

英 語 問 題

2023年 2 月 5 日

自 13 : 30

至 14 : 30

答案作成上の注意

1. 英語のページは

英	1
---	---

 から

英	10
---	----

 までである。
2. 問題は

問題 1

 から

問題 4

 までである。
3. 解答は、すべて解答用紙の指定された欄に、記入すること。
4. 受験番号は、指定された箇所に必ず記入し、氏名その他解答以外のことを解答用紙に書かないこと。

問題 1

以下の英文を読み、問いに答えよ。

Comfortable Changes to Office Wear

As Americans slowly return to the office, they are rethinking their clothing choices at work. After two years of working from home in exercise clothes, many people now want to be comfortable while looking professional in the office. Some people are experimenting with^{*1} new looks. And companies are trying to keep up with the demand for (1) “business comfort” clothing.

Kay Martin-Pence works for a drug company in Indianapolis. The 58-year-old used to wear structured^{*2} business clothes, like dress pants^{*3} and blazers^{*4}, and high-heel shoes to work before the pandemic. Now she wears comfortable clothes, including stylish jeans and flowing^{*5} shirts, along with lower-heel shoes. “Being comfortable is more important than being super structured,” said Martin-Pence. She added that she will never wear dress pants to the office again.

Adam Galinsky is a social psychologist at Columbia Business School. (2) He studies the connection between what people wear and how they think. Galinsky said that people will knowingly^{*6} think about what they will wear to the office. (3) They may compare themselves to others and think about the situation they are in. He said that back-to-work clothes are still a social experiment and (4) the decision of what to wear could go either way. “My guess is that it will go more casual, but maybe it doesn’t,” Galinsky said.

The most common kind of shoe for the workplace is sneakers. And even though sales of dress shoes have increased slightly, sales are still 34 percent lower than in 2019. The increase is likely to come from more social gatherings^{*7} and not workplaces.

Rent the Runway, a rental clothing company, said that (5) rentals of blazers are two times higher than last year because people are returning to work. But people are choosing more colorful and lightweight clothes. Traditional business wear rentals are still down by about 50 percent compared to pre-pandemic rentals.

For men, there is an increase in sports pants^{*8} for office wear, the personal shopping company Stitch Fix said. From January to March of 2022, money from sales of those styles increased three times. There is a high demand for comfortable shirts and pull-on pants. Now there are more pants with stretchy waistbands on the Stitch Fix website than buttons or zippers.

Brooks Brothers produced few casual clothes before the pandemic. Now the 200-year-old company has 45 percent of its offerings in casual sportswear. Ken Ohashi is the new owner of Brooks Brothers. He says that colorful and comfortable clothes are here to stay^{*9} for men.

As more workers want to feel comfortable in their work clothes, some are excited to dress up again. One such worker is 42-year-old Emily Kirchner of Stevensville, Michigan. She said she is spending money on new clothes that include blue jeans, shirts, and even blazers. As a mother of a young child, she wants to feel her best when she leaves the house. “⁽⁶⁾It’s kind of fun to dress up,” Kirchner said. “It’s kind of like that back-to-school^{*10} feeling.”

[注]

are experimenting with^{*1} ～を試している

structured^{*2} はっきりとした形のある, かっちりした

dress pants^{*3} 職場など公的な場所で着用するズボン

blazers^{*4} ブレザー

flowing^{*5} ゆったりとした, ゆったり垂れた

knowingly^{*6} 抜け目なく

gatherings^{*7} 集まり

sports pants^{*8} ウェストがゴムのズボン

are here to stay^{*9} 定着している

back-to-school^{*10} 新学期の

(出典: VOA/*Voice of America*. May 07, 2022. 一部改変)

問1 下線部(1)の“business comfort” clothingとは、どういう着こなしをすることなのか？冒頭から下線部(1)までの英文の中から、具体的に言及している箇所を見つけ、それを日本語で説明せよ。

問2 下線部(2)を日本語訳せよ。

問3 下線部(3)を日本語訳せよ。

問4 下線部(4)は「何を着るべきかの決断はどちらに転んでもおかしくない」という内容だが、“either way”とは具体的に何と何を意味しているのか？言及している箇所を見つけ、それを日本語で説明せよ。

問5 下線部(5)を日本語訳せよ。

問6 下線部(6)のitは何を指しているか？本文中の英語で答えよ。

問7 以下の文(1)～(5)のうち、本文の内容に合っているものに1を、それ以外の場合は2を解答欄に記せ。ただし、(1)～(5)のすべてに同じ番号を記したものは採点の対象としない。

- (1) Kay Martin-Pence has never worn structured business clothes to the office.
- (2) A lot of men rarely wear sneakers at their workplaces these days.
- (3) According to the personal shopping company Stitch Fix, money from sales of the comfortable styles such as sports pants for office wear increased from January to March of 2022.
- (4) Casual sportswear produced by Brooks Brothers now comes to 45 percent of the company's products.
- (5) Since Emily Kirchner of Stevensville, Michigan wants to feel comfortable in her work clothes, she doesn't want to dress up again.

問題 2

以下の英文の（ ）に入る最も適切なものを，それぞれ 1 から 4 の中から選び，その番号を記せ。

(A) () from here to the station?

1. How it is far 2. How is it far 3. How far it is 4. How far is it

(B) Anna found () difficult to convince Michael.

1. it 2. he 3. him 4. herself

(C) Don't forget () us when you arrive at Chitose airport.

1. call 2. called 3. calling 4. to call

(D) We () at Sapporo in ten minutes.

1. are arrived 2. will be arrived
3. will be arriving 4. would be arrived

(E) Please submit the assignment to me () March 1st.

1. till 2. until 3. as soon as 4. no later than

(F) We were looking for the house () the composer used as his summer house.

1. who 2. that 3. when 4. where

(G) If I () you, I would follow her advice.

1. be 2. is 3. were 4. should be

(H) I wonder () so mad at me.

1. why is she 2. why she is 3. that is she 4. that she is

(I) Her songs always make ().

1. me cry 2. cry me 3. me to cry 4. to cry me

(J) The train () departed when we arrived at the station.

1. has already 2. had already
3. has already been 4. had already been

問題 3

以下の会話文(A)～(J)を読み、()に入る最も適切な文を選択肢
1～10 から選び、番号を記せ。

(A)

A : How often do you see your grandparents?

$$B : (\quad)$$

A : Really?

B : Yeah, they live with us.

(B)

A : What did you think of the movie?

B : I liked the story.

$$A : ($$

B : Well, some parts were not so interesting.

(C)

$$A : ($$

B : Me, too. Do you want to go downtown?

A : That sounds good.

B : Let's catch the next bus.

(D)

A : Do you want to do something this weekend?

B : If I have time.

$$A : ($$

B : Yeah, I'm going to help my dad.

(E)

A : ()

B : That's a good question.

A : Was it recently?

B : I think it was three or four years ago.

(F)

A : ()

B : Um, the chain came off my bike.

A : Do you need help?

B : No, I can do it.

(G)

A : How long have you lived in Sapporo?

B : ()

A : Where did you live before?

B : I lived in Hakodate.

(H)

A : Do you have a car?

B : Yeah, I do.

A : Is it a good size?

B : ()

B : Yes, my mom and dad, an older sister, and me.

B : Um, I got him at an animal shelter.

1. I thought it was a bit boring.
2. When was the last time you took a trip?
3. Are you going to do something?
4. I've had him for three years.
5. I'm bored.
6. What's the problem?
7. There are four of us.
8. Um, it's big enough for four people.
9. Um, a couple of years.
10. Um, all the time.

問題 4

以下の日本語の意味を表す英文になるように（ ）内の語句を並べ替え、（ ）内で3番目と5番目にくる語句の番号を解答欄に記せ。ただし、（ ）内では文頭の大文字も小文字にしてある。

- (1) あなたに重要なお話があります。

I (1. you 2. tell 3. important 4. to 5. something 6. have).

- (2) 彼らは赤ちゃんを Ray と名付けるつもりです。

(1. they 2. name 3. baby 4. Ray 5. will 6. their).

- (3) このクラスに Pat より足が速いものはいない。

(1. faster 2. Pat 3. no 4. runs 5. one 6. than) in this class.

- (4) 彼らは人でいっぱいの列車に乗っていた。

They (1. of 2. were 3. people 4. on 5. a train 6. full).

- (5) 今日になってはじめて私はその手紙に気がついた。

(1. today 2. it 3. until 4. was 5. that 6. not) I noticed the letter.