

英 語

第 1 問 次の英文を読み、問いに答えよ。

When I was a child in California, I was accustomed to ① (see) my father in the kitchen. He used to make himself fried chicken as an afternoon snack. He had his own ideas about when to put bacon in a hot frying pan and how to make scrambled eggs. He always made his own coffee, and he didn't hesitate to (ア) take his turn at washing the dishes, the same as the women.

So, I was baffled* when I got married and my Japanese mother-in-law laid down the law. She claimed that it made her sick to her stomach to see a man (especially her son, my husband) standing and working in the kitchen. Why? I wondered. Everybody eats, so why shouldn't everybody share the work of food preparation? When my sons were born, she made it clear that she didn't approve of me teaching them simple cooking and cleaning skills. Since I didn't want my house to become a battleground, I succumbed*—even though, since I didn't have a daughter, it meant never having any help in the kitchen.

(イ) Fast forward to today. My husband is happy to wash the dishes when necessary, and enjoys whipping up* his signature cuisine*, like “gyoza” or “tai no shiogama” (sea bass baked in a hard salt crust). Both my sons are married, and they both work alongside their wives in the kitchen, doing whatever needs to be done. Even though I (ウ) bowed to my mother-in-law's ideas, and didn't insist that they help, somehow they ended up helping anyway. How did this happen?

I think a lot depends on the accident of birth—where and when we are born. In my mother-in-law's generation in Japan, men just didn't wash the dishes, just as women didn't do carpentry. There was men's work and women's work, and (A) the two didn't overlap. I'm pretty sure that a generation earlier in America, my grandmother would have been just as shocked if my grandfather had marched into the kitchen and started washing dishes. If you were born in the 1920s or earlier in America, or the 1950s or earlier in Japan, chances are you never saw your father working in the kitchen.

Today, however, the (エ) fences that separate the genders have gradually fallen apart. For lots of reasons, men have come into the kitchen to do “women's work,” just as women have joined the outside workforce, often doing “men's work.” My sons are part of the modern generation, and the women

they married expect ② (have) help in the kitchen. It's like osmosis*—these ideas gradually spread through society until they become the natural thing to do.

There may be something about your life that you wish was different. Maybe you think you are helpless or you don't influence those around you. But wait for the wind to change. Like me, now having fun cooking with my grown sons in my kitchen, your wish may come true too.

注

baffle	当惑させる
succumb	屈する
whip up	手早く作る
signature cuisine	得意料理
osmosis	浸透

問1 下線部①、②の () 内の動詞を適切な形にして、解答欄に書き入れよ。

問2 下線部(ア)、(イ)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。

(ア) take his turn

1. 形を変える 2. 角を曲がる 3. 役割を交代する

(イ) Fast forward

1. 話を進める 2. 話を作り上げる 3. 話をまとめる

問3 下線部(ウ)、(エ)の意味を表す最も適切なものをそれぞれ1～3のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

(ウ) bowed to

1. complained about 2. gave in 3. stood up

(エ) fences

1. barriers 2. comparisons 3. similarities

問4 “the two”が何を指すのか明らかにしたうえで、下線部(A)を日本語で説明せよ。

問5 次の1～5のなかから本文の内容と合わないものを二つ選び、番号で答えよ。

1. The writer's father often made snacks for himself.
2. The writer's mother-in-law did not like to see a man in the kitchen.
3. The writer's husband is not good at cooking.
4. The writer's children preferred the traditional values of men's and women's work.
5. The writer advised her readers to wait for an opportunity to make their wishes come true.

第2問 次のア～エ各組の英文1～3の空所に共通して用いられる語を、解答欄
に書き入れよ。

- ア. 1. Did you have a good () at the party?
2. Every () I went to see him, he was out.
3. ABC company guarantees a maximum delivery () of five days.
- イ. 1. That signboard was put () last month.
2. I called her () to tell her the bad news.
3. Although the young man lacked experience, he made () for it
in effort.
- ウ. 1. Why didn't you () with them?
2. "Please () ahead and have some cookies." "Thank you."
3. The ATM machines sometimes () down due to computer
troubles.
- エ. 1. Mike was late () usual.
2. She has the same sweater () mine.
3. I saw Mary () I was getting off the train.

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

ア. The famous actor () the speech by thanking her parents.

1. accounted for 2. ended 3. stood up

イ. When the villagers felt the first chill in the air, they started to () ready for winter.

1. get 2. reach 3. turn

ウ. My job () me really busy.

1. does 2. keeps 3. wonders

エ. The prices change depending () the number of orders.

1. in 2. on 3. up

第4問 次のア～カの日本語に合う英文になるように、空所に適切な一語を書き入れよ。

ア. 遠慮なく私の車をお使ください。

Please () free to use my car.

イ. 7歳未満のお子様は、ジェットコースターには乗れません。

No child () seven is allowed to ride on the roller coaster.

ウ. この洗濯機は、どこかおかしいです。

() is wrong with this washing machine.

エ. 今ちょっとお金が足りていません。

I'm a little () of money.

オ. 彼女が学生であるということは問題ではありません。

It doesn't () that she is a student.

カ. 私の弟は、夏の間はかなり体重を落としました。

My brother lost a lot of () over the summer.

第5問 次の会話文を読み、問いに答えよ。

Christy : Tim? Tim Anderson?

Tim : Yes, that's me. (A)

Christy : I'm Christy. Christy McDonald. You're from Burnt Hills, right? We went to the same high school.

Tim : (B) Of course I remember you. What a surprise! I just didn't recognize you with short hair.

Christy : Yeah, it was a big change! I had long hair my whole life but this is much easier. You haven't changed a bit, Tim. Are you still playing tennis?

Tim : ① Once in a while, but not as much as I'd like. So, what are you doing these days?

Christy : Well, I actually just got married.

Tim : Congratulations! That's a great news. I heard you were working in a bank.

Christy : (C) I worked at the local bank for a while after college but I always really wanted to teach. When I heard our old high school was looking for a math teacher, I applied. I've been at the school for five years now.

Tim : I'll bet you're a terrific teacher. ② I would【ア. math class イ. never ウ. without エ. my オ. passed カ. have】 your help. How do you enjoy it?

Christy : Well, it's busier than I'd expected but I love being in the classroom. And how about you, Tim? Did you become a pilot like you always said you would?

Tim : Believe or not, I did! I've been flying for ten years now. In fact, I'm afraid I have to get to the airport for a flight to Boston. Sorry to run off. (D)

Christy : Here's my business card. Let's get together and talk about old times when you're back in the area.

Tim : I'd enjoy that! I'll be sure to give you a call.

問1 本文中の空所（ A ）～（ D ）に入れるのに最も適切なものを1～6のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

1. It's a great deal.
2. Let's stay in touch!
3. Not anymore.
4. Oh, my goodness!
5. Sorry, do I know you?
6. You can say that again.

問2 下線部①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. めったにしないけど、好きだからやるときはとことんやるね。
2. たまにはやるけど、思うほどにはなかなかできないね。
3. 時々やっているけど、昔ほどには楽しく感じないね。

問3 次の日本文の意味になるように下線部②の【 】内の語句を正しく並び替えたとき、3番目と5番目にくる語の組み合わせを1～4のなかから一つ選び、番号で答えよ。

君が助けてくれなければ、数学の単位は取れなかったよ。

I would 【ア. math class イ. never ウ. without エ. my オ. passed
カ. have】 your help.

1. アーウ 2. イーカ 3. オーア 4. カーエ

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

1. Tim is surprised that he and Christy attended the same high school.
2. Christy used to have long hair when she was in high school.
3. Christy is tired of teaching in her old high school.
4. Tim's dream was to become a pilot and he realized it.
5. Tim and Christy got married shortly after they met in their hometown.