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〔注 意〕

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- ②チャイムの鳴り始めが「始め」、「終わり」の合図です。
- ③問題用紙は合図があるまで開いてはいけません。
- ④試験開始後、受験番号・氏名を記入しなさい。
- ⑤問題・解答用紙に不審な点があれば黙って手を挙げなさい。
- ⑥解答が終わっても試験終了時間まで退出できません。
- ⑦試験中、体調不良などで連絡のあるときは黙って手を挙げなさい。
- ⑧冊子の裏側にも注意事項があるので読んでおきなさい。

受験番号	
氏 名	

1 次の英文を読み、後の問いに答えなさい。

Long time ago, a cat lived in the castle with the royal* family. Her name was Princess Cat, and she was a very beautiful cat with fluffy* white hair and sky-blue eyes. She understood very well that she was beautiful, because everyone was always saying **(1)so**, and she always felt there was something special about her. In fact, she was quite certain that she was as royal as any human prince* or princess*.

Now, the one person in the castle who did not stop to admire* her or scratch* her behind the ears was the King's oldest son. He wasn't interested in the cat at all, so she was very angry. Princess the cat could do nothing **(2A)to get** his attention and to win his admiration*.

When he was sitting in the garden under a tree, she climbed it up and meowed* in distress* and pretended* that she was stuck and did not know how to return to the ground. Surely the prince would help her? But no. At first, he ignored* her. And then he moved to another spot in the garden because her meows* could not disturb* him there.

Once she went into his bedroom and sat down on his pillow*. She was comfortable there. But when he came to bed and saw her, he clapped* his hands and told the servant* to remove the pillow and the cat, and to bring him a fresh pillow without any cat hairs on it.

So, all of her attempts* to be noticed, admired, and loved by the prince, ended in dismal* failure*.

One day a human princess visited the castle. His eyes followed her everywhere she went.

Princess Cat certainly noticed how he was enchanted* by the human princess. And she was so sad that she went to hide down in the dark cellar*. The mice lived there. It was the only place she could go and could not hear the music and the laughter* of the ball* that was taking place* in the grand hall. The happy sounds made her sad, because she wasn't included in the human merry-making*.

Down in the cellar, she cried to herself.

"So, he hardly* notices Me! Correction*. He does not notice me one little bit! But when SHE's around, his eyes are stuck to her like glue*. What has she got that I haven't? Her eyes are grey* like a rainy day, but mine are sky blue. Her hair is

straggly* brown, like mud*, but mine is all white and fluffy. And she walks like she is wearing clogs*, but I walk elegantly*. And have you heard her voice? She laughs like a hyena*, and she's not as smart as I am. The only thing she's got that I haven't is that she's a human.

It's so unfair. (3) [a human / , / he / love / were / if / would / I / me], not her. I know he would. He wouldn't be able to stop himself falling right in love with me. If only* I was a human princess. This isn't fair to us cats!"

Now, many old things were kept in the cellar. These included a statue of the goddess* of love, Aphrodite*. This Aphrodite heard that the cat was meowing pitifully* to herself and she spoke through the darkness.

"You are right. If only you were a human princess, he would fall in love with you at first glance*."

"Well, someone agrees (4a) me," meowed back the cat princess. "But it's not helpful, because I will never be a human princess. He'll never look (4b) me."

"Not so," answered Aphrodite. "Love conquers* all when I'm around. So, stop all this pitiful meowing. Get up! And go back to the ball!"

Princess the cat was cheered up by the words of the goddess, and so she rose to her four feet. (5)Not to her 4 feet, but to her 2 feet. And there was a swish of silk* and a gust of rose scented perfume*. This was strange. She didn't feel like this before.

She climbed the stairs back to the ground floor of the castle. And when she stepped back into the hallway*, right in front (4c) her was a mirror. She looked into the mirror and saw herself. She became a beautiful princess with sky-blue eyes and beautiful white hair.

She went into the hall just when the young people were looking for the next dance partner. Princess Cat, now human, was very glad (2B)to see that the Prince looked at her. He forgot the other princess and came to her and asked her for the next dance. And of course, she had perfect balance and danced most gracefully*. The couple danced together during the night, and in the morning, the young prince went to see his father the king (2C)to say that he was in love and wanted to marry the mystery* princess. The king who would do anything for his eldest son readily* agreed and set the wedding* day in a month.

During the month away, the former* cat went to live in the cellar, so nobody would see her and everybody would believe that she was a real human princess. She spent the time happily talking to Aphrodite about love, and wasn't hungry, because

there were a lot of mice in the cellar.

On the day of her wedding, Aphrodite dressed her in a wonderful dress and did her hair like a fairy tale* princess. And she prepared a golden chariot* pulled by a pair of white horses to carry her up the hill to the temple of Aphrodite. And there, the wedding was going to take place.

The people came from all over the country and cheered! At the gates of the temple, she stepped down from the chariot and many people were delighted* by her beauty — all except for* one, and that was the other princess that the prince lost interest in so suddenly at the dance hall.

The mystery Princess who was formerly a cat was escorted* into the temple by the king's top general*. The prince was waiting (4d) her at the altar*. **(6)The moment she dreamed of for so long** would almost arrive!

But oh no! As Princess Cat was walking up the aisle*, she saw a mouse out of the corner of her eye! A little mouse came into the temple on her wedding day! Soon she caught him and gobbled* him up. The guests didn't see it before! **(7)They were shocked and amazed!**

When the princess cat realized her mistake, she felt ashamed*. And she ran up a tree and jumped onto the wall of the temple. Then, she jumped down the other side and ran into the forest, now changed, once again into a cat. (4e) a while, she sneaked back into* the castle to start her life again as a pampered* cat. It was much better than living alone in the forest. And she never again wished that she could be human.

出典: The Vanity Cat. From Storynory.com

*[注]

royal: 王族の	fluffy: ふわふわの	prince: 王子
princess: 王女	admire: 賞賛する	scratch: (頭などを) 掻く
admiration: 賞賛	meowed: 「(ニャーと) 鳴く」の過去形	distress: 不安
pretended: 「ふりをする」の過去形	ignored: 「無視する」の過去形	meows: 鳴き声
disturb: 邪魔する	pillow: まくら	clapped: 「手を叩く」の過去形
servant: 召使い	attempts: 「試み」の複数形	dismal: 悲惨な
failure: 失敗	was enchanted: うっとりした	cellar: 地下室
laughter: 笑い	ball: 舞踏会	was taking place: 行われていた
merry-making: お祭り騒ぎ	hardly: ほとんど～ない	correction: 訂正
glue: のり	grey: 灰色	straggly: ボサボサ
mud: 泥	clogs: 「下駄」の複数形	elegantly: 優雅に

hyena: ハイエナ	If only: ～でさえあれば	goddess: 女神
Aphrodite: アフロディーテ (ギリシャ神話の女神)		pitifully: 哀れに
glance: 一目	conquers: 征服する、勝つ	
a swish of silk: シルクがシュッと揺れる音		
a gust of rose scented perfume: バラの香水のふわっとした香り		hallway: 廊下
gracefully: 優雅に	mystery: 謎の	readily: すぐに
wedding: 結婚式	former: 以前の、元～	fairy tale: おとぎ話
chariot: 馬車	delighted: 喜んだ	except for: ～を除いて
escorted: 付き添われた	general: 将軍、付き人	altar: 祭壇
aisle: 通路	gobbled: 「ガツガツ食べる」の過去形	ashamed: 恥ずかしい
sneaked back into ～: 「～にこっそり帰ってくる」の過去形		pampered: 甘やかされた

- 下線部 (1) が指す内容を本文中の英語 3 語で答えなさい。
- 下線部 (2A)、(2B)、(2C) と同じ用法の不定詞を含む文を次からそれぞれ選び、番号で答えなさい。
 - He went to the department store to buy a present for his mother.
 - I was sad to hear the news.
 - I hope to see you again.
 - She has a lot of homework to do today.
- 下線部 (3) の語句を意味が通るように並べかえなさい。ただし、文頭にくるべき語も小文字にしているので、必要に応じて大文字にしない。
- (4a) ～ (4e) に入る適当な語を下記から選び、番号で答えなさい。ただし、文頭にくる語も小文字にしておき、同じ番号が使えるのは 1 回限りとする。
 - at
 - of
 - for
 - with
 - after
- 下線部 (5) は主人公が具体的にどのようなことになったことを表しているか。日本語で 10 字以内で説明しなさい。

6. 下線部 (6) はどのような瞬間かを具体的に日本語で答えなさい。
7. 下線部 (7) の理由として最も適切なものを一つ選び、番号で答えなさい。
1. Princess Cat が見違えるほど美しくなっていたから。
 2. 急にねずみが飛び込んできたから。
 3. Princess Cat が塀を乗り越えて行くのを目撃したから。
 4. Princess Cat がねずみを捕まえて、食べてしまったから。
8. 次の英文は本文から得られる教訓であるが、下線部の語の本文の内容に適する意味をそれぞれ選択肢から選び、番号で答えなさい。
- This story goes to show that a person or an animal can change his or her (A)appearance, but it's much harder to change their true (B)nature.
- (A): 1. 出現 2. 外見 3. 大きさ
(B): 1. 環境 2. 自然 3. 本質
9. 本文の内容と一致するものを次から2つ選び、番号で答えなさい。小さい数字から順に記入すること。
1. The royal family had a cat with fluffy white hair and sky-blue eyes.
 2. Princess Cat could get the prince's attention when she didn't know how to return to the ground.
 3. Because the prince's servant changed the pillow, the cat was comfortable.
 4. Princess Cat went to the dark cellar because she didn't want to hear the laughter of the ball.
 5. The prince felt sad because Princess Cat became human princess.
 6. The human princess who was formerly a cat could marry the prince.

2 次の各組で、下線部の発音が他の3つと異なる語を1つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1. 1. father 2. bad 3. cat 4. hat
2. 1. love 2. money 3. phone 4. done
3. 1. sea 2. clean 3. head 4. leave
4. 1. either 2. thank 3. thought 4. math

3 次の英文の()に入れるのに最も適切なものを1つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

1. Can Kenta () English well?
1. speaks 2. speak 3. spoke 4. speaking
2. I () my lunch when you called me.
1. ate 2. eating 3. am eating 4. was eating
3. Mike has a book () in French.
1. wrote 2. written 3. writing 4. write
4. There () some beautiful parks in our town.
1. is 2. was 3. have 4. are
5. This book is mine, and that one is ().
1. her 2. hers 3. she 4. she's
6. A: How () is it from your house to the airport?
B: About an hour by car.
1. far 2. about 3. many 4. much
7. My brother is () in my family.
1. as tall 2. the tallest 3. taller 4. more taller
8. I left my umbrella at school, so I () one from my friend.
1. lost 2. borrowed 3. sold 4. made

9. I'm going to () my friend at the airport today. He is coming back from America.

1. grow up 2. come up 3. pick up 4. set up

10. A: Thank you for the nice present.

B: ().

1. Yes, please 2. I'm sorry 3. You are right 4. You're welcome

4 次の各組の英文がほぼ同じ意味になるように、()に入る適切な1語を答えなさい。

1. Be quiet in the library.

= You () be quiet in the library.

2. He started playing the game two hours ago. He is still doing it.

= He has () playing the game () two hours.

3. My brother likes to take pictures. It is his hobby.

= () pictures () my brother's hobby.

4. Mr. Ito is our music teacher.

= Mr. Ito () () music.

5 次の日本文に合う英文になるように、()に入る適切な1語を答えなさい。

1. 今日、宿題をしなくてもいいですよ。

You () () to do your homework today.

2. 私は彼の誕生日パーティに招待された。

I () () to his birthday party.

3. こんなきれいな絵を見たことはありません。

I've () () such a beautiful picture.

4. 暗くなる前に帰ってきなさい。

Come home () () gets dark.

5. 遅れてごめんなさい。

I'm sorry () () late.

6. 何をすべきか教えてください。

Please tell () () () do.

7. こちらは昨日時計を買った男の人です。

This is the man () () the watch yesterday.

8. 明日はあなたに会うことができますよ。

I will () () () () you tomorrow.

6 次の日本語に合うように、次の〔 〕内の語（句）を並べかえて正しい英文を完成させなさい。ただし、文頭にくるべき語も小文字にしているので、必要に応じて大文字にしない。

1. 私の家族をあなたに紹介させてください。

[me / my / introduce / family / let] to you.

2. 本を読むことは若者にとって大切なことです。

[to / is / young people / important / it / for] read books.

3. 何のスポーツがあなたは得意ですか。

[at / you / sports / are / what / good] ?

7 次の日本語を英文にしない。

1. あなたと一緒にいけるといいのですが、今日はとても忙しいんです。

2. あなたにひとつ質問をしてもいいですか。