempt at shooting himself toward the stratosphere* in a homemade rocket. Once again, it fell flat.
- [2] ⁽¹⁾Mike Hughes, a self-proclaimed daredevil* who rejects the fact that the Earth is round, posted a video on his Facebook page about two weeks ago saying that he planned to launch himself from private property to an altitude of 1,800 feet (550 meters) on Saturday, Feb. 3. Hughes had canceled and delayed launches before, so it wasn't really clear (2) Saturday's event would happen. His homemade rocket sat on the "launchpad" in Amboy, California, for about 11 minutes before it . . . didn't go anywhere, as shown on a live video of the event. Nevertheless, it spotlights a subculture that is increasingly gaining notoriety online.
- [3] ⁽³⁾That subculture is flat-Earthers, people who argue that centuries of observations that the Earth is round are either mistaken or part of a vast cover-up. Instead, flat-Earthers argue, the planet is a disk. Exactly ⁽⁴⁾what this looks like varies by who is theorizing, but many flat-Earthers say that walls of ice surround the edge of the disk, and that the planets, moons and stars hover in a sort of dome above Earth, much closer to Earth than they really are.
- [4] So, what is the appeal? For many believers, it's a matter of distrust of the scientific elite and they desire to see the evidence with their own eyes. And, psychologists say, flat-Earth conspiracy theorists may be chasing many of the same (5) as believers in other conspiracies: social belonging, meaning and control, and feelings of safety in an uncertain world.
- [5] Psychologists have studied why conspiracy theories are appealing, in general. The reasons (6) three main categories, said Karen Douglas, a social psychologist at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England.

- [6] The first reason has to do with the search for knowledge and certainty. People who feel uncertain tend to be drawn to conspiracy theories,
 (7) Douglas said. This happens on both small and large scales: when people are induced to feel out of control in a psychology study, they become more open to conspiracy beliefs, 2015 research found. There is also evidence that the number of conspiracy believers spikes during times of societal crisis.
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- [7] Conspiracy theories also seem to offer believers the promise of knowledge and insight that others lack, Douglas said. “You have a need
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for security and control, and you don’t have it, so you try to compensate
for it,” she said.
- [8] Finally, conspiracy theories can give believers a self-esteem boost and allow them to feel good about the groups they belong to. Some studies
 (10) that narcissism* and conspiracy belief are linked, Douglas said, and many conspiracies divide the world into “good guys” (e.g., the moral YouTube star setting out to find the truth) and “bad guys” (e.g., the government).
- [9] Vivren Swami, a social psychologist at Anglia Ruskin University said, “If you read flat-Earth discussion groups, you’ll find people talking about NASA, and they really hate NASA.” Part of the problem, Swami said, is that understanding the physics of the universe is very difficult, and flat-Earthers are, to some extent, right that science is elitist: it (11) money, knowledge and time in higher education to be in a position to launch a satellite into space or understand the math that shows why the planet is round.
- [10] Unfortunately, (12) a conspiracy belief is established, it’s hard to change, said Swami; people tend to hold on to their beliefs. Arguments and discussions only tend to entrench* those beliefs, as people tend to engage in what’s called “psychological reactance*,” Swami said, spending time honing their own arguments and convincing themselves even
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 further of their own rightness.

[11] Prevention instead seems to be key, Swami said. Analytical and critical thinkers have been shown to be less susceptible to conspiracy beliefs, he said. “It’s really, really key that we teach critical-thinking skills and analytic skills,” he said.

Adapted from “Flat Earth: What Fuels the Internet’s Strangest Conspiracy Theory?”

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stratosphere : the second layer of Earth’s atmosphere

daredevil : a person who enjoys doing dangerous things, in a way that other people may think is stupid

narcissism : self-centeredness

entrench : to fix firmly

psychological reactance : a person’s negative response to rules and facts that restrict his or her freedom

(1) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (1) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 failed 2 impressed 3 assisted 4 succeeded

(2) Which of the items below most correctly fills in the blank (2) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 weather 2 wherever 3 whenever 4 whether

(3) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (3) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 shows members of a subculture how to become famous
2 focuses attention on a group that is becoming more well-known
3 raises issues about the problems of meeting strangers
4 promotes the unusual beliefs of people seeking fame

(4) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (4) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 Numerous world views are the same on the subject of the Earth's shape
2 Different people have various understandings about who is making flat-Earth theories
3 Various theorists have different ideas about flat-Earthers
4 The flat-Earth community has no single theory about the appearance of the Earth

(5) Which of the items below most correctly fills in the blank (5) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 statistics 2 facts 3 needs 4 theories

(6) Which of the items below most correctly fills in the blank (6) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 reach out 2 hurry through
3 mix up 4 fall into

(7) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (7) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 People not certain about their beliefs are often attracted to conspiracy theories
2 Most people are uncertain about why they are interested in conspiracy theories
3 People who are certain of their own knowledge are not pulled towards to conspiracy theories
4 Joining a conspiracy is certainly one way to find the truth about the world

(8) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (8) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 remains unchanged 2 always falls suddenly
3 increases only slightly 4 rises sharply

(9) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (9) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 Some people will believe conspiracy theories to make up for a lack of feelings of safety and confidence
- 2 One way of compensating for believing in conspiracy theories is to give up control and safety
- 3 One reason people are attracted to conspiracy theories is that they do not want to feel secure and in control
- 4 When people do not feel secure, conspiracy theories provide a reason to give up

(10) Which of the items below most correctly fills in the blank (10) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

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| 1 recommend | 2 turn | 3 order | 4 suggest |
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(11) Which of the items below most correctly fills in the blank (11) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

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| 1 builds | 2 moves | 3 presses | 4 takes |
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(12) Which of the items below most correctly fills in the blank (12) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 then 2 before 3 during 4 once

(13) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (13) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 considering only their own point of view and deceiving others
- 2 sharpening the points of their arguments until they are believable to them
- 3 considering all the reasons why they might be wrong and making a careful decision
- 4 giving up their beliefs, after carefully analyzing the evidence from all sides

(14) Which of the items below is the closest in meaning to the underlined part (14) in the passage? Consider the context, choose one from the following answer choices, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**.

- 1 harder to be convinced of conspiracies
- 2 less critical of conspiracy theorists
- 3 more likely to find conspiracies
- 4 no more easy than others to convince of conspiracy theories

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Choose one item from the answer choices below to fill in each blank in the sentence and complete the phrase in the best possible way. Mark the numbers on your **Answer Sheet**. (22 points)

(1) Rome was ((a)) to ((b)) ((c)) ((d)) its ((e)) ((f)).

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| 1 maintain | 2 control | 3 empire |
| 4 able | 5 over | 6 vast |

(2) Rome's military technology ((a)) ((b)) ((c)) ((d)) ((e)) ((f)) ((g)) and regions.

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| 1 countries | 2 other | 3 of | 4 superior |
| 5 that | 6 to | 7 was | |

(3) The Romans also ((a)) ((b)) ((c)) ((d)) ((e)) advanced ((f)) and highly organized styles of combat.

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| 1 had | 2 learned | 3 soldiers |
| 4 tactics | 5 well-trained | 6 who |

(4) Furthermore, the Roman Empire could move its troops on ((a)) ((b)) ((c)) ((d)) ((e)) ((f)) often ((g)) and alarmed its enemies.

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| 1 that | 2 lightning | 3 roads | 4 speed |
| 5 surprised | 6 well-made | 7 with | |

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For each sentence below, which of the following items correctly fills in the blank in the best possible way? Choose one from the choices and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet**. (18 points)

- (1) Recently, many bestselling books are also (1) in audio format, which can be listened to on the same devices people use to listen to music.

1 available	2 ambitious
3 identifying	4 printed

- (2) Many people love reading books printed on paper, but audiobooks, as they are (2), have many good points.

1 labelling	2 called
3 paid	4 showing

- (3) First, audiobooks can be (3) online and downloaded to your listening device.

1 exceeded	2 purchased
3 turned	4 solved

- (4) Second, whereas books are heavy, audiobooks (4) nothing and you can carry hundreds in your pocket.

1 listen	2 draw
3 weigh	4 sound

- (5) However, there are (5) to reading books in the traditional printed medium.

1 destinations	2 advantages
3 estimates	4 occurrences

(6) For example, while the devices used to listen to audiobooks require an (6) source, books require no energy, except the strength to turn the pages.

1 electrical

2 entire

3 elementary

4 eventual

(7) Also, using earphones for an (7) time can make our eyes tired, but printed books can be enjoyed for hours with no difficulty.

1 excitement

2 example

3 exiting

4 extended

(8) For these reasons, many people continue to (8) paper books over audiobooks.

1 supply

2 share

3 prefer

4 allow

(9) Therefore, although audiobooks have become a (9) format for many people, printed paper books are not likely to come to an end anytime soon.

1 cooling

2 popular

3 traditional

4 talented

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Read the poster below. Read each sentence that follows the poster and mark T, if it is true, and mark F, if it is false, on your **Answer Sheet**. (8 points)

We are moving.

Between October 15 and October 22, 2019, *Herbs and More Herbs* is moving into a facility more than double our present size to accommodate our growing demand from our customers who enjoy international cooking.

Our customer service and shipping department will be closed between October 16 and October 22. You may call and leave a message or you can order online at herbsherbsherbs.com. We will ship your product as soon as we are able. We apologize for the inconvenience and we look forward to serving you after our move. Your satisfaction is our highest priority.

Herbs and More Herbs

For all your International Kitchen needs!

Our new address! 1625 East Madison Avenue, Suite 66, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Email: customer@herbsherbsherbs.com

- (1) The reason *Herbs and More Herbs* is moving is that their business has increased and they require a building with a larger area.
- (2) The space of the new location will be over twice that of their present address.
- (3) After October 22, *Herbs and More Herbs* will no longer be located at 1625 East Madison Avenue.
- (4) This announcement informs customers that no services will be provided on October 15.

- (5) If a customer orders online between October 16 and 22, *Herbs and More Herbs* will ship the product as quickly as possible.
- (6) *Herbs and More Herbs* does not believe that their relocation will trouble any customers.
- (7) *Herbs and More Herbs* claims that making their customers happy is the most important thing for them.
- (8) *Herbs and More Herbs* sells items that customers need to prepare food from a variety of countries.

