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(制 限 時 間 5 0 分)

1 Choose the word or phrase that completes the sentence.

1. I like classical music, but I have () interest in jazz.
a. few b. little c. small d. nothing
2. () cold, she turned the heater on.
a. To feel b. Feeling c. Felt d. Feel
3. () called me, I would have missed the meeting.
a. If you haven't b. Not to have c. Except when you d. Had you not
4. Concrete buildings usually last much longer than () built of wood.
a. those b. they c. such d. which
5. I wonder () Sarah has decided to give her sister for her birthday.
a. what b. how c. who d. why
6. He isn't a great tennis player, but he makes () his talent.
a. a lot with b. much by c. the most of d. more from
7. It's () Michael to be late for school.
a. unusual b. unlike c. rarely d. surprised
8. I'll cook dinner, so all you have to do () the dishes.
a. for washing b. that washes c. to wash d. is wash
9. () had I left my home when it started to rain.
a. Almost b. Just c. Hardly d. As soon as
10. She couldn't join the party because of ().
a. caught cold b. sick c. illness d. down

11. He should have () better than to go fishing without checking the weather.
a. been b. cared c. known d. played
12. There is something wrong with my cell phone. I must have it ().
a. check b. to check c. checking d. checked
13. I don't mind () late tonight. We have to finish it by tomorrow.
a. work b. working c. to work d. of working
14. She didn't () with a good way to cope with the difficulty.
a. come up b. put up c. take up d. make up
15. Much to our surprise, the woman we were talking to () to be a well-known scientist.
a. turned up b. turned out c. brought up d. taken out
16. It's nice () you to remember our wedding anniversary.
a. to b. with c. of d. for
17. I would () stay here with you, if you don't mind.
a. like b. as well c. better d. rather
18. No wonder everybody says she is (); I've never seen such a well-mannered person.
a. rude b. courteous c. pleased d. straightforward
19. () from above the sky, the whole figure looked like a big spider.
a. Seen b. Seeing c. Having seen d. To see
20. If he () his leg, he could have joined this lovely party.
a. doesn't break b. didn't break c. hasn't broken d. hadn't broken

2 Read the following conversation, answer the questions below.

A : Do you keep bees in Japan?

B : Yes, I have two colonies of bees which I keep in Seto.

A : Why do you keep them there?

B : Well, I live in Okazaki, but there are too many houses close to mine, and also a car park, and I am afraid that the bees will attack my neighbours if I keep them there.

A : So why Seto?

B : I have a friend in Seto, and behind her house there is a bamboo grove. It is a good place to keep bees because the beehives will be shaded in summer.

A : Are there any problems in Seto?

B : Well, it is in the country and there are few neighbours. But just at the moment — it is now the end of April — the bamboo shoots are coming up, and I am worried that a bamboo shoot will come up under a beehive, and push it over. It can happen very quickly.

A : How many bees does each hive have now?

B : The smaller hive has about 15,000 bees, and the larger one about 30,000 bees. But the young queen in the smaller one is laying lots of eggs. So soon there will be about 50,000 bees in each hive.

A : What kind of honey do the bees collect?

B : At this time of year they collect acacia honey, and towards the end of May there should be some honey from the orange blossom nearby.

A : Which honey is best?

B : Both are delicious. After that, in June the bees collect chestnut honey which does not taste very good, and doesn't smell very nice either, but people say that it is extremely good for health, so it sells for a high price.

1. Why is keeping bees in Okazaki a bad idea?
 - a. It is too close to my house.
 - b. The bees may sting my neighbours.
 - c. The neighbours may attack me.
 - d. There is no shade.

2. What is the one disadvantage of keeping the bees in a bamboo grove in Seto?
 - a. The hives will be shaded in summer.
 - b. There are few neighbours.
 - c. The bamboo shoots may push the beehives over.
 - d. The bees will collect acacia honey.

3. How many bees are there now in the smaller hive?

a. Fifteen thousand.	b. One thousand five hundred.
c. One hundred and fifty thousand.	d. Ten thousand five hundred.

4. Why do people buy chestnut honey?

a. It tastes delicious.	b. It smells wonderful.
c. It is good for health.	d. It is expensive.

③ Read the following conversation, choose the most suitable sentence for each blank.

Linda, an exchange student in Japan, has invited Kana to her apartment for dinner.

Linda : Hi, Kana. How're you doing?

Kana : Not bad, but I got out of class late today, and I didn't have time to stop at the store and get dessert like I promised.

Linda : (1) I have some nice strawberries in the refrigerator. We can have them for dessert.

Kana : Strawberries? That sounds wonderful. (2)

Linda : Then we're all set. I hope you brought your appetite.

Kana : "Brought my appetite?" I've never heard that expression before. Does it mean that I'm hungry?

4 Read the following passage, choose the most suitable word or phrase for each blank.

Think of all the ways you used electricity today. Did you (1) a light this morning? Did you watch TV? All these things use electric power.

Where does this power come from? In most places in the world, it comes from burning fuels (2) gas, coal and oil. Big factories called power plants burn these fuels to make electricity.

Gas, coal and oil are called fossil fuels. They are formed deep in the earth from the breakdown* of animals and plants that lived millions of years ago. It (3) that long for fossil fuels to form.

Fossil fuels have been the world's main source of energy for more than 100 years. But burning them releases dirty gases. This is the world's main (4) of pollution. Scientists have been looking for cleaner ways to light our lamps and heat our homes. They've found answers blowing in the (5) and shining in sunlight.

1. a. come on b. go on c. turn on d. get on
2. a. such as b. so as c. such that d. so that
3. a. keeps b. makes c. gets d. takes
4. a. event b. accident c. change d. cause
5. a. earth b. wind c. sea d. river

5 Read the following passage, choose the sentence from a, b, c, and d that follows No.1-5.

A study following lower-income families in New York found that babies who watch TV are more likely to have slower brain development at 14 months, especially if they are watching programs intended for adults. Babies who watch TV for 60 minutes

daily had developmental scores one-third lower than those who didn't watch as much. Other studies examining higher-income families have also come to the same result: TV watching isn't good for learning, and it seems to slow down babies' development.

Then what about "good" TV programs intended for children? The researchers didn't find any negative or positive result on babies' development compared with non-educational programs designed for children. TV seems so often to be a good friend to parents, as it keeps babies happy while the grown-ups cook, answer the phone, or do other everyday work, but it doesn't support educational development.

Why does watching TV cause slower brain development? One thing is clear: babies spend less time interacting with parents if they watch TV. Babies need interaction and simple but correct speech models to learn to talk, and they also need to play and do things together with parents for their learning and development. TV watching steals this time from them. Babies who watch TV do listen to it, but get no response from it when trying to communicate. Babies may smile at the TV enjoying what they see, but it will never smile back. Unlike parents, TV is not interactional.

The first two years is very important for the brain development of babies. If they watch TV during this time, no matter what the content is, they miss out on exploring and experimenting with things, and playing with parents, which are all necessary for developing their intelligence and social skills.

1. When babies under 14 months watch TV program for an hour a day, they
 - a. don't learn anything because they don't understand the contents.
 - b. develop more skills as they can enjoy good programs.
 - c. make good friends if programs are for babies.
 - d. show slower brain development than those who don't.

2. In terms of babies' brain development, good TV programs for children are
 - a. not any more helpful than other programs.
 - b. worse than those for grown-ups.
 - c. more effective than the non-educational ones for children.
 - d. educational helpers as long as they watch them less than 60 minutes daily.

3. For babies, watching TV is
 - a. not recommended as some programs damage their brains.
 - b. good because they can learn many words from it.
 - c. not helpful for learning to talk and interacting with people.
 - d. useful when they watch programs for babies alone.

4. Unlike parents, TV
 - a. makes babies laugh with funny stories.
 - b. corrects babies' speech without their noticing it.
 - c. helps babies' educational development.
 - d. can entertain babies but not interact with them.

5. For better brain development, parents should
 - a. let babies watch TV programs for children.
 - b. talk and interact more with babies.
 - c. let babies talk and play alone with the TV.
 - d. do things together with babies for at most an hour a day.

6 Read the following passage. Write T for the correct sentence and F for the incorrect sentence.

Pop culture, an abbreviation of popular culture, tends to be embraced mostly by the younger generations. Nevertheless, it reflects the society as a whole, and also has a connection with traditional culture. If we look at the romantic tales of early Japanese literature such as 'The Tale of Genji,' and the exaggerated depictions in the Edo Period *ukiyo-e*, it's easy to see how earlier forms of culture have influenced the *manga* and *anime* of today.

We can also see that Japanese society today invokes a strong work ethic, which likely contributes to the escapist plots common in *manga* and *anime*. Furthermore, many people have long train commutes in Japanese urban areas. Besides reading,

you will see numerous people on trains killing time on their cell phones. The latest cell phones are increasingly being used to download content, including pop music, games and *manga*.

It is important to note that aspects of Japanese pop culture have been embraced overseas. Some Japanese *manga* comic books have been translated and published overseas. Interestingly, the books read from right to left just as they do in Japan.

Japanese *anime* has certainly become well-known overseas. Many middle-aged Americans watched 'Astro Boy' and 'Kimba the White Lion' as children, both created by famed Japanese artist Tezuka Osamu. In modern times, the *anime* 'Pocket Monsters,' has been exported to over 50 countries. In 2002, Miyazaki Hayao won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature with a film titled 'Spirited Away' in English. In trademark Miyazaki fashion, the movie combined stunningly beautiful graphics, with a social message, and did so with a plot that can be enjoyed by both children and adults alike.

Costume play and the collection of character goods are two genres of popular culture that grew from *manga* and *anime*, and both are now widely practiced overseas. The people who most embrace the various aspects of popular culture are sometimes referred to as *otaku*, or geeks. The word *otaku* started out as an insult, but increasingly is used to refer to someone who has a passion about something — especially something related to pop culture.

1. 'Pop culture' is a short form for 'popular culture.'
2. Japanese pop culture is in a sense connected with its traditional culture.
3. Many of the people who have cell phones tend to take trains.
4. People in other countries also enjoy Japanese pop culture.
5. Japanese comic books read from left to right when they are translated into certain languages and published.
6. Many middle-aged Americans recently watched 'Astro Boy' and 'Kimba the White Lion' with their children.
7. More than fifty countries have imported 'Pocket Monsters.'
8. It is characteristic of Miyazaki Hayao's films that they are not only with beautiful graphics and enjoyable plots, but also with social messages.

9. Costume play and character goods collection are practical for people overseas.
10. The word '*otaku*' was originally used in order to praise the person who has a passion about something related to pop culture.

7 What do you do when you see an old man standing on a train? Write your opinion with around 100 English words.

