

F 6 英 語

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〔注 意〕

- (1) 試験開始の指示があるまで、この冊子を開いてはいけません。
- (2) 監督者から受験番号等記入の指示があったら、解答用紙に受験番号と氏名を記入してください。また、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、所定の解答用紙に記入したもの及び解答用マークシートにマークしたもののだけが採点されます。
- (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。
 - ③ 誤ってマークした場合は、消しゴムで丁寧に消し、消しくずを完全に取除いたうえ、新たにマークしてください。
 - 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。
あいまいなマークは無効となるので、はっきりマークしてください。
 - ⑤ 解答用マークシートに記載されている解答上の注意事項を、必ず読んでから解答してください。
- (5) 試験開始の指示があったら、初めに問題冊子のページ数を確認してください。
ページの落丁・乱丁、印刷不鮮明等に気づいた場合は、手を挙げて監督者に知らせてください。
- (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 each question.

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(This mark (*) indicates, see **Notes** after the text)

When English sportsman Thomas Austin arrived in Australia to make a new life for himself, he was sorely disappointed. He had spent much of his leisure time back home hunting rabbits. Much ⁽¹⁾to his regret, Australia had no rabbits. So, Austin wrote to his nephew back in England and had twenty-four rabbits (2) to his home in Barwon Park in southern *Victoria. After all, what harm could twenty-four little rabbits do? There had been earlier attempts to populate Australia with these animals. The first fleet brought them over in 1788, but they did not become wild, except in parts of Tasmania.

Other residents in Victoria took up the cause and had rabbits sent over as well. They were most likely ⁽³⁾convinced by Austin's own words, "The introduction of a few rabbits could do little harm and might provide a touch of home, in addition to a spot of hunting." They listened well. The trend became popular, but Austin is the man who gets the credit, or rather the blame, for this enterprise.

Only seven years later, a recorded 14,253 rabbits were shot on Austin's property alone. The population had increased so much that 2 million could be shot or trapped (1 effect 2 having 3 on 4 slightest 5 the ⁽⁴⁾ 6 without) the growth of the species. Hunters prided themselves (5) being able to shoot 1,200 rabbits in just three and a half hours. This was a record unheard of back in England. It was the fastest growth of any mammal ever to be seen in the world. And yes, this is (6) the saying "breeding like rabbits" originates.

So, why had this accelerated growth taken place in Australia and not England? This is likely the same question that Austin and the other settlers asked themselves. First of all, the milder winters allowed the rabbits to breed all year round. This, coupled with the fact that much of the area had been

converted to farmland, created the ideal conditions for a mass growth in population.

Because of this quick growth, the people of Australia experienced a⁽⁷⁾turnaround in their thinking concerning the rabbits. The rabbits caused *irreversible damage. Rather than providing a “touch of home,” they became a nuisance.⁽⁸⁾

In less than fifty years, the population stretched all the way to the New South Wales border, through Queensland, and across western Australia and the Northern Territory. This massive spread is still referred to as the “grey blanket.” Ironically, the hunters themselves caused this mass migration. Socially, rabbits tend to stay together. Contrary to popular belief, rabbits are not *rodents and are more closely related to horses than rats. And in some ways behave as such. Young male deer will leave to establish new territory only when faced with either starvation or a possible collapse in the population. Drastic events such as fires, floods, and other natural disasters may also cause a mass migration. The hunters did not understand that the mere threat they⁽⁹⁾posed to the growth of the species caused the rabbits to seek less-threatening territory.

Hunters also contributed to the migration by transporting the rabbits from shooting farms to establish them on their own properties for use as sporting game. Farmers were not pleased with the practice, but the gentlemen hunters shrugged off⁽¹⁰⁾ the complaints, saying, “Farmers are the universal spoilers of a gentleman’s sport.” So, the continent-wide spread of these destructive creatures would not have (1 been 2 had 3 if 4 it⁽¹¹⁾ 5 not 6 place 7 taken) for the English gentleman and his love of hunting.

And why were the farmers so up in arms about⁽¹²⁾ something as harmless as rabbits? Well, farmers tend to be very practical and they saw the rabbits for what they really were — pests. They destroyed crops and considerably reduced

the carrying capacity of the land. They also posed a threat to the native wildlife. And, it became impossible to keep their populations under control. They tore through fences, they climbed fences, and they would often pile up on one side of a fence and act as a ladder for their fellows. Rabbits have even been known to climb trees up to five meters tall. One local Australian official described in his records the attempts at controlling the rabbits as “trying to hold back the tide with a broom.”⁽¹³⁾ Since the use of fences proved mostly useless, other methods of pest control were initiated.

Many people hired rabbiters to control populations on their properties. But these bunny hunters had a hidden agenda.⁽¹⁴⁾ If the rabbits were eliminated altogether, rabbiters would be out of a job. So, while seemingly *eradicating a property of the pests, rabbiters often employed other tactics, such as releasing rabbits onto lands, freeing pregnant rabbits from traps, and allowing the young ones to simply carry on.

Australia has been facing an invasion that has lasted more than 200 years. Her landscape has been ruined, her people have been forced into continuous hours of labor to deal with the problem, and the intruder has completely taken over. Some success has been achieved in limiting the rabbit population using traditional methods, but only at great effort and cost. A small mistake, by a few selfish hunters, has had a high cost in time, money, and environmental damage.

- (Notes) **Victoria** : a state in southeast Australia
irreversible : not able to be undone
rodents : small animals with strong sharp front teeth
eradicating : destroying or getting rid of something completely,
especially something bad

(1) Choose the most appropriate answer which has the closest meaning to the underlined part (1) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

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| 1 to his anger | 2 to his delight |
| 3 to his disappointment | 4 to his satisfaction |

(2) Choose the most appropriate answer for the blank (2) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

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| 1 ship | 2 shipped |
| 3 shipping | 4 to ship |

(3) Choose the most appropriate word which has the closest meaning to the underlined word (3) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

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| 1 amazed | 2 confused |
| 3 persuaded | 4 worried |

(4) Arrange the words within the brackets (4) to make a correct sentence and mark each number in proper order on your **Answer Sheet A**.

(5) Choose the most appropriate word for the blank (5) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

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| 1 beyond | 2 into |
| 3 on | 4 through |

(6) Choose the most appropriate word for the blank (6) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

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| 1 what | 2 where |
| 3 which | 4 while |

(7) Choose the most appropriate answer which has the closest meaning to the underlined part (7) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

- 1 accepted their way of thinking
- 2 remained uncertain about their way of thinking
- 3 underwent a complete change in their way of thinking
- 4 were divided in their way of thinking

(8) Choose the most appropriate word which has the closest meaning to the underlined word (8) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

- 1 balance
- 2 benefit
- 3 blessing
- 4 bother

(9) Choose the most appropriate answer which has the closest meaning to the underlined part (9) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

- 1 The hunters believed their presence would cause the rabbits to seek out less threatening territory.
- 2 The presence of hunters combined with the rapid growth of the species compelled the rabbits to avoid less dangerous areas.
- 3 The very existence of the hunters was enough to cause the rabbits to search for safer territory.
- 4 Unaware of the hunters' presence, the rabbits began to search for new safer areas.

(10) Choose the most appropriate word which has the closest meaning to the underlined part (10) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

- 1 dismissed
- 2 expressed
- 3 listed
- 4 received

(11) Arrange the words within the brackets (11) to make a correct sentence and mark each number in proper order on your **Answer Sheet A**.

(12) Choose the most appropriate answer which has the closest meaning to the underlined part (12) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

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| 1 angry at | 2 cautious of |
| 3 confused with | 4 satisfied with |

(13) Choose the most appropriate answer which has the closest meaning to the underlined part (13) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

- 1 attempting to repeat a successful strategy
- 2 managing to accomplish an attainable goal
- 3 seeking to maintain an acceptable situation
- 4 undertaking an impossible task

(14) Choose the most appropriate answer which has the closest meaning to the underlined part (14) and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**.

- 1 a hidden agenda to capture some, but not all the rabbits, in order not to lose their jobs
- 2 a hidden agenda to catch the entire rabbit population in order to continue their work
- 3 a hidden agenda to successfully eliminate the rabbit population in order to keep their jobs
- 4 a hidden agenda to use as many tactics as possible to get rid of the bunny population in order to keep their jobs

(15) For each of the following sentences, on your **Answer Sheet A**, mark **T** (True) for the statements that agree with the text and mark **F** (False) for the statements that do not agree.

1 The twenty-four rabbits brought into Tasmania by the first fleet in 1788 quickly became wild in every part of Australia.

2 Austin's enterprise was well received and turned out to be a great success.

3 The rapid increase in the rabbit population was entirely unexpected, and nothing like it had ever been seen before anywhere in the world.

4 The milder winter seasons as well as the increase of farmland prompted the rabbits to breed excessively throughout the year.

5 It is generally said that rabbits are classified into the category associated with rats rather than horses.

6 By transporting rabbits to their personal property, hunters contributed to the spread of the rabbit population.

7 The rabbits damaged farm produce, had a negative consequence on the quality of the land, and had a harmful impact on the wildlife population.

8 Australian farmers found several conventional ways to reduce the number of rabbits at a moderate expense and with little effort.

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(7) Before he died, Tim Horton () a popular and successful chain of coffee shops all across Canada.

1 establish

2 established

3 establishes

4 establishing

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The following is a conversation between A and B. Choose the most appropriate word for each blank (a-e) from below, and mark the number on your **Answer Sheet A**; however, you must not use the same word more than once. (15 points)

A: Hello, Loni. What can I do for you today?

B: Doctor, I have the worst toothache I have ever (a) in my life. I am here because I would like you to look at what's happening in my mouth.

A: OK, I am going to ask you some questions before checking your teeth. How long have you had this pain?

B: For a couple of days, but it suddenly became very painful this morning.

A: Did you do anything that might have damaged your tooth?

B: One week ago, I went to a movie theater. While I was eating popcorn, I accidentally bit something hard and my back tooth (b) to ache.

A: Do you have trouble (c) food?

B: Yes, I do. Please help me, doctor.

A: OK, Loni. Let me check your mouth. Um, the gum around the back tooth is (d). As far as I can see, your wisdom tooth is beginning to emerge. Can I ask you a question? How old are you, Loni?

B: I'm 18. I am busy preparing for the entrance exam taking place next year. Do you have any good medication to ease my pain? I want to focus on my studies. I am eager to enter a university in Hokkaido and enjoy dormitory life with my roommates.

A: Calm down, Loni. I am going to take an X-ray of your wisdom tooth to see what the problem is. After that, let's (e) what to do next.

1 began

2 chewing

3 decide

4 experienced

5 swollen

6 taste

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In the box on your **Answer Sheet B**, write the most appropriate word for each bracket from (1) to (5) to make the lower sentence similar in meaning with the upper one. You **MUST** spell the entire word. The first letter of the word has been provided within the brackets. (10 points)

- (1) Last year, the autumn excursion was cancelled due to heavy rain.
Last year, the autumn excursion was (c) off due to heavy rain.
- (2) We have to submit the experiment report by tomorrow.
We have to (h) in the experiment report by tomorrow.
- (3) I never thought he would disappoint me like that.
I never thought he would (l) me down like that.
- (4) At first sight, I thought she resembled her mother.
At first sight, I thought she (t) after her mother.
- (5) I have eaten too much. I must work out at a university gym.
I have eaten too much. I must (e) at a university gym.

