

2021 年度
同朋大学 1 期 (A 方式) 選抜試験
英語 問題用紙

【注意事項】

1. 試験開始の合図があるまで、問題用紙は開かないこと。
2. 解答は、解答用紙に記入すること。
3. 「始め」の合図とともに、解答用紙の所定欄に、受験番号と氏名を記入すること。

I 次の文章を読み、下記の設問に答えよ。

“Railway Carriages”

It was a hot afternoon, so it was hot in the railway carriage.

The passengers in the carriage were a small girl, a smaller girl and a small boy, and their aunt, who sat in one corner of the carriage. In the other corner sat a young bachelor who was a stranger to them. He thought that the aunt and the children had poor conversational skills, because everything the aunt said began with “Don’t” and everything the children said began with “Why.”

The small boy began to hit the cushions on the seat, making little clouds of dust. “Don’t, Cyril. Come and look out of the window,” said the aunt. The boy went slowly to the window and looked out.

“Why is that man chasing the sheep from one field into the next?” he asked.

“I suppose he is taking them to get some more grass,” suggested the aunt.

“But there is just as much grass in this field as in the next field.”

“Perhaps the grass in the next field is better.”

“Why is the grass in the next field better?”

“Oh, look at those cows!” said the aunt.

The bachelor frowned. Then the smaller girl began to sing.

She only knew one line of the song, but that didn’t matter to her because she just sang the same line again and again. The aunt saw the bachelor frowning and told the children to come to her so that she could tell them a story. The children did not seem excited, but they went to her and listened as she began a boring story about a little girl who was very good and was therefore everybody’s friend. The children kept interrupting with questions, but finally heard that the little girl was saved from a bull because her rescuers thought she was such a good girl.

“Wouldn’t they have saved her if she wasn’t a good girl?” asked the bigger of the two girls. That was exactly the question that the bachelor had in his mind.

“They probably wouldn’t have run so fast,” said the aunt.

“That’s a stupid story,” said the bigger girl.

“It was so stupid that I stopped listening after the first bit,” said Cyril.

The smaller girl made no comment because she was softly singing her song again.

“You’re not very good at story-telling,” said the bachelor.

“It’s very difficult to tell a story that young children both understand and enjoy,” replied the aunt in an annoyed way.

“I don’t agree,” said the bachelor.

“Perhaps you would like to tell them a story then,” said the irritated aunt.

“I will. Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Bertha, and she was very good.” The children were already beginning to lose interest, but the bachelor continued. “Bertha did everything that she was told, always told the truth, kept her clothes clean, ate all her food, learned all her lessons perfectly, and was always polite.”

“Was she pretty?” asked the bigger girl.

“Not as pretty as any of you, but she was remarkably good.

She was so good that she won three medals, which she always wore on her dress. One for obedience, another for being on time, and the third was for politeness. They were large medals, and they clinked together when she walked. So everybody saw how good she was.”

“Remarkably good,” said Cyril.

“The Prince heard of her goodness and told her that because she was so good she could walk in his park once a week. No children were ever allowed in the park, so it was a very special reward for Bertha.”

“Were there any sheep in the park,” asked Cyril.

“No,” said the bachelor.

“Why not?” asked Cyril. The aunt smiled.

“Because the Prince’s mother had once dreamed that her son would be killed either by a sheep or by a clock falling on him. That’s why the Prince had no sheep in his park and no clocks in his palace.” The aunt was very impressed.

“Was the Prince killed by a sheep or a clock?” asked Cyril.

“The Prince is still alive, so we don’t know if the dream will come true or not. There were no sheep in the park, but there were lots of little pigs. There were no flowers either, which made Bertha very sad. She had promised her aunt that she wouldn’t pick any of the Prince’s flowers, but how could she keep her promise if there were no flowers to pick?”

“Why weren’t there any flowers?”

“Because the pigs had eaten them all. The Prince liked pigs better than flowers, so he kept the pigs and had no flowers.”

The children all thought the Prince was very wise.

“There were lots of other nice things in the park, however, and Bertha enjoyed walking in it and thinking how glad she was that she was so good, and her three medals clinked against each other on her dress. Just then, a huge wolf came into the park looking for a fat little pig for dinner.”

“What color was it?”

“It was a mud color with a black tongue and angry, gray eyes. The first thing it saw was Bertha because her dress was so white that you could see it from miles away. Bertha saw the wolf and began to wish that she had never been allowed into the park. She ran as quickly as she could, but the wolf chased her. She hid in some bushes, and the wolf couldn’t find her, but then she moved, and her three medals clinked together. The wolf heard them. He ran into the bushes, dragged Bertha out, and ate her. All that was left were her shoes and her three medals for goodness.”

“Were any of the pigs killed?”

“All the pigs escaped.”

“The story had a bad beginning but a good ending,” said the smaller girl.

“It is the most beautiful story I have ever heard,” said the bigger girl.

“It is the only beautiful story I have ever heard,” said Cyril.

The aunt thought it was a very bad story, but she didn’t dare to say anything.

Saki (retold by Pieter Koster). *Classic British Short Stories*,
Compass Publishing, 2009 より抜粋

Note: a bachelor: 独身男性
to interrupt: 割り込む
be irritated: 不機嫌になる
obedience: 従順

問 1. 本文の内容と一致するものには記号 T を、そうでないものには記号 F を
選び答えよ。

1. This story is taking place on a bus.
2. The Bachelor does not know this family.
3. The reason the shepherd relocate the sheep to the next land is that there
are wolves.
4. The bachelor starts to tell his story because the aunt's story is boring.
5. Bertha is the name of the smaller girl.
6. The reason Bertha has medals is that she is an excellent child.
7. The Prince invites Bertha to his garden for her beauty.
8. The children do not like the bachelor's story because the main character
dies.

問 2. 本文にもっとも当てはまるものを A~D のうち一つ選び、記号で答えよ。

1) Who is Cyril in this story?

- A. The aunt
- B. The small boy
- C. The small girl
- D. The smaller girl

2) Why does the aunt say "Oh, look at those cows!"?

- A. Because it is unusual to see a cow.
- B. Because she is having trouble with the children asking her questions.
- C. Because she knows that the children love cows.
- D. Because the cows are fighting with the sheep.

3) How is the wolf able to find its hidden prey?

- A. The wolf heard the clatter of her medals.
- B. The wolf heard her sneeze.
- C. She jumps out of her hiding place.
- D. The wolf mimics the prince's voice and lures her out.

- II** 次の記事を読み、下線を引いた語句の文中の意味として最も近いものを A～D の中から一つ選び記号で答えよ。

Dogs

Dogs are probably people's oldest friends. Dogs and wolves share the same ancestors. But dogs and wolves began to split into separate groups around 100,000 years ago. Dog-keeping began either in China or the Middle East much later. Between 9,000 and 14,000 years ago, dog bones and human bones were buried together in Europe, Asia and North America. Burying dogs with humans may be to show the importance of dogs.

Scientists have a few ideas about how dogs became tame. No one knows the right answer for sure. One idea is that humans found orphaned wolf cubs and raised them with human babies. Over time, the offspring of the wolf cubs evolved into dogs. Another idea is that wolves became tame by coming near human camps for food. Maybe wolves wanted the food and bones near the camps. So they grew used to being near humans. Or humans may have used wolves for food, fur or work, like pulling sleds. Eventually this led to taming them.

1) ancestors

- A. assemble B. animals C. roots D. successors

2) the Middle East

- A. Africa B. Western Asia
C. India D. Eastern Europe

3) orphaned wolf cubs

- A. baby wolves with no parents B. some body parts of a wolf
C. the clubs for hunting wolves D. the tools used to tame wolves

4) like

- A. love B. similar C. when D. except

III 次のメモを読み、各問に A～D のうち一つ選び記号で答えよ。

MEMO

From: Tim Miller, Personnel Manager
To: All staff
Date: February
Re: All-Staff Meeting

Today, I would like to announce that the all-staff meeting will be held next month at the headquarters in New York. As you know, the meeting last year was a great success. At this meeting the recipient of the employee of the year award will be announced. Now all the managers are evaluating their team members and at the beginning of March the winner will be decided.

The board of directors and the representatives from the overseas branches will also be there. Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Marsh, is going to make a short speech and present the award.

After the staff meeting, there will be a congratulatory party for the winning employee and all other employees.

1) What is the purpose of this memo?

- A. To profile an employee
- B. To announce a company event
- C. To introduce a new branch
- D. To review the evaluation process

2) What will be announced at the event?

- A. A new CEO
- B. A new product
- C. A personnel change
- D. A winner of the award

3) What will Mr. Marsh do at the event?

- A. Get an award
- B. Meet a client
- C. Deliver a speech
- D. Receive a promotion

IV 次の会話文について、各問に対するもっとも適切な答えを 3 語 (three words) 以内で答えよ。

Harry:	Hi, Janet!
Janet:	Harry. What's up?
Harry:	You know that research project we have to do for Professor Farley's class? Have you started it yet?
Janet:	Started it? I'm almost done.
Harry:	Really? I'm having trouble. Do you think you could help me?
Janet:	You're going to need a lot of help. It's due next Thursday.
Harry:	I know.
Janet:	And It counts for 40 percent of our final semester grade.
Harry:	I know! So I could really use your help. So, what topic did you choose?
Janet:	I did my research about people's TV watching habits.
Harry:	You mean which programs they watch?
Janet:	Yeah, and how often they watch. It was really interesting.

- 1) When is the research project due?
- 2) Which class are they taking?
- 3) What percentage of the final grade does it count for?
- 4) What topic did Janet choose?

V 各文の []内の語句を最も適切な順に並べかえ、完成した英文を書きなさい。

- 1) The letter [by / to / was / friend / me / handed / my] .
- 2) He [chairperson / the / be / committee / elected / of / will] .
- 3) I [next / to / book / return / promise / your / week] .
- 4) I [my / felt / foot / touch / right/ something] .
- 5) He [at / his / hotel / stolen / had / the / camera] .