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第 1 問 Read the following passage and choose the most appropriate answer from **a ~ d** for each question.

The ocean contains many strange and (1) creatures. One such creature is the puffer fish. This very strange fish is probably the most poisonous creature in the ocean. The poison that this fish produces is 275 times more poisonous than the chemical which is usually used to kill rats.

The puffer fish gets its name from (2) the fish protects itself from enemies. Whenever it is attacked, the fish blows up its body to three times its normal size!

(3) strange thing about this fish is the fact that it cannot swim like other fish. Because it does not have bones like other fish, the puffer fish can only move slowly through the water as it is carried by waves.

The puffer fish also has funny teeth. These teeth stick out of the fish's mouth and are used by the fish to open the shells of the creatures that live on the ocean floor.

This strange, ugly, and very poisonous fish is actually a very expensive kind of food in Japan. The Japanese call this fish "fugu," and people have been known to (4) \$150 per person to eat a fugu meal.

Very brave people want to eat the most poisonous part of the fugu fish (5) purpose. They think that this part of the fish tastes the best! Strict laws control restaurants which serve fugu; (6), quite a few people have still died from eating fugu. Almost 200 people have died from fugu poisoning in Japan over the past 25 years.

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問 1 Which best fills in the blank (1)? 1

- a surprise
- b to surprise
- c surprising
- d surprisingly

問 2 Which best fills in the blank (2)? 2

- a the way
- b the place
- c who
- d which

問 3 Which best fills in the blank (3)? 3

- a Each of
- b Another
- c The other
- d All the

問 4 Which best fills in the blank (4)? 4

- a buy
- b cost
- c pay
- d sell

問 5 Which best fills in the blank (5)? 5

- a by
- b for
- c to
- d on

問 6 Which best fills in the blank (6)? 6

- a however
- b namely
- c despite
- d nor

第2問 Read the following conversation and choose the most appropriate answer from a ~ d for each question.

(Scene: at the front door of the Brown home. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Brown.)

Mrs. Brown George, will you please come home early tonight?

Mr. Brown Well, dear, I intended to go to the golf ^{*1}driving range after work tonight.

Mrs. Brown Oh, I'm afraid that's impossible. You've got to come home early.
(2).

Mr. Brown But, Mary, you know I always practice golf on Thursdays. What's so special about tonight?

Mrs. Brown I have something planned.

Mr. Brown Do your plans require me here?

Mrs. Brown Yes, George. You're absolutely ^{*2}indispensable. Just this once I want you to (4) your golf.

Mr. Brown Do you mind telling me what you have planned? After all, I have an appointment with Jack Jones and I'll have to cancel it.

Mrs. Brown I'm afraid I can't tell you, George. You'll just have to trust me when I tell you you must come home.

Mr. Brown I'm afraid you're being ₍₅₎unreasonable, Mary. You can't expect me to cancel a golf date when I don't even know the reason why.

Mrs. Brown If you'd stop and think for a moment, you could figure out the reason for yourself. ₍₆₎What day is today?

Mr. Brown Why, it's Thursday.

Mrs. Brown No. I mean what *day* is it?

Mr. Brown Oh! It's not our anniversary, is it? Don't tell me I've forgotten again!

Mrs. Brown No, it's not our anniversary. Honestly, you men are impossible. What would you do without us women?

Mr. Brown Now, dear, you know I'm busy at the office and can't remember everything.

Mrs. Brown We women are just as busy at home. But our memories aren't so short.

Have you honestly forgotten what day this is, or are you just teasing me?

Mr. Brown Honestly, dear, I have no idea.

Mrs. Brown It's your birthday, George. Your thirtieth birthday.

Mr. Brown It is? You mean I'm that old already?

Mrs. Brown Yes. I was going to have a surprise party for you, but you've ruined it just on account of your golf.

Mr. Brown Well, dear, that's very kind of you. I really (7) more cooperative.

Mrs. Brown Yes. But even though it won't be a surprise, you'll have to come home early anyway. I've invited all the guests.

Mr. Brown (8). I never turn down a party. But there's just one thing.

Mrs. Brown What's that?

Mr. Brown This is April, isn't it?

Mrs. Brown Yes. But what's that have to do with it?

Mr. Brown Nothing. Except my birthday came in March.

[Source: Clark, William L. *Spoken American English (Advanced Course)*]

Notes: *¹driving range (ゴルフ) 練習場

*²indispensable 必要不可欠な

問 1 What was Mr. Brown's original plan for Thursday evening? 7

- a To return home early
- b To play golf after work
- c To help his wife
- d To work late

問 2 Which best fills in the blank (2)? 8

- a That's more like it
- b That's all there is to it
- c That's all right
- d That's all for today

問3 Why did Mrs. Brown want her husband to come home early? 9

- a Because she wanted to talk with him about golf.
- b Because she had made a plan to go to a restaurant.
- c Because she didn't like him to be late for an appointment.
- d Because she had a special plan for him.

問4 Which best fills in the blank (4)? 10

- a sacrifice
- b persist
- c value
- d remember

問5 Why did Mr. Brown say that his wife was “(5)unreasonable”? 11

- a Because she didn't tell him the reason for calling off his plan.
- b Because he was tired of listening to what she said about his work.
- c Because she didn't let him know when she would come back.
- d Because she asked him to postpone his appointment with Jack.

問6 What did Mrs. Brown want her husband to remember, when she said to him,

“(6)What day is today?”? 12

- a The day of the week
- b The day of their wedding
- c The day of his birth
- d The day of her trip

問7 Which best fills in the blank (7)? **13**

- a will not be
- b should have been
- c need not have been
- d have been

問8 Which best fills in the blank (8)? **14**

- a With pleasure
- b After you
- c Good for you
- d Don't mention it

問9 What is true about this conversation? **15**

- a Golf was more important to Mr. Brown than his family.
- b Mrs. Brown regretted that her memory was as short as her husband's.
- c Mr. Brown had a surprise party on his birthday.
- d Mrs. Brown misunderstood her husband's birthday.

第3問 Read the following passage and choose the most appropriate answer from **a ~ d** for each question.

If you could have one wish come true, what would it be? My guess is that a lot of young people would probably wish for things like wealth, fame, or power and status. However, elderly people, especially those that are already financially secure, would most likely wish for something else: their health.

Being healthy in old age often ^{*1}equates to ^{*2}defying the aging process, whose effects and diseases impact people from all walks of life. In that sense, ⁽²⁾aging is truly the great equalizer. It doesn't seem to matter how rich, famous or powerful a person is, there is really no sure-fire way of escaping ^{*3}Father Time. While ^{*4}affluent people may have a higher standard of medical care and perhaps more opportunities to be educated about health issues, there really are no guarantees when it comes to health.

One thing for certain is that the search for the proverbial “fountain of (3)” remains stronger than ever. Some people actually believe they have found it in the magic of ^{*5}plastic surgery. For instance, Jennifer Smith, a middle-aged woman who lives in Los Angeles, California, has had both a nose job and a ^{*6}tummy tuck procedure done in the past year. “I feel so great now, as if I have shaved twenty years off my age,” she boasted after her second surgery.

Other people such as Fred Jones, a retired man living in Miami, Florida, insist that age is just a mental state, and if you act young, you will feel young. True to this ^{*7}mantra, Fred is easy to spot at Miami night clubs with his grey pony tail, caricature t-shirts and ripped blue jeans on full display. “Just because I am a grandfather doesn't mean that I have to settle into my rocking chair and wait to die; age is really just a number and I intend to live each day to the fullest,” he said emphatically.

Over time, medical research has consistently shown that ^{*8}longevity is linked to two important factors: food and fitness. First, concerning food intake, the ^{*9}rationale is that if you consistently eat healthy, you will live longer. You might have heard the expressions “You are (7) you eat” or “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.”

These common expressions demonstrate how much people tend to associate food with health. It is no ^{*10}coincidence that the Japanese, who have among the healthiest diets in the world (based around vegetables, fish, rice and noodles), consistently have among the world's longest life expectancies.

In addition to eating right, fitness is a key component to maintaining one's health. In general terms, keeping fit simply means maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes frequent exercise as well as the avoidance of habits which have harmful effects on one's health, such as smoking and drinking. By making a ^{*11}concerted effort to live healthy lives, people can greatly reduce the risk of having medical complications in the future.

[Source: Ogasawara, Shinji, et al. *The World We Live In*]

Notes: ^{*1}equate 同等とみなす ^{*2}defy 抗う ^{*3}Father Time 時の翁
^{*4}affluent 裕福な ^{*5}plastic surgery 形成外科 ^{*6}tummy tuck 腹部形成
^{*7}mantra スローガン ^{*8}longevity 長寿 ^{*9}rationale 理論的根拠
^{*10}coincidence (偶然の) 一致 ^{*11}concerted effort 一致協力

問 1 What would people tend to wish for? 16

- a The young wish for good medical care.
- b The young would like to have social security.
- c The old long for good health.
- d The old prefer to be wealthy.

問 2 What does “(2)aging is truly the great equalizer” imply? 17

- a No one gets a pass for aging.
- b Wealthy people can delay the speed of aging.
- c Knowledge of medicine is useful to prevent aging.
- d People can find the secret of aging.

問3 Which best fills in the blank (3)? **18**

- a wisdom
- b energy
- c fame
- d youth

問4 Which is true about Jennifer Smith? **19**

- a She went to a fitness club every day.
- b She shaved her hair to have surgery.
- c She wore makeup three times a week.
- d She had medical operations for two body parts.

問5 Which is true about Fred Jones? **20**

- a He believes that age depends on how we feel about it.
- b He is full of energy when he is in a crowd.
- c He runs many night clubs in Miami.
- d He sits in a rocking chair given to him by his grandchildren.

問6 What factors are connected to a long life according to medical investigations?

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- a Mind and body
- b Medical procedures and checks
- c Diet and exercise
- d Sleeping longer and eating well

問7 Which best fills in the blank (7)? 22

- a which
- b that
- c why
- d what

問8 Which is true as a feature of Japanese cooking? 23

- a It should always be connected to fitness.
- b It has a positive effect on longevity.
- c It always requires cooking vegetables, fish, rice and noodles.
- d It uses the same ingredients as that of other countries.

問9 What does the author say about fitness or exercise in this passage? 24

- a The younger generation can keep a healthy lifestyle without fitness.
- b Neither smoking nor drinking causes any health problems if people exercise every day.
- c Fitness helps people keep healthy and can be a factor in preventing diseases.
- d Nothing has as good an influence on health as fitness.

第4問 Read the following passage and choose the most appropriate answer from **a ~ d** for each question.

With nearly a billion vehicles now on the road worldwide, and a million and a half annual traffic ^{*1}fatalities, improving road safety is a high-priority global goal. Common sense and conventional thinking tell us that the safest roads are straight, flat, and wide, offering a clear view of the way ahead. Most traffic-safety experts go along with this view. They maintain that straightening streets, widening shoulders, and putting up more and more traffic signs and signals make a road safe. But according to *Psychology Today*, a growing number of ^{*2}iconoclastic traffic engineers now say we've got it all wrong.

Ian Lockwood, an American traffic engineer, and Hans Monderman, a Dutch traffic consultant, are two such ⁽³⁾outside-the-box thinkers. "If you build something that looks like a highway, every instinct in a driver's body tells him to go fast," Lockwood says. "A straight road is like a ^{*3}gun barrel, so ⁽⁴⁾drivers drive like bullets." Monderman, meanwhile, puts it like this: "A wide street with a lot of traffic signs is telling a story. It's saying, go ahead, don't ^{*4}fret, go as fast as you want, there's no need to pay attention to your surroundings. And that's a dangerous message to be sending." To put it another way, the more ^{*5}perilous a road appears, the more careful drivers will be — and the safer the road becomes.

⁽⁶⁾This new alternative approach is catching on, with many cities in Europe and in North America putting it into practice. They are making their roads and streets appear more dangerous by cutting visibility and taking out curbs and guardrails. Some cities have added on-street parking and bike lanes or planted roadside ^{*6}foliage to create the illusion of a narrower road. Others have erected middle-of-the-road fountains and islands to ^{*7}obstruct the view of the horizon. And some have gotten rid of traffic signs altogether.

The results speak for themselves. For example, Latton, a small city in Wiltshire in the United Kingdom, removed the center dividing and lane lines from all its main streets. This simple step has slowed the average car speed by twelve kilometers per hour and

cut traffic accidents by a full 35%. Likewise, Christianfield, a city in Denmark, recently redesigned a major traffic intersection. It installed a traffic circle and fountain and took down most of its traffic signs. The result? Accident-related injuries on the spot have plunged from eight per year to just one, and annual deaths from three to zero.

Implementing this “psychological traffic calming,” as *Psychology Today* calls it, will go a long way toward making our roads as safe as possible until the ultimate traffic-safety advance, the “smart car,” becomes a reality.

[Source: Knudsen, Jim, et al. *Global Concepts: English for International Understanding*]

Notes: *¹fatality 死者 *²iconoclastic 因習打破主義の *³gun barrel 銃身
*⁴fret 思い悩む *⁵perilous 危険な *⁶foliage 葉
*⁷obstruct さえぎる

問 1 What is the reason for improving road safety worldwide? 25

- a There are one hundred thousand cars on the road.
- b There are tremendous traffic accidents that result in human deaths.
- c There are almost a billion traffic accidents every year.
- d Every year about 1,500 deaths are caused by traffic accidents.

問 2 Which is believed to be necessary for safe roads in addition to their structural features? 26

- a Traffic police officers
- b The strict speed limit
- c Good visibility
- d Heavy traffic volume

問 3 What does “₍₃₎outside-the-box” mean here? 27

- a common
- b imaginary
- c unconventional
- d traditional

問 4 What does “₍₄₎drivers drive like bullets” imply? 28

- a Drivers make their cars go straight.
- b Drivers exceed the speed limit.
- c People drive wildly.
- d People drive with roaring sounds.

問 5 What thought do Lockwood and Monderman have in common? 29

- a Drivers hesitate to drive fast on highways.
- b Straight roads with a lot of traffic signs are safe to drive on.
- c The safest roads don't require us to pay by electronic money.
- d For drivers' safety, carefulness should be required.

問 6 What is NOT mentioned as an example of “₍₆₎This new alternative approach”?

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- a Removing leafy plants from streets and roads
- b Installing obstacles in the middle of the road
- c Removing all the traffic signs
- d Adding bicycle lanes to streets and roads

問7 Which result was found in the United Kingdom? **31**

- a The number of deaths and injuries decreased.
- b The speeds of the cars and the number of car accidents decreased.
- c The amount of traffic on every road increased.
- d The number of installed traffic lights increased.

問8 How did Christianfield improve road safety? **32**

- a By offering a clear view of the way
- b By straightening streets and widening their shoulders
- c By sending drivers some important messages by email
- d By changing the pattern of a crossroad

問9 What is the conclusion of this passage? **33**

- a Psychological traffic calming will be the only effective way to maintain traffic safety.
- b Smart cars will be of primary importance to keep roads safe in the future.
- c Maintaining traffic safety is based on how we honestly follow the traffic rules.
- d What experts say about traffic safety should always be respected.