

I 次の英文を読んで、問いに答えよ。

World Festivals

“The real voyage of discovery is not in seeking new places, but in seeing with new eyes.”- Marcel Proust

Many fascinating festivals are held all over the world all the year round. Perhaps you can plan your next vacation around one of these celebrations.

Brazil: Carnival. Carnival is held in early February and lasts four days. Carnival, which began in 1928, is perhaps the best-known and most exciting festival in the world. Over two million people take part, and the whole country stops for nearly a week of celebrations. Carnival marks the beginning of the Catholic holiday of Lent. Rio de Janeiro is the site of the largest Carnival, although many smaller ones are put on across the country for anyone to attend. Overall, Carnival is an (ア) parade of energetic dancing, vibrant colors, lots of alcohol, and costumes of all kinds - with some people wearing almost nothing at all!

Munich, Germany: Oktoberfest. This festival began way back in 1810. It is a yearly event that lasts about 16 days-from the end of September through early October. Called the world’s largest beer festival, it features live music, parades, performers, game booths, roller coasters, haunted houses, and lots of great German food. But the most important attraction is beer, with many large tents selling every kind of beer imaginable for about 9 euros or around 1,100 yen.

Ireland: St. Patrick’s Day. The festival is held on March 17 and celebrates Saint Patrick of Ireland. But what it really celebrates is being Irish or, perhaps, just wishing to be Irish. Until the 1970s, it was a (イ) holiday. The first St. Patrick’s Day parade was held in New York City in 1762; it is now the largest St. Patrick’s Day parade in the world. In Dublin and throughout Ireland, the festival lasts for a week. People are supposed to wear something green during that time, because, according to legend, leprechauns would pinch anyone not wearing that color. During the daytime, Dublin offers different walking tours throughout the city, and in the evening, many famous buildings are lit up in green, which is called the “Greening the City”. Many younger people paint their face green, the country comes alive with dancing, concerts, fireworks, outdoor theater, lots of drinking, live music, and even a 5k run.

Mexico: Day of the Dead. The origins of this festival, which lasts from October 31 to November 2, go back hundreds of years. It celebrates and remembers loved ones who have died and perhaps need support to move to the afterlife. Favorite items, candies, and other gifts are brought to the children and relatives of those who have died - and lots of flowers, too, which are thought to attract the souls of the dead. Pillows and blankets are left out along with candles, pictures of relatives, and religious statues are left at grave sites so the dead can rest on their long journey. Many people dress up in scary costumes such as skeletons and ghosts to celebrate the day, (ウ) with dancing, art, parades, picnics, street parties, and prayer sessions. Though it sounds sad, it is a colorful, joyful holiday that does not fear death, but celebrates the life beyond this one.

Spain: The Running of the Bulls. The festival is a combination of bullfighting and religion. It is held early in July and offers a one-of-a-kind experience. Scores of bulls chase after people, who run 825 meters through the city streets. As the bulls are let out into the street, the runners sprint as quickly as they can to (エ) them. Running in front of angry bulls doesn’t sound like fun, but many people love it. Runners must be physically fit, and they all accept that this is a dangerous race. This huge party features fireworks, music, and bullfighting, and attracts thousands of (オ). Of course, most people just watch and take pictures at a safe distance.

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(注) celebration : 祝祭 vibrant : 鮮やかな haunted houses : お化け屋敷 leprechauns : 妖精 afterlife : 来世

問1. 下線部(1)を日本語に訳せ。

問2. 下線部(2)を日本語に訳せ。

問3. 本文に関する以下の英語の質問を読み、その答えとして適切なものを(1)～(3)の中から一つ選び、その番号を記入せよ。

Which of these festivals includes activities to honor the dead?

- (1) Carnival
- (2) Day of the Dead
- (3) Oktoberfest

問4. (ア)～(オ)の中に当てはまる語を下の語群から選び、その番号を記入せよ。

- ① along ② religious ③ avoid ④ exciting ⑤ tourists

問5. 次の①～⑤の中で、本文の内容と一致しているものには○、異なるものには×を記入せよ。

- ① Carnival in Brazil is held in late February and lasts for about two weeks.
- ② Oktoberfest has many kinds of German food and live performances.
- ③ People wear green during the Day of the Dead to celebrate.
- ④ The Running of the Bulls is known as a safe event where everyone can participate easily.
- ⑤ St. Patrick's Day in Ireland includes live music and fireworks.

Ⅱ 次の問いにおいて、下線部の発音が異なっているものを一つ選び、その番号を記入せよ。

- 問1. ① birth ② occur ③ hearten ④ pearl
- 問2. ① beneath ② breathe ③ creature ④ sweat
- 問3. ① bathe ② both ③ thirsty ④ thousand
- 問4. ① stool ② flood ③ bloom ④ doom
- 問5. ① result ② blood ③ trouble ④ proudly

Ⅲ 次の問いにおいて、日本文の意味と同じになるように空所に適切な語を1語ずつ入れよ。文頭に来る語は大文字で書け。

問1. その件についてこれ以上論じてもむだです。

It is (①) (②) discuss the matter further.

問2. 海岸を散歩してみませんか。

What do you (①) (②) taking a walk by the seaside.

問3. さらに悪いことには、雨が降り始めた。

(①) (②) matters worse, it began to rain.

問4. 万一気が変わったら、知らせてください。

If you (①) (②) your mind, let me know.

問5. 彼は自分の名前を書くことすらできない。

He cannot so (①) (②) write his own name.

Ⅳ 次の問いの空所に入れるのに最も適切なものを、それぞれ下の①～④の中から選び、その番号を記入せよ。

問1. I _____ a professional baseball player.

- ① am becoming a dream ② become to dreaming of
- ③ have a dream of becoming ④ saw a dream becoming

問2. A : I am sorry I'm late, Sam.

B : _____ But why were you late?

- ① What? ② Don't worry about it. ③ No way! ④ Please be worried.

問3. Recently, more paper _____ to help save the environment.

- ① is being destroyed ② are being destroyed ③ is being recycled ④ are being recycled

問4. _____ would not tell a lie.

- ① An honest man ② A greedy man ③ A guilty man ④ An angry man

問5. If I _____ more time, I could have practiced more.

- ① had not ② have have ③ had no ④ had had

問6. I am the only person who knows the reason _____ Ken loves local food.

- ① why ② who ③ where ④ how

問7. _____ drought, no crops can be grown for consumption.

- ① Used to ② Far from ③ Up to ④ Due to

問8. 2026 is _____ I will be twenty years old.

- ① going to be when the year ② not to be going the year ③ the year for ④ the year when

問9. On a bicycle, they can enjoy the journey, _____ the wind in their faces.

- ① to feel ② feeling ③ felt ④ unable to feel

問10. I am _____ scuba diving.

- ① about crazy ② a great fan to ③ crazy about ④ not good about