

令和4年度入学試験問題（前期日程）

英 語

（中等教育教員養成課程 英語専攻）

注意事項

1. 解答は、すべて別紙解答紙の所定の箇所に記入すること。
2. すべての解答紙に、必ず受験番号を記入すること。
3. リスニングの放送は試験が始まってから30分以降に行う。

[1] Please read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

(1 4 0 点)

Making the choice to have a pet is a big decision for some people. Taking care of an animal can be a full-time job. Today, in the United States, it has become more common to adopt a pet, like a dog or a cat, from an animal shelter rather than to buy one from a pet store. There are many reasons why doing so is beneficial for not only the new owner, but also for the pet.

One important benefit is that by adopting a pet, you are basically saving a life. If the pet has been in the shelter for very long, the chances of the pet being euthanized (humanely killed) become greater. Another advantage is that new owners often save a lot of money by adopting a pet from a rescue shelter. In many cases, the animals are given a clean bill of health, vaccinated, and often spayed or neutered, a medical procedure that stops them from reproducing in the future. These medical-related costs can be quite expensive if one was to go to a breeder or pet store to get a pet, not to mention the high cost of buying a purebred cat or dog. In Japan, a purebred dog or cat can cost anywhere from 150,000 – 400,000 yen, whereas a rescue pet can be purchased for the cost of 10,000 – 15,000 yen.

In general, studies have shown that having a pet can extend the owner's life, while also improving a person's overall well-being and general health. Basically, a pet makes a person happier, reducing depression, stress, and anxiety, as well as other ailments, like high blood pressure. For example, the affectionate nature of dogs as social animals naturally encourages the animals to form a close relationship with their owners. Stroking a pet has been known to reduce a person's blood pressure levels, and actively playing with pets can increase the person's levels of serotonin and dopamine, body chemicals that aid in making people feel happier, calmer, and more relaxed. Also, walking a dog has health benefits for the owner by offering a daily exercise routine and an opportunity to get out of the house, which creates opportunities for socializing

because dogs naturally attract attention from passersby who often make comments to the owner or stop to pet the dog.

If the owner has children, having a pet can teach many valuable life skills to the children, such as responsibility in caring for another living, breathing creature. Also, providing an unwanted animal with a loving home gives the children a sense of empathy. This can make the children feel more secure and safe, knowing they have a pet, which serves as a companion and playmate, waiting for them when they arrive home.

One advantage of adopting a pet is the unconditional love it will give without judgment. Giving a pet its “forever home” (a permanent place to live) forms a bond between the animal and owner that is very strong because pets who are rescued tend to be very appreciative and seemingly understand that they were rescued from the shelter and given a warm, happy, comfortable home.

When adopting a pet from an animal rescue shelter, it is best not to go in with a specific breed or type of animal in mind. It is important to go with an open mind because there is a wide variety of animals that are waiting to be adopted, and this changes daily as new animals arrive and as other animals are rehomed or adopted. For example, you could fall in love with a breed or type of animal that you would have never imagined or considered, but because the animal was there when you went, you had a connection with it and decided to adopt it. Also, many people have a preconceived idea that they want a puppy or a kitten, dismissing the option of adopting an older animal.

Oftentimes, older animals are less likely to have behavioral problems, like destroying furniture, than a younger pet that may require lots of training. Older pets are normally house trained and settled, requiring less supervision from the beginning. Also, older pets are often calmer in their behavior and quite happy to just sit on your lap or beside you, demanding less attention and needing less physical activity due to their age. In addition, older pets tend to have more developed personalities than puppies and kittens, which means that you have a better idea when first meeting at the shelter if you will be able to bond with the pet and are more suited to one another. A puppy or a kitten, like a child, gradually develops its personality, and it is hard to predict what that will be

until it matures.

Adopting from a shelter is important in controlling the animal population. Shelters normally spay and neuter all animals that come to them, so they won't contribute to the problem of an increased animal population, which can eventually lead to more animals finding their way to rescue shelters. Reducing the number of animals that are getting pregnant and having more babies is a benefit of adopting a pet from an animal shelter.

(問1) Adopting pets from shelters has become more common in the United States. In Japanese, please give two important benefits of adopting pets from shelters as mentioned in the article.

(問2) According to the author's opinion, which type of adopted pet is more convenient for owners, an older animal or a younger one? Why? Please answer in English.

(問3) When you have a pet, how can a relationship between the pet and the owners be helpful in improving the owners' lives? Please give four examples in English.

(問4) When adopting a pet from an animal shelter, why is it important to do so with an "open mind"? Please answer in Japanese using examples from the passage.

(問5) Please explain how adopting from a shelter is also important in controlling the population of animals. Please answer in Japanese.

(問6) Adopting a pet from an animal shelter can have very important advantages. You are going to write a radio announcement to advertise an animal shelter and the benefits of adopting an animal. Please write around 100 words in English.

[2] After reading the passage below, please write approximately 150 words
in English on the following question: (1 3 0 点)

Do you think that people's native language affects the way they think a lot, a little, or not at all? Please give reasons and evidence for your position.

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参考文献 : Garfield, Bob and Vuolo, Mike (hosts), "Fisherman's Whorf" (iTunes App), Lexicon Valley

〔3〕 リスニングテスト (130点)

(問1) これから英語のモノローグを聞かせます。下線部を埋めて英文を完成させなさい。モノローグは2回流します。

Jigsaw Puzzles

I am a big fan of jigsaw puzzles. When I engage in this activity, I feel as if I am in a deep sea of calmness, free from everyday anxiety, and conscious of the (ア) _____. After I finish each corner of the puzzle, I take a picture of it and send it to my friends, who respond with ironical and skeptical emojis. What do they know?

Jigsaw puzzles are an obviously (イ) _____. The Guinness record holder of the largest jigsaw puzzle collection lives in Brazil, and she only owns 147 jigsaw puzzles. Anyone can surely beat her just by purchasing 148.

Interestingly, (ウ) _____ have been widely acknowledged. They are given to stroke survivors to regain their logic and motor skills. Mental health charity organizations recommend jigsaw puzzles as useful distractions for people going through crises.

Jigsaw puzzles were called “dissections” when they were first invented in the mid-18th century by a map maker. He created a puzzle out of an actual map. He mounted a map on a piece of hardwood and cut around the borders of the cities or counties with a fine blade saw. (エ) _____.

In the 1930s, after the world-wide economic meltdown, many people became jobless. Expensive trips to theaters and restaurants were no longer options. People needed something to do (オ) _____ — something cheap, something entertaining, something that eased their anxiety of an uncertain future. Jigsaw puzzles met these needs, and by 1933, they sold 10 million every week in the United States.

It’s a fairly inexpensive pastime, too. Now one-thousand-piece jigsaw

puzzles are sold for about 3,000 yen brand new in Japan, but I get them at recycle shops for less than 500 yen. When I finish a puzzle, I am overwhelmed by a sense of achievement. However, for me, it's more about the process of completing it than about the final product. Especially under the coronavirus pandemic, it is high time ^(た) _____.

(問2) これから3人の大学生 (Tag, Riko, Manny) の会話を聞かせます。3人はパーティーの会場の一角で話をしています。(ア) から (エ) の問いにすべて英語で答えなさい。会話は2回流します。

(ア) What do the yellow card and red card do?

<i>Yellow card</i>	
<i>Red card</i>	

(イ) Tag says, "We can't play Scruples with only two people." Why is this? Why is the third person necessary?

(ウ) How would you describe each person's personality or character in the conversation? The answer for Manny is already given as an example.

<i>Person</i>	<i>Description</i>
Tag	
Riko	
Manny	<i>He is socially awkward, shy, and honest. He is also a serious student.</i>

(エ) Would you like to play Scruples? Why or why not? Please answer in about 60 words.