英語

Ⅰ．次の文章を読んで、設問に答えなさい。

When I walk through streets in bustling[1] downtown areas, I fall under the impression （ A ） the world is made up of couples. Although this is not limited to the New Year holidays, be it in Shibuya or Harajuku, almost all the people I come across are couples. Of course, these people are out on the town braving[2] the cold （ B ） they have partners. In other words, they do not represent the entire picture.

According to a 2010 survey of single people between the ages of 18 and 34 by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research[3], 61 percent of men and 50 percent of women said they had no partners of the opposite sex. Compared with five years before, the percentages rose by 9 points for men and 5 points for women, and are the highest for both sexes since the survey started in the 1980s.

What is surprising is that nearly half of both men and women who had no partners said they do not particularly seek （１） romantic relationships with members of the opposite sex.[4] This is an age in which single people are free to enjoy themselves. （２） In the old days, it was considered that men and women become full-fledged[5] only when they get married, but such traditional perception is waning[6] --even the laws of nature[7] that draw people to the opposite sex seems to be getting weaker.

（３）One of the factors behind the trend is anxiety for the future. Young people's vague apprehensions for employment, pension and the environment are gradually getting clearer. It is difficult to start a family at a time when people don't even know what is going to happen to themselves. （４）This [be / instinct / must / a / also / of / biological] humans.

（５）Couples will not get together to prevent a national crisis. The order of cause and effect is clear. What stands between men and women are difficulties in actual life and anxiety for the future. （ C ） bemoaning[8] the declining birthrate, the government is urged to come up with measures to get people "in the mood."

[1]bustling：にぎやかな / [2]braving：～をものともしない / [3]the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research：国立社会保障・人口問題研究所の調査 / [4]the opposite sex：異性 / [5]full-fledged：立派に一人前になった / [6]wane：衰える/ [7]the laws of nature：自然の法則 / [8]bemoan：嘆く、悲しむ

問１ （ A ）、（ B ）に入る単語の組み合わせとして正しいものを、次のア～エから選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア (A) which　(B) because　イ (A) that　(B) and
ウ (A) that　(B) because　エ (A) because　(B) that

問２　下線部（ １ ）、（ ２ ）について、本文中の語意として最も適当なものをア～エから選び、記号で答えなさい。

（ １ ）　ア．依存関係　イ．恋愛関係　ウ．信頼関係　エ．需給関係
（ ２ ）　ア．かつて　イ．良き時代　ウ．数日前　エ．古い

問３　下線部（ ３ ）が指す内容として最も適当なものを、次の（ア）～（エ）から選び、記号で答えなさい。

（ア）　その背景にある要因の１つは、将来への期待である。
（イ）　その背景にある要因の１つは、将来への不安である。
（ウ）　その背景にある要因の１つは、将来への諦めである。
（エ）　その背景にある要因の１つは、将来への安心である。

問４　下線部（ ４ ）の[　]内の語を並べ替えて、意味の通る英文にしなさい。

問５　下線部（ 5 ）を和訳しなさい。

問６　（　C　）に入る最も適切なものを、次のア～エから選びなさい。

ア　After　イ　Under　ウ　Before　エ　During

Ⅱ．次のア～オを並べかえて１つのまとまった英文にし、その順番を記号で答えなさい。

I will tell you how to eat Zaru-soba noodles.　It's easy!

ア　Be careful not to soak them too long ― just dip the tips of the noodles.
イ　Take some soba noodles with your chopsticks.
ウ　Slurp the noodles.
エ　Lightly dip the noodles into the dipping sauce called *tsuyu*.
オ　In Japan, slurping is polite and shows that you are enjoying the food.

Ⅲ．次の会話について、文中の(　1　)～(　5　)に入れるのに適切なものをア～オから選び、記号で答えなさい。ただし、文頭に来るものも小文字にしてある。

A: Have you decided what to do after graduation?
B: (　1　).　I used to think I should go straight to graduate school.
A: (　2　)?
B: Talking to people who took different paths.　(　3　) started working first and said it helped them understand what they wanted.

A: So (　4　) before going back to school, right?
B: Yes.　I realized there's (　5　) to build a career.

ア　some of them
イ　not really
ウ　you're considering working
エ　more than one way
オ　what changed your mind

Ⅳ．次の文の（　　）に入れるのに最も適切なものを、それぞれ下の語群から選び番号で答えなさい。

（ア）The professor emphasized the importance of critical thinking, without which students would find it difficult to (　　) complex arguments.
1 grasp　2 insist　3 approve　4 pretend

（イ）Not until the results were announced (　　) that the experiment had failed.
1 we realized　2 did we realize　3 we had realized　4 had we realized

（ウ）The new policy was introduced in order to (　　) the growing gap between rich and poor.
1 narrow　2 expand　3 divide　4 separate

（エ）She spoke so quietly that I could hardly make (　　) what she was saying.
1 up　2 out　3 over　4 for

（オ）(　　) the heavy rain, the outdoor concert was held as scheduled.
1 Because　2 Although　3 Despite　4 Since

（カ）The company decided to postpone the project (　　) the lack of sufficient funding.
1 resulted from　2 due to　3 owing to　4 caused by

（キ）It was not until he left the country (　　) she realized how much he meant to her.
1 which　2 that　3 when　4 what

（ク）The scientist devoted his life to research (　　) little attention to his personal comfort.
1 paying　2 to pay　3 paid　4 having paid

（ケ）The rumor turned out to be false, (　　) surprised no one who knew the facts.
1 which　　2 what　　3 that　　4 it

（コ）Students are encouraged to question information rather than accept it (　　) at face value.
1 shortly　　2 simply　　3 barely　　4 rarely

Ⅴ．日本文を参考にして[　]内の語を並べ替え、意味の通る英文にしなさい。ただし、文頭に来る語も小文字にしてある。

（１）彼がその考えを拒否したのは驚くべきことだった。
[that / he / idea / the / rejected / was / surprising / it].

（２）テクノロジーが私たちの生活を変えたという事実は否定できない。
[no / there / denying the / fact / is / that / technology / has / changed] our lives.

（３）もしもっと早く真実を知っていたなら、私は違った行動を取っていただろう。
[had / truth / I / earlier / the / known], I would have acted differently.

（４）彼が来るかどうかは天気次第だ。
[on / depends / not / will / or / whether / come / he] the weather.

（５）勉強すればするほど、良い結果が得られる。
[the / study / more / you / better / the / you / results/ , / get / will] .

英語正解解答例

Ⅰ(30 点)

問１	ウ 4 点	
問２	(1) イ 3 点	(2) ア 3 点
問３	(3) （イ）3 点	
問４	This【（must also be) (a biological instinct of)】humans. 8 点 どちらかのカッコ内が出来ていれば、4 点	
問５	カップルは国の危機を防ぐために付き合う（一緒になる）のではない。7 点	
問６	ウ 3 点	

Ⅱ（5 点 部分点あり）

イ → エ → ア → ウ → オ

Ⅲ（3 点×5＝15 点）

1	イ	2	オ	3	ア	4	ウ	5	エ

Ⅳ（2 点×10＝20 点）

ア	1	イ	2	ウ	1	エ	2	オ	3
カ	2	キ	2	ク	1	ケ	1	コ	2

Ⅴ（6 点×5＝30 点）

(1) [It was surprising that he rejected the idea].

(2) [There is no denying the fact that technology has changed] our lives.

(3) [Had I known the truth earlier], I would have acted differently..

(4) [Whether he will come or not depends on] the weather.

(5) [The more you study, the better results you will get].

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