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Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. The apartment is large; _____, it has a beautiful view of the city. ◇1
- ア. however
イ. meanwhile
ウ. moreover
エ. therefore
2. We need to _____ the new project in more detail at the next meeting. ◇2
- ア. discuss
イ. guess
ウ. return
エ. speak
3. Can you _____ the person you saw? What did he look like? ◇3
- ア. claim
イ. describe
ウ. prepare
エ. suggest
4. You can choose _____ coffee or tea with your meal. ◇4
- ア. both
イ. either
ウ. whether
エ. without

5. The _____ news is reported on this website every hour. ◇5
- ア. future
イ. latest
ウ. new
エ. normal
6. You won't improve your English _____ you practice every day. ◇6
- ア. as
イ. because
ウ. in case
エ. unless
7. He looks serious, but he _____ likes to joke around. ◇7
- ア. actually
イ. almost
ウ. finally
エ. never
8. It's not easy for students to _____ to a new school in a foreign country. ◇8
- ア. adjust
イ. break
ウ. follow
エ. succeed
9. The company is worried because sales have begun to _____ this year. ◇9
- ア. decline
イ. deliver
ウ. include
エ. refuse

10. That supermarket will _____ food and water to the event.



ア. accept

イ. make

ウ. supply

エ. visit

2

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Japanese manga is popular in many countries today. People of all ages enjoy reading manga, not only in Japan but also in America, Europe, and other parts of Asia. Why is manga so popular around the world? There are several important reasons for its worldwide success.

First, manga has many different genres. In Western countries, most comics are about superheroes. But Japanese manga is not only about heroes or fighting. There are stories about school life, sports, love, fantasy, history, cooking, mystery, and even daily life. Because of this, many people can find a manga that matches their interest. Children, teenagers, and adults can all enjoy manga. For example, a young student may enjoy a school romance, while an older reader may prefer a historical drama or a mystery story.

Second, manga has interesting stories and characters. Many manga stories are long, and readers can follow the characters as they grow and change. ⁽¹⁾Readers often feel close to the characters and want to know what will happen next. Some stories are very emotional and teach life lessons. Others are exciting and full of action. There is always something new to enjoy. Since the stories usually have a beginning, middle, and end, it is easy for readers to follow and finish them. This helps people feel satisfied after reading.

Third, the art style of manga is attractive and easy to understand. Manga is usually in black and white, but the drawings are very detailed and beautiful. The characters often have big eyes, and their emotions are easy to understand. Even if readers don't understand all the words, they can still enjoy the story by looking at the pictures. This helps people in other countries enjoy manga even if their Japanese or English is not perfect. The pictures support the story and make it more emotional and powerful.

Fourth, anime helps manga become more popular. Many manga stories are made into anime. If someone likes an anime, they may want to read the manga too. Sometimes the manga has more story or a different ending.


(2) Thanks to the popularity of anime on the internet and TV, more people around the world find and enjoy Japanese manga. Many famous series like *Naruto*, *Demon Slayer*, or *One Piece* became global hits because of both the anime and the original manga.

Fifth, manga is easy to read and widely available online and in stores. Today, many websites and apps let people read manga in English and other languages. People can also buy manga books in stores in many countries. Because it is easy to get, more people can try reading manga. There are also fan communities online where people talk about their favorite stories, share information, and even create fan art.

Finally, manga shows both Japanese culture and universal themes. Readers can learn about Japanese food, school life, traditions, and manners through manga. At the same time, themes like friendship, love, family, dreams, and courage are the same in any country. This mix of Japanese culture and common human feelings makes manga special and easy to enjoy all over the world.

In conclusion, Japanese manga is popular around the world because it has many genres, interesting stories, beautiful art, support from anime, and is easy to read. It also helps people understand both Japanese culture and human emotions. Manga connects people through stories, no matter where they live.

(Original text)

1. Why does the author say Japanese manga appeals to people of all ages? 
- ア. It focuses mainly on superhero themes that everyone likes.
 - イ. It includes a wide variety of genres that suit different interests.
 - ウ. It is easy to translate into other languages.
 - エ. It is only available in Japan and America.

2. Which best describes the reason readers often feel emotionally connected to manga characters? ◆12

- ア. The characters are often based on real people.
- イ. The characters' personalities rarely change throughout the story.
- ウ. The stories are long enough for readers to see the characters grow.
- エ. The stories usually include historical facts.

3. How does manga remain enjoyable even for readers who may not understand all the words? ◆13

- ア. Manga often uses simple vocabulary that is easy for readers around the world.
- イ. The detailed illustrations express emotions clearly.
- ウ. The drawings are symbolic and often require cultural knowledge to understand.
- エ. The stories are short and don't require much reading.

4. How does anime contribute to the popularity of manga? ◆14

- ア. Anime always comes before the manga version.
- イ. Anime and manga rarely share the same characters.
- ウ. Anime introduces people to stories that might lead them to read the original manga.
- エ. Anime often simplifies manga stories for younger audiences.

5. What is the overall message of the paragraph beginning with “Finally”? 15

- ア. Manga connects people globally through themes and stories that everyone can understand, not only those related to Japanese culture.
- イ. Manga’s appeal comes mainly from showing Japanese traditions and lifestyle clearly.
- ウ. Manga’s popularity is due only to the uniqueness of Japanese culture that cannot be found elsewhere.
- エ. Understanding Japanese culture is essential to fully enjoy manga’s stories.

6. Which of the following is closest in meaning to underlined (1)? 16

- ア. Manga stories usually end quickly, so readers don’t get attached to the characters.
- イ. Many readers feel attached to the characters and become eager to see what follows.
- ウ. Readers sometimes lose interest in the characters as the story goes on.
- エ. The characters are confusing, so readers don’t feel connected to them.

7. Which of the following is closest in meaning to underlined (2)? 17

- ア. Because of
- イ. But for
- ウ. Except for
- エ. In spite of

3

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Waiting is something that everyone experiences almost every day. Sometimes it is a positive feeling, and other times it is a negative one. ⁽¹⁾It often depends on many things. Waiting can be exciting when we are looking forward to something fun or meaningful. For example, you might feel happy while waiting for a birthday party, a concert, or a special trip. However, waiting can also be stressful, boring, or even painful when we are expecting something we do not like. In the end, how we feel while waiting often depends on what we are waiting for and how we think about it.

In general, most people do not enjoy waiting. It often makes them feel uneasy or nervous. This is especially true when they do not know exactly what is going to happen next. Think about waiting for test results. Even if you studied hard and felt good about the test, you might still feel worried while waiting. ⁽²⁾This is because there is still some uncertainty about the result. People often imagine bad outcomes, even when there is no strong reason to do so. Because of this, waiting can sometimes feel longer and more stressful than it really is.

However, it is important to remember that waiting is not always a bad thing. Sometimes, it can be full of excitement and hope. For example, think about waiting for a birthday present, a fun trip, or a letter from a good friend. In these cases, you are expecting something happy or interesting, and this makes the waiting time feel lighter and even enjoyable. In other words, whether waiting feels good or bad mostly depends on what we believe will happen in the future. If we expect something positive, waiting becomes a happy time. If we fear something negative, it becomes a stressful experience.

Another interesting thing about waiting is how it changes our sense of time. Have you noticed that time feels different depending on what you are doing? When you are busy with something fun, like playing a game or chatting with friends, time seems to pass very quickly. On the other hand, when you

are doing nothing, like standing in a long line or sitting in a waiting room, time feels much slower. ⁽³⁾The main reason for this is attention. When you are busy, your mind focuses on the activity and does not think about the clock. But when you have nothing to do, you notice every second passing by, and it feels like time moves very slowly.

We can clearly see this change when we think about life before smartphones. In the past, when people stood in lines or waited at a bus stop, they had very few ways to pass the time. They could not easily play games, check social media, or watch short videos like we do today. As a result, waiting often felt much longer and much more boring. Today, we can use our phones to fill the empty time, so even long waits can feel shorter and less painful.

On the other hand, many people become heavily dependent on their smartphones while waiting, which leads to a decreased awareness of their surroundings. We can use waiting periods to engage in reading or thinking. Waiting allows for a break from immediate tasks and can create opportunities for reflection, learning, or simply enjoying a book.

Waiting, therefore, is not just about the time itself. It is about what we feel, what we expect, and how we use our attention. If we are able to understand how our minds work while waiting, we might find ways to make waiting easier or even more enjoyable. For example, bringing a book, listening to music, or thinking about positive things can help us deal with waiting better. Waiting will always be a part of life, but with a little effort, we can change it from something negative into something more positive.

(Original text)

1. Which of the following is closest in meaning to underlined (1)? ◇18
- ア. Waiting can be a positive feeling or a negative one under certain conditions.
 - イ. Waiting causes stresses and worries without exception.
 - ウ. Waiting enables people to do many things.
 - エ. Waiting is always something that we do not want to experience.
2. According to the passage, what makes waiting less enjoyable? ◇19
- ア. When you are busy attending to activities.
 - イ. When you are not certain about what will happen in the future.
 - ウ. When you know how our minds work while we wait.
 - エ. When you know something nice is coming along.
3. Choose the answer that the underlined (2) DOES NOT suggest. ◇20
- ア. Even if you are confident with your performance at the test, you often cannot help imagining bad outcomes.
 - イ. However hard you studied for the test, you feel worried anyway while waiting for the result.
 - ウ. Waiting for the result of the test keeps you feeling nervous until you actually face it.
 - エ. You won't find the waiting time stressful if you know you handled the test well.

4. Which of the following is closest in meaning to underlined (3)?

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- ア. You can make the time go by quickly by watching the clock with attention.
- イ. You can make waiting stress-free by concentrating on something.
- ウ. You feel waiting is stressful if you need to pay attention to something constantly.
- エ. You find waiting time long and boring no matter what you do while you wait.

5. How did smartphones change the way of our waiting?

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- ア. People cannot rest while waiting because smartphones demand many tasks.
- イ. Smartphones provide us with a variety of ways of killing the waiting time.
- ウ. There used to be more ways to pass time in the past, but not anymore.
- エ. We have come to feel waiting time is much longer and more boring than before.

Read the summary of the passage below and answer the following questions.

People tend to feel the time of waiting is stressful and sometimes even painful. This negative feeling about waiting often comes from uncertainty or our (A) about the outcome of what we wait for. However, waiting also has positive aspects. When you are (B) something favorable, waiting is not an uncomfortable experience but rather an exciting one. In addition, it is possible for us to make waiting time feel shorter by keeping ourselves busy with something enjoyable. You can also (C) the waiting time as a chance to give yourself deep thought or good learning. Therefore, waiting can be either a positive or negative experience depending on what you feel and how you use your attention.

6. Choose the best word to fill in blank (A).

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- ア. anxiety
- イ. knowledge
- ウ. neglect
- エ. understanding

7. Choose the best words to fill in blank (B).

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- ア. afraid of
- イ. looking forward to
- ウ. not sure of
- エ. reluctant about

8. Choose the best words to fill in blank (C).

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- ア. make a living by
- イ. make fun of
- ウ. make ill of
- エ. make the most of

4

Read the conversations and answer the questions.

Conversation 1

Wendy: Guess what dance style I want to try next? It's called "Girls"!

Amos: Oh, "Girls" dance? Yes, I know it.

Wendy: Really? What do you know about it? Tell me.

Amos: It uses a lot of hip-hop moves and powerful steps. It's really strong and cool. It's very popular in street dance.

Wendy: Wow! I thought only women know it. How did you learn about it?

Amos: I first heard it from my sister, then I watched some YouTube videos.

Wendy: Have you tried it?

Amos: A little bit. I can see it's good for building stamina and confidence.

Wendy: You know a lot about "Girls" dance!

Amos: I like to try out many different dance styles. It's interesting for me to see how people move.

1. How does Wendy first feel about Amos knowing "Girls" dance?

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- ア. She is angry.
- イ. She is bored.
- ウ. She is sad.
- エ. She is surprised.

2. What does Amos say about "Girls" dance?

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- ア. It is active.
- イ. It is boring.
- ウ. It is only for men.
- エ. It is very slow.

3. What does Amos say is a benefit of doing "Girls" dance?



ア. It helps you to develop physically and mentally.

イ. It is good for building things.

ウ. You can meet a girl.

エ. You can see how people move.

Conversation 2

Emi: Hey, Jun, check out all the clubs at this university! It's going to be hard to decide which one is best.

Jun: Yes, the tennis club and the K-Pop club look like they'd be fun. I don't know about tennis, though. I'm terrible at sports.

Emi: I want to try out something new. I'm interested in the English speech club or the volunteer club. I think they might be useful for my future.

Jun: You're thinking seriously! How many times a week do they meet, though? I'm probably going to get busy with my studies, so I don't want to do anything too demanding.

Emi: You're right. And we also have to think about the atmosphere of the club. We won't know what it's like unless we go on a club visit or an information session.

Jun: That's true. But how about this "Travel Club"? It says they always go to different places on weekends. We could take photos too. Doesn't that sound fun?

Emi: A travel club! That does sound fun, actually! But wouldn't we have to spend quite a lot of money? Let's give it a bit more thought.

Jun: OK. But we definitely want to join at least one club, right? My seniors said that university life is more enjoyable if you join a club.

1. Why is Jun hesitant about joining the tennis club?



- ア. She doesn't like playing any kind of games.
- イ. She is more interested in photography.
- ウ. She lacks sporting ability.
- エ. She thinks there will be too many members.

2. What two things do Emi and Jun agree are important when choosing a club? ◇30

- ア. How many members it has and its reputation.
- イ. How often the members meet and the club's atmosphere.
- ウ. The cost and the location.
- エ. The seniors' opinions and the type of activities offered.

3. What is Emi's main concern about the Travel Club? ◇31

- ア. She doesn't like traveling to foreign countries.
- イ. She is worried about how much it would cost.
- ウ. She thinks it might involve too much work.
- エ. She thinks it won't be useful for her future.

5

Choose the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. You can borrow my bike () you promise to return it by tomorrow.
ア. as long as ◇32
イ. even though
ウ. in case
エ. unless
2. She wondered () her package had already been delivered. ◇33
ア. if
イ. in
ウ. that
エ. what
3. My girlfriend tells me that she would rather () home than go out
this evening. ◇34
ア. stay
イ. stayed
ウ. staying
エ. to stay
4. You () be joking! There's no way you finished that whole pizza by
yourself. ◇35
ア. can
イ. must
ウ. should
エ. will

5. The new policy has brought about significant changes, some of ()
were unexpected. ◇36

- ア. that
- イ. them
- ウ. what
- エ. which

6. My friends and I were astonished () about the hurricane on the
television this morning. ◇37

- ア. heard
- イ. hearing
- ウ. to hear
- エ. to hearing

7. Ami's sister has arrived in England and is really looking forward to ()
her host family. ◇38

- ア. meet
- イ. meeting
- ウ. meets
- エ. met

8. I can honestly say that I have never seen as beautiful a sunset ()
this one. ◇39

- ア. as
- イ. like
- ウ. so
- エ. than

9. The teacher asked his colleague () he had finished writing all his student assessments yet. ◆40

ア. that

イ. what

ウ. whether

エ. who

10. By the time we finally arrived at the packed stadium, the big game (). ◆41

ア. had started

イ. has started

ウ. starting

エ. starts

