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I 次の英文(A)、(B)を読んで、下の問いの答えとして最も適切なものを(a)~(d)から1つずつ選びなさい。

(A)

Jazz is a unique genre of music that has become quite popular throughout the world. It originated in the United States. You may have heard the relaxing tones of jazz being played on a street corner or inside a coffee shop. Or if you are old enough to drink alcohol, you could go listen to jazz at a bar or a nightclub.

The most distinctive feature of jazz is its rhythm, in which the beats that are usually weak are emphasized. Just listen to the classic song *Take Five*, and you will be enchanted with its rhythmic sounds. The saxophone player deliberately shifts the normal metric accent to change its rhythm.

The saxophone is usually an essential part of the jazz ensemble, along with the trumpet, the bass guitar, and the piano. People say that the saxophone sounds similar to the human voice because of its mild tone. The saxophone was actually invented around the same time that jazz was born. The sounds of the saxophone truly complement the elements of jazz—this is probably why jazz bands so often include the saxophone.

Jazz has the power to stimulate the human brain in ways that awaken its pleasure centers. Its distinctive melody, rhythm, and tempo are able to invoke different moods and feelings. Some jazz can even help relieve depression or nervousness because of its relaxing effects. This is why jazz is often used as ambient music in offices, waiting rooms, and even elevators.

There is nothing like going to a live jazz performance. Being able to listen to talented musicians improvise and riff off each other can be the experience of a lifetime because each performance is unique and cannot be replicated. If you are a music lover, the wonderful world of jazz is certainly worth exploring.

Question(1) : According to the passage, which statement is true?

- (a) Jazz is a relaxing music created for adults only.
- (b) Jazz is a unique type of music created in America.
- (c) There is a specific rhythm called “take five” in jazz.
- (d) The saxophone was invented long before the birth of jazz.

Question(2) : Which of the following instruments is NOT mentioned in the passage as being included in a jazz ensemble?

- (a) The piano.
- (b) The saxophone.
- (c) The trumpet.
- (d) The violin.

Question(3) : According to the passage, which statement is true?

- (a) Jazz can stimulate the human brain in negative ways.
- (b) Jazz has a rhythm in which the weak beats are usually emphasized.
- (c) Jazz performers always maintain a metric accent.
- (d) There is a well-known jazz piece called *Metric Accent*.

Question(4) : According to the passage, which statement is true about live jazz performances?

- (a) A live jazz performance will never be the experience of a lifetime.
- (b) It is no use going to a live jazz performance.
- (c) Talented musicians will never improvise and riff off each other.
- (d) You will never hear the same performance twice.

Question(5) : According to the passage, which statement is true?

- (a) The sound of the bass guitar is similar to the human voice.
- (b) For music lovers, the fantastic world of jazz is well worth exploring.
- (c) Jazz is no help when you are depressed or nervous because it does not have a relaxing effect.
- (d) Young people have no chance to enjoy jazz because it is always played at places where alcoholic drinks are served.

(B)

Ireland is the third-largest island in Europe. It is sometimes called the “Emerald Isle” because of its beautiful green landscape and rolling hills. It is so green because it rains a lot and the weather is mild. People in Ireland often enjoy listening to live music, and the Irish harp and Irish fiddle are famous musical instruments around the world. The island of Ireland is divided into two separate territories: Northern Ireland (part of the United Kingdom) and the Republic of Ireland (an independent country). However, the entire island of Ireland has a long history that has been strongly influenced by religion.

The oldest known religion in Ireland was brought by the Celtic people from elsewhere in Europe. In the Celtic religion, people believed in many gods and goddesses, and their stories often explained their beliefs and ways of life. These stories are still a part of Irish culture today because they have been passed down through writing and storytelling over the centuries. Even though these stories are fiction, they help us understand what life was like in Ireland before Christianity was introduced.

In the early 5th century, Christianity was brought to Ireland. The most well-known missionary was Maewyn (Patrick) Succat. His aim was to spread his religion across the land. When Patrick was a young man, he was captured and forced to be a slave in Ireland for many years. However, he escaped and went to France to become a priest. After he returned to Ireland as a missionary, he had difficulty getting people to convert from the Celtic religion to Christianity. Nevertheless, Patrick was able to connect the ideas of Christianity and the Celtic religion. Eventually, this made it easy for the Celtic people to accept Christianity, and today most people in Ireland are Christian. In particular, around 78% of the population of the Republic of Ireland is Catholic.

After Patrick died, the Catholic Church eventually made him a saint for his efforts in spreading Christianity throughout Ireland. Today, he is known as St. Patrick. Many people believe he was the origin of some things that are still symbols of Ireland today. The Celtic cross is one such example. It is a

combination of a circle representing the Celtic sun god, Belenus, and the Christian cross. Another example is the shamrock as a symbol of Ireland, because St. Patrick is said to have explained the Christian idea of God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) using this plant with its three heart-shaped leaves. He even has his own holiday, known as St. Patrick's Day, which is celebrated on March 17th, not only in Ireland but also all over the world.

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Question(6) : According to the passage, which statement is true?

- (a) The island of Ireland is divided into more than one territory.
- (b) Ireland is famous for its green emeralds.
- (c) Ireland is the third-largest island in Eurasia.
- (d) *Irish Fiddle* is a well-known song around the world.

Question(7) : Of the following, which happened third in chronological order?

- (a) Patrick became a priest.
- (b) Patrick became a saint.
- (c) Patrick became a slave.
- (d) Patrick died.

Question(8) : According to the passage, which statement is true?

- (a) Over 80% of people in the Republic of Ireland are Catholic.
- (b) Patrick went to the European continent.
- (c) A shamrock is a song used to explain Christianity.
- (d) Stories in the Celtic religion are too old to tell us what early life in Ireland was like.

Question(9) : What does the passage NOT mention about Patrick?

- (a) His original name.
- (b) His birthplace.
- (c) His purpose for returning to Ireland.
- (d) The reason he was made a saint.

Question(10) : What is St. Patrick thought to have created?

- (a) A Christian idea of God.
- (b) The Irish harp.
- (c) A kind of cross.
- (d) A national holiday.

II 空所を埋めるのに最も適切な語句を(a)~(d)から1つずつ選びなさい。

- (11) Never ( ) seen such a beautiful flower.  
(a) I have in my life (b) in my life I have  
(c) in my life have I (d) have in my life I
- (12) I believe ( ) would be impossible for her to read that book in a day.  
(a) if (b) it (c) what (d) whether
- (13) The next bus will be ( ) crowded than this one.  
(a) as (b) a little (c) less (d) much
- (14) I had better sell my old computer ( ) it still works.  
(a) before (b) by (c) during (d) while
- (15) The car is making strange noises. It ( ).  
(a) has to repair (b) must repair  
(c) needs repairing (d) needs to repair

III (a)~(d)の語を空所に入れて英文を作るとき、\*印の空所に入る最も適切な語を(a)~(d)から1つずつ選びなさい。

- (16) We send medicine to ( ) ( ) ( \* ) ( ) from malaria.  
(a) are (b) people (c) suffering (d) who
- (17) That is a question ( ) ( \* ) yet ( ) ( ) answered.  
(a) be (b) has (c) that (d) to
- (18) Jason ( ) ( ) ( \* ) ( ) until 11 o'clock.  
(a) got (b) to (c) TV (d) watch
- (19) I am ( ) ( ) ( \* ) ( ) assistance.  
(a) for (b) grateful (c) so (d) your
- (20) This street ( ) ( ) ( \* ) ( ) the library.  
(a) lead (b) to (c) you (d) will

IV 次の会話(A)、(B)がそれぞれ成り立つように、最も適切なものを(a)～(g)から1つずつ選びなさい。

(A)

Meg : Do you have any hobbies, Teddy?

Teddy : (21)

Meg : So do I! My favorite one is *Terraforming Mars*.

Teddy : (22) Have you tried it?

Meg : Yeah, it's a bit complicated, but I like it. Have you played it a lot?

Teddy : (23)

Meg : That's all? You should play it again soon, before you forget the rules.

Teddy : (24)

Meg : You do? Hey, do you have room for one more player?

Teddy : (25)

Meg : Thanks! I can't wait!

- (a) Not as much as I'd like. Only about three or four times so far.
- (b) Sure, why don't you join us? It would be more fun with four people.
- (c) We need to find a better place to do that next time.
- (d) I love that game, but lately I prefer playing *Ark Nova*.
- (e) It's not a good idea to spend too much time playing video games.
- (f) In my free time I like cycling, but I especially love playing board games.
- (g) Actually, I have plans to do that next week with a couple of friends.

(B)

Two students are introducing themselves to each other in an English class.

Ren : Hi, my name is Ren. I like reading books and watching movies.

Duy : I'm Duy. I like movies, too. (26)

Ren : Wow, so you get plenty of exercise! Where are you from, Duy?

Duy : I'm from Vietnam.

Ren : (27)

Duy : About a year. (28) Then I came to Japan and studied at a Japanese language school before entering university.

Ren : Oh, that's interesting. Do you like living in Japan?

Duy : I do! Japanese people are very friendly. (29)

Ren : I'm sure you are!

Duy : (30)

Ren : I studied very hard in all of my English classes.

- (a) And I'm also learning a lot about Japanese culture.
- (b) In fact, I just saw a new one last week.
- (c) I also love sports. I play tennis every day.
- (d) By the way, your English is very good. What's your secret?
- (e) I've never been to Vietnam.
- (f) I graduated from high school in Vietnam.
- (g) How long have you lived in Japan?