



Reading /40点	Grammar /32点	Writing /10点	TOTAL /100点
Graph /8点	Listening /10点		

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Reading

身近な鳥について、こんな疑問をいただいたことはありませんか？

- 1 We see hundreds of birds almost every day. ① Some birds are killed or die in accidents, but we don't see many birds which die naturally. Why? Do birds go to some special places to die?
- 2 Actually, birds don't go anywhere particular to die. We don't see dead birds (②) they are quickly eaten by other living things. (③) ④ this sounds like a cruel fate*, some bird experts don't think so. They think the system of the natural world is very rational. (⑤) a bird cannot move anymore, it becomes food for other living things. Birds are eaten by cats, dogs, rats, small insects, and even bacteria*. One expert told us that she went into the woods and saw the whole body of a dead bird on the ground on the first part of the walk. On the way back, an hour later, most of the body was already gone. Within twenty-four hours, it was nothing but a pile of feathers.
- 3 Another expert on birds says that a few birds may die in flight. He says that the birds flying over (⑥), far away from food and without good places for rest, may die in the air. But many think that this explanation is wrong because ⑦ the sick birds don't fly in the first place.
- 4 No one has ever seen any birds die in the air, so we cannot tell who is right and who is wrong. Birds' lives are still very mysterious.

(243 words)



NOTES cruel fate : 残酷な運命 bacteria : 細菌, バクテリア

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Read the passage and answer the questions.

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- 1 下線部①を日本語にきなさい。 (5点)

- 2 ②③⑤に入れるのに最も適切なものをア～ウから選び、記号で答えなさい。 (3点×3=9点)



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- 3 下線部④の指す内容を日本語で書きなさい。 (5点)

- 4 ⑥に入れるのに最も適切なものをア～エから選び、記号で答えなさい。 (4点)

ア cities イ mountains ウ forests エ the ocean

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- 5 下線部⑦の意味として最も適切なものをア～ウから選び、記号で答えなさい。 (5点)

ア 病気の鳥はそもそも飛ぶことができない。
イ 病気の鳥は真っ先に翼が弱ってしまう。
ウ 病気の鳥は最初に飛び立った場所には戻らない。

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- 6 本文の内容に合っていれば○を、合っていなければ×を書きなさい。 (4点×3=12点)

- a) We rarely see dead birds because birds go to certain places and die there. ()
- b) A dead bird that an expert saw in the woods was almost eaten in an hour. ()
- c) We don't know whether birds die while flying because we haven't seen it happen. ()



本文中で使われた単語を () に入れて、文を完成させなさい。

An () is someone who has a special skill or knowledge of a subject.