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外国語〔英語(リーディング)〕 (100点) (80分)

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- 5 試験終了後、問題冊子は持ち帰りなさい。

第5問 (配点 15)

You are in an English debate team, and you're going to introduce a story. You have found a story on an English web newspaper. You are preparing notes for your presentation.

Mickey and Wonderful Fate

Mark is at the Chad Animal Hospital, bringing his beloved male puppy Fabard for his vaccination against several dog illnesses. As he sits in the spacious waiting room, affectionately stroking Fabard's soft head, Mark finds himself lost in thought, reflecting on the series of events that led them here. "Bringing Fabard to this hospital always reminds me of how much he means to me," Mark says to himself, a kind of nostalgia coloring his voice. "It's been half a year since then... This also must be our fortune."



Half a year ago, Mark, Joe, and Erika were all new high school students, excitedly setting off on a camping trip in sunny October. Gathered around a crackling campfire, surrounded by the smell of pine wood and the symphony of nature, they felt a certain sentiment of the past, and friendship. Ah, so Mark, Joe, and Erika had been the members of the same chemistry team, chosen randomly by the teacher, and before they knew it, they had privately formed a close bond outside of class. They shared stories of their childhood adventures, laughing together and opening up about their dreams and fears. Under the starry sky, their bond grew stronger and thus ended the first day of their trip.



Gazing into the fire, Erika recalled an event from five years ago,

when she was only ten years old. It had been a really hot summer day when she saw an old man collapse from the heat near a small house nearby. Erika didn't hesitate. She acted quickly, feeling sorry for him. She called for an ambulance right away, remaining calm and stayed with the man until help came.

Days later, Erika received a surprise visit from the grateful wife of the man she had helped. With tears of gratitude in her eyes, the elderly woman gave Erika a simple but heartfelt present: a homemade chocolate cake she had baked herself. As Erika enjoyed each delicious bite, the taste of chocolate mixed with the warmth of the memory, staying with her forever. That cake became a symbol of how much even a small act of kindness can mean, leaving a lasting impression on Erika.



On their way back home from their camping trip, Mark, Joe, and Erika were walking through the woods when they found a small puppy. The puppy looked lost and alone, with big, begging eyes that melted their hearts. Joe, known for his love of animals, approached the puppy cautiously and offered a friendly hand for it to sniff. To their delight, the puppy wagged its tail and licked Joe's hand, which strengthened their affection for it. It appeared as though it was showing appreciation of joining their company. "He looks exactly like Cargo reborn. We were really friends when I was so young," Joe thought. He turned to Mark and Erika, asking if he could take the puppy home with him, and they agreed. They named him Mickey. Mickey quickly became their beloved companion, bringing joy and warmth to their daily lives.

About a month after the trip, Mickey fell ill suddenly, showing symptoms of stomach pain. He was rushed to the nearby Chad Animal Hospital, where he remained asleep with his condition uncertain. While sleeping, Mickey dreamed of a happy life under the care of a kind elderly couple, their gentle smiles comforting him. At the next moment, he saw

them worried and praying for him. Miraculously, Mickey recovered.

Joe and his father were doing some paperwork for Mickey to leave the hospital. Mark and Erika were also there to meet him. Then, an elderly couple arrived with their own dog. They soon recognized Mickey and said he was actually their dog, Kent, missing for a month. When Mickey happily wagged his tail at them, Joe felt sure what the couple was saying was true. But seeing Joe's sad face and Mickey sticking close to him, the couple hesitated to take him back home. They instead asked, "Could you keep him?" looking a bit sad too, though. So, Joe took Mickey home.

Their joyful companionship started again. They remained just as close friends as they had been before. However, Joe occasionally heard Mickey's lonely cries during the night. He realized that it wasn't the right place for him. Finally, Joe made the decision to return Mickey to the elderly couple. After contacting the animal hospital, they received a joyful response from the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez.

The next weekend, the three of them went to the couple's house to return Mickey, or Kent, and the couple thanked them warmly. Surprisingly, the couple's house was near their school.

"You are welcome to see Kent any time on your way from school," said Mr. Hernandez.

"Really? We'd love to!" answered the three.



Mark, Joe and Erika started visiting the couple regularly after school to see Mickey. The couple, who didn't have children, were very happy to have them visit. In addition to "Kent," the elderly couple had another female dog at their house. One day, Mrs. Hernandez said, "According to our vet, Nelly is expecting twins. We wonder if we can find a new home for the puppies."

During their following visit, the three were invited in for tea. Then,

Joe and Mark asked if they could each welcome one of the twin puppies Nelly was expecting into their families. The couple gladly accepted their request. Joe and Mark were so thrilled at the thought of beginning a new loving life with a dog. Mark said to the couple, "If the newborn puppy is a male, I'm thinking of naming him Fabard." With smiles all around, the couple served them a chocolate cake. "It tastes just like it did when I was a kid!" Erika exclaimed. As they chatted, Erika and the couple realized they had known each other five years before. Erika understood that life has a way of repeating itself, teaching them an important lesson.

Your notes:

Mickey and Wonderful Fate

Story outline

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Mark, Joe and Erika go on a camping trip.

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Mickey gets sick and recovers.

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About Mickey

- Originally given name: 34
- Loving nature
 - Charm: Mickey 35 .
 - Loyalty: Mickey 36 .

Wonderful fate

- Fabard might not be kept by Mark if 37 .
- Erika felt destiny unfolding around her when 38 .

問 1 Choose **four** out of the five events (①~⑤) and rearrange them in the order they happened. → → →

- ① Erika receives a gift of appreciation.
- ② Joe and Mark each begins to own their dog.
- ③ Joe decides to take a dog home from the trip.
- ④ Joe establishes an eternal bond with Mickey.
- ⑤ Mark is with his own dog at the hospital.

問 2 Choose the best option for .

- ① Cargo
- ② Fabard
- ③ Kent
- ④ Nelly

問 3 Choose the best options for and .

- ① attracted complete strangers with his friendliness
- ② did not forget the affection that his former owners had offered
- ③ made companionship easily with both humans and other dogs
- ④ obeyed most instructions given by his owners
- ⑤ showed that he liked Joe better than the elderly couple

問 4 Choose the best option for 37 .

- ① Erika had not liked the gift from Mrs. Hernandez
- ② Fabard had not become hospitalized from illness
- ③ it had not been for Joe's helpful advice
- ④ Mickey had not been taken to the Chad Animal Hospital

問 5 Choose the best option for 38 .

- ① she found that she had eaten the same chocolate cake long before
- ② she saved the life of the elderly man by acting quickly and calmly
- ③ she thought she had once met the elderly woman as soon as they saw each other
- ④ she was invited to Mr. and Mrs. Hernandez's house for the first time