

I. Listen to each conversation twice and choose the best answer.

- (1) For what did Megumi go to Okinawa?
1. To go to the beach
 2. To visit her grandparents
 3. To swim in the sea
 4. To attend her sister's wedding
- (2) How long does the man have to wait?
1. 30 minutes
 2. 45 minutes
 3. 1 hour
 4. 2 hours
- (3) How is the man going to go to the airport?
1. By train
 2. By bus
 3. By taxi
 4. By his friend's car
- (4) Where is the playground located?
1. Near Gate A
 2. Near the information counter
 3. Near the stairs
 4. Near the restaurant
- (5) How much money is the man going to *withdraw? *withdraw:引き出す
1. \$500
 2. \$1,000
 3. \$1,500
 4. \$2,000
- (6) What is the woman going to buy?
1. The charger with a short cable
 2. The phone case
 3. The smartphone
 4. The charger with a long cable
- (7) How much is the monthly membership fee?
1. \$30
 2. \$60
 3. \$600
 4. \$800
- (8) When does the swimming pool close?
1. 5:00 pm
 2. 6:00 pm
 3. 8:00 pm
 4. 9:00 pm
- (9) How many nights does the woman want to stay in the hotel?
1. 3 nights
 2. 4 nights
 3. 5 nights
 4. 6 nights
- (10) Where is the boy's section in the toy store?
1. Around the entrance
 2. Next to the entrance
 3. Next to the girl's section
 4. In the center of the store

2. Choose the best answer for each blank.

- (1) We () good friends.
1. am
2. is
3. are
4. be
- (2) Aki () his name.
1. isn't know
2. don't know
3. doesn't know
4. not know
- (3) I () a teacher 5 years ago.
1. become
2. became
3. come
4. came
- (4) We enjoyed () performance.
1. they
2. their
3. them
4. themselves
- (5) A: What time is it now?
B: () is 5:00 pm.
1. This
2. That
3. They
4. It
- (6) A: () is your favorite teacher?
B: I like Mr. Tanaka. He is a great teacher.
1. Who
2. What
3. Where
4. Why
- (7) I watched a very popular movie last night, but I thought the movie was ().
1. bored
2. boring
3. excited
4. exciting
- (8) I will visit my grandparents () the winter vacation.
1. during
2. with
3. while
4. to
- (9) My chair is made () wood.
1. in
2. by
3. at
4. of
- (10) We enjoyed () in the lake this summer.
1. swim
2. swimming
3. swam
4. to swim

3. Write "O" if the sentence is correct. If the sentence is wrong, write "X."

- (1) English is a very important subject, isn't it?
(2) She has to get there by 7:00 am.
(3) I asked him to help my brother.
(4) Mr. Tanaka bought us some chocolate.
(5) The woman talking with her husband is my sister.
(6) There is a small cat under the desk.
(7) I am in the two grades of high school.
(8) My mother stopped cooking to answer the phone.
(9) The baby is crying very hard.
(10) She likes to practice the piano.

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions.



- John: Hey, look at this poster. It's about a Rakugo club. Do you know what Rakugo is?
- Anna: Yeah, I've heard of it and I have been interested in it for some time. It's a kind of comedy show form of traditional Japanese storytelling. The performer sits on a cushion and tells humorous stories. He also often plays several characters.
- Michael: That sounds exciting! I'm interested in this club, but can we Americans understand the meaning? The stories are in Japanese, right?
- John: Well, according to the poster, there are English explanations as well. And also it will help us learn more Japanese through Rakugo.
- Michael: You're right. Learning Japanese with Rakugo can be fun. It's not just about the language but it's also about understanding Japanese culture. Rakugo has been loved for a long time by people and reflects the humor and values of Japanese society.
- John: I read somewhere that Rakugo stories often have everyday situations, like misunderstandings between neighbors or funny happenings at shops. The performer uses just a Japanese folding fan called Sensu and a piece of cloth called Tenugui to represent different objects. It's amazing, isn't it?
- Anna: And the part I was surprised at the most is that one performer plays all the characters by changing his voice and body language. (①)
- John: I agree. The poster says Mr. Emiemitei is the instructor. Have you ever seen him performing? I have seen him on TV before and he was so good. I'm sure that he can teach us very well. He can teach us some Rakugo techniques. He's a professional Rakugo performer.
- Michael: It's held every Saturday morning for two hours, and it only costs (9) . That's pretty reasonable.
- John: Plus, it's held at the (10) , which is easy to get to. What do you guys think? Should we try it? (②)
- Anna: I'm in! It sounds like a unique opportunity to learn something new about Japan and have fun at the same time.
- Michael: Same here. Let's join together. We can help each other if we are in trouble with the Japanese.
- John: Good idea. (③) Let's email them at rakugoclub@example.com to sign up.

- (1) What is the best explanation of rakugo?
1. A kind of comedy show form of traditional Japanese storytelling
 2. A type of Japanese food served during festivals
 3. A modern dance style popular among young people in Japan
 4. A type of musical instrument used in Japanese music
- (2) What does Michael mean when he says learning Japanese with Rakugo can be fun?
1. He thinks Rakugo is easier than Japanese.
 2. He thinks it is fun to learn language and culture at the same time.
 3. He likes learning through music and performance.
 4. He thinks that Japanese grammar is very interesting.
- (3) What part of Rakugo surprised Anna the most?
1. Wearing various kinds of clothes
 2. Speaking Japanese
 3. Using music
 4. One performer playing different characters
- (4) Why might Mr. Emiemitei, a professional Rakugo performer, be a big reason for students to join the club?
1. Because he is famous for his funny performances all over the world.
 2. Because learning from a professional means they will get good training.
 3. Because Mr. Emiemitei speaks fluent English, so the lessons will be easier.
 4. Because Mr. Emiemitei only teaches children.
- (5) What did John mean by when he said "Good idea"?
1. Rakugo helps with pronunciation practice.
 2. They can help each other if they are in trouble with Japanese.
 3. They should send email to sign up.
 4. It's a unique opportunity to learn something new about Japan.
- (6) Where does the following sentence best fit in the conversation (①)~(③)?
"It requires a high skill to do that. We might need to practice a lot."
- (7) Fill in the blank: The Rakugo Club provides ___ to help participants understand the stories.
1. Japanese translations
 2. Video recordings
 3. English explanations
 4. Detailed handouts
- (8) Fill in the blank: In Rakugo, the performer usually uses ___ to show different things.
1. a folding fan and a piece of cloth
 2. various musical instruments
 3. colorful stage backdrops
 4. puppets and masks
- (9) (10) Choose the best phrases to fill in the blanks (9) and (10) in the passage.
1. every Saturday
 2. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 3. ¥2,000 per month
 4. Sakura Community Center

5. Look at the picture and answer the following question in ONE sentence. Start the sentence with the word in ().

What is the boy doing? (He)



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