

第1問 次の英文を読み、問いに答えよ。

As little children, most of us were taught the virtue of honesty from fairy tales and other stories. The story of Pinocchio, who begins life as a puppet, teaches us the importance of telling the truth. The boy who lied by “crying wolf” too many times lost all his sheep as well as the trust of his fellow villagers. In the story of young George Washington, who lied about cutting down the cherry tree, we learn that ① he earns his father’s praise only when he admits what he has done. [ア] we know that “honesty is the best policy,” why do we often lie in our everyday lives? The fact is that we lie for many reasons.

We sometimes lie to minimize our mistakes. While it’s true that we all make blunders* sometimes, some of us don’t have the courage to admit them because we might be blamed for the errors. For example, students might lie to their teachers about unfinished homework. They might say that they [イ] the work at home when, in fact, they didn’t even do the work. These students don’t want to seem irresponsible*, so they make up an excuse — a lie — to save face.

Another reason we lie is to get out of situations that we don’t want to be in. If we just don’t want to attend the dorm* meeting early on Saturday morning, we might give this excuse: “I’ve been fighting off a cold all week, and I need to sleep on Saturday morning, but I’ll be sure [ウ] the next meeting.” We lie because [ア. believe イ. cause ウ. problems エ. telling オ. that カ. the truth キ. we ク. will]. We may feel an obligation* to maintain good relations with our dormmates*. When we don’t know how to say no and face whatever problems that may cause, we often use lies to avoid difficulties.

However, lies are not always negative; in fact, two kinds of lies can yield* positive results. The first is commonly [エ] as a “white lie.” We tell white lies when we don’t want to hurt other people’s feelings. For example, if a good friend shows up with an unflattering* new haircut, we could be truthful and say, “That haircut looks awful. It doesn’t suit you at all!” Instead, we are ② more likely to lie and say, “I like your haircut. It looks good on you,” and spare our friends’ feelings. The second kind of positive lie is the “protective lie.” This one can help us get out of or avoid dangerous situations. Parents often teach their children to use this kind of lie. For example, parents tell their children not to say that they are home alone if they receive phone calls from strangers. In this situation, lying can prevent harm or disaster.

People lie for many reasons, both good and bad. However, before we resort* to lying to cover up mistakes or to avoid unpleasant situations, perhaps we should rethink our motives* for lying. We never know when our lies might be exposed and cause us embarrassment or the loss of people's trust.

注

blunders	失敗、しくじり
irresponsible	無責任な
dorm	寮
obligation	義務、責務
dormmate	同じ寮の人
yield	生み出す
unflattering	不格好な、見た目が良くない
resort	頼る
motives	動機、真意

問1 下線部①と②の意味に最も近いものを1～3のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

① he earns his father's praise

1. 父親の為に賞金を得る
2. 父親に褒められる
3. 父親の信頼を得る

② more likely to lie

1. 嘘をつく可能性が高い
2. より好まれやすい嘘をつく
3. より多くの嘘をつく

問2 下線部が意味の通る自然な英文になるように、[] 内のア～クの語句を正しい順序に並べ替え、2番目と5番目の記号を答えよ。

We lie because [ア. believe イ. cause ウ. problems エ. telling オ. that
カ. the truth キ. we ク. will].

問3 英文中の空所 [ア] ~ [エ] に入れるのに最も適切なものを1~3のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

[ア]

1. But 2. Even though 3. However

[イ]

1. leave 2. leaving 3. left

[ウ]

1. attend 2. attending 3. to attend

[エ]

1. reference to 2. referred to 3. refer to

問4 次の1~5のなかから本文の内容に合っているものを二つ選び、番号で答えよ。

1. We sometimes don't have the courage to lie to make excuses.
2. We sometimes lie in order to escape from unwanted situations.
3. Often the lies that hurt others are called white lies.
4. Children should learn how to tell lies and protect themselves through stories.
5. Although there are reasons to lie, we should still be careful and think again.

第2問 次の各文の空所に入れるのに最も適切なものを1～3のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

ア. He has a car, () he doesn't drive.

1. because 2. but 3. so

イ. You should close the door () you go out.

1. despite 2. even 3. if

ウ. Philip has a good reputation among his classmates () his excellent works.

1. although 2. due to 3. during

エ. Please bring the umbrella just () case.

1. for 2. in 3. on

第3問 次のア～カの日本語のことわざに相当する英語のことわざを1～6のなかから選び、番号で答えよ。

- ア. 石の上にも三年
- イ. 蓼食う虫も好き好き
- ウ. ちりも積もれば山となる
- エ. 働かざる者食うべからず
- オ. 七転び八起
- カ. 人間万事塞翁が馬

- 1. A man's walking is a succession of falls.
- 2. Fortune is unpredictable and changeable.
- 3. Many drops make a shower.
- 4. No pain, no gain.
- 5. Patience wears out stones.
- 6. There is no accounting for tastes.

第4問 次の各文の空所に入れるのに最も適切なものを1～3のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

ア. For the elderly, taking part () community activities is important for a healthy life.

1. by 2. in 3. on

イ. He has made () thanks to the new leader's guidance.

1. congress 2. problem 3. progress

ウ. To be () with you, what matters most is the process of learning, not the result.

1. fond 2. frank 3. friend

エ. It is no () stopping him because he has decided to go.

1. usage 2. use 3. used

第5問 次の会話文を読み、問いに答えよ。

Morris : Ok, we've got one week until our best friend Ruth's birthday party. It's a major one, she's turning 16! Do you have any ideas in mind?

Jules : When we were younger Ruth used to love to roller skate. I was thinking that we could plan a gathering at Skate Park Land.

Morris : [A]! Oh wait... is it still there?

Jules : Ah, that's a great question. Let me check really quickly... It looks like it was demolished last year.

Morris : [B]. I used to love going there, too.

Jules : I know what you mean. She also likes the trampoline park. Why don't we try there, [ア]?

Morris : [C]. I'll look it up on my phone... yep, it's there, and it looks like it can be reserved on Saturdays. Shall I look into it?

Jules : That'd be great!

Morris : Ok, I'll look into [イ] a reservation and see how much the fees are.

Jules : [D], we need to invite some other friends. I'll get to it. I'll let you know how many people are coming.

Morris : Great. Once we know who's coming I'll make a group reservation and let [ウ] know how to get there. It looks like they can get there by train.

Jules : Sounds like a plan!

問1 本文中の空所 [A] ~ [D] に入れるのに最も適切なものを1～4のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

1. Give me a moment
2. In that case
3. That's an awesome idea
4. That's a shame

問2 本文中の空所 [ア] ~ [ウ] に入れるのに最も適切なものを1~3のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

[ア]

1. however 2. instead 3. therefore

[イ]

1. booking 2. chairing 3. jumping

[ウ]

1. anyone 2. everyone 3. no one

問3 次の1~6のなかから本文の内容と合っているものを三つ選び、番号で答えよ。

1. Jules and Morris discovered that the trampoline park is closed.
2. Jules is in charge of inviting people to the party.
3. Jules wants to have a party at the skate park, but not Morris.
4. Morris and Jules want to have a party at the skate park, but it is gone.
5. People can access the trampoline park using public transportation.
6. The trampoline park can be reserved for a group only on Sunday.