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英語

# 東北大学

「大学生が住居を選ぶ」という問題設定が的中!

## 入試問題

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英語 III

III Read the conversation below between Josh and Sabrina and answer questions 1) and 2) at the end of the passage.

Josh: Hey, Sabrina, how've you been?

Sabrina: Good, thanks for asking. Are you excited for the new semester?

Josh: Well...not really, if I'm being honest.

Sabrina: What? I thought you were really looking forward to starting your research at Professor Smith's laboratory in April.

Josh: I was. I mean, I am. I think I'll enjoy the new laboratory and can't wait to start my own research...

Sabrina: Then what's the problem?

Josh: Well, the thing is... I failed Basic Calculus last semester, so now I have to retake it.

Sabrina: That's not such ①, is it? It's just one extra class.

Josh: It's not the extra class or course work — it's that the classes for first year students are on a different campus than my new laboratory. I will have to go all the way over to another campus just for that one class.

Sabrina: I'll admit, that's pretty annoying. But chin up! You'll ②. It will just be for one semester.

Josh: I guess... Say, do you still have your old motor bike? Maybe you could lend it to me so that I can get back and forth more easily.

Sabrina: In your dreams!

Josh: Oh come on, it will also help me get to school since I moved.

Sabrina: I didn't realize you had moved. What prompted that?

Josh: The lease on my old apartment ③ and I wanted to try living somewhere new.

Sabrina: Didn't you like your apartment?

Josh: It was alright, I suppose, but I couldn't ④ the noise.

Sabrina: Hmm, that's something I didn't consider. Actually, I'm thinking about

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## 河合塾

東北大入試オープン III

III Read the conversation below between Hiroaki and Julia and answer questions 1) and 2) at the end of the passage.

Hiroaki: I can't believe it! Julia?

Julia: Hiroaki! You're looking very dapper today. ①

Hiroaki: I'm on my way to a real estate agency to get some information on apartments in Tokyo. I passed my university entrance exam, so I'll be moving to the capital this spring.

Julia: Are you going to live alone in an apartment?

Hiroaki: ② because I have to consider a lot of things before I make a decision.

Julia: The cost of living in Tokyo is going to be very expensive, isn't it?

Hiroaki: Yes. That is definitely one of my main concerns. Of course, my parents told me not to worry about financial issues. They told me that I could pay them back when I get a job and become self-sufficient.

Julia: You are a very lucky man to have such understanding parents. I'm glad that I don't have to think about accommodations. I'll be going to a local university, so I can commute from home, sleep in my comfortable bed, and eat my mom's awesome cooking.

Hiroaki: Hmm... That's very convenient but not very independent. You see, I want to start doing things for myself and not rely on my family

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moving as well, and could use some help deciding what to do.

**Josh:** I think the first step is to think about what is really important to you in an accommodation. For example, when I moved, I knew that I had to find somewhere quiet so that I could really focus on studying.

**Sabrina:** Well, I guess there are a lot of things that I should consider... Space, utilities, transportation, price...

**Josh:** Why don't you make a chart of all of the places you are thinking about moving to with data about each of the points that you think are important? That should help make the choice clear.

**Sabrina:** Wow, that's a great idea, Josh, thanks!

1) What phrase most likely goes in each of the blanks? Choose the letter of the best answer and write it on your answer sheet.

- ① (a) a final decision (b) a new idea  
(c) an easy task (d) a big deal
- ② (a) make it through (b) never pass  
(c) have a hard time (d) have your way
- ③ (a) ran through (b) ran out  
(c) came through (d) came out
- ④ (a) stop with (b) help out with  
(c) stand with (d) deal with

like I have been doing. That is why I've been thinking about renting an apartment. Although I can't cook very well, I can make whatever I want because I'd have a private kitchen. Also, I'd have to buy my own groceries and organize my own schedule. These are things that I need to learn so that I can become more self-reliant.

**Julia:** Isn't that going to be hard to do while you are trying to study for exams and trying to meet deadlines for your university assignments? Also, you would be living off campus, so you would have to commute to school by train or bus, so you'd have to wake up earlier to make it to school on time. ③, the morning rush hour in Tokyo is terrible. Furthermore, you'll need to furnish your place, so won't that be troublesome when you graduate? You'll eventually have to get rid of the furniture you bought when you move out. How about living in on-campus student housing? The rooms are usually furnished, so you can just move in and start your new university life.

**Hiroaki:** Well, to be honest, I've thought about living in one, but in my opinion, one of the biggest advantages of living off-campus is that I can make my own rules. You know, more freedom. I want to get away from strict rules and regulations. Also, one room dorms are small with a tiny kitchen.

**Julia:** I know that, but you're going to be a freshman, so living on campus would ease your transition into university life. You would have a structured life, which is what it was like living at home, and most of the dorms come furnished and include utilities like water, heat, electricity, Wi-Fi, and meals. Even if the kitchen is small, you could eat at the cafeteria. Also, have you ever thought about sharing a place with

2) Imagine that you have to choose one of the following accommodations for your first year at university. Which one would you choose and why? Give at least three reasons based on the information in the chart and support each reason with at least one personal detail. Your response should be in English and at least 80 words long.

Characteristic	Apartment	Dormitory	Share-house
Space	15 m <sup>2</sup>	8 m <sup>2</sup> (bedroom)	11 m <sup>2</sup> (bedroom)
Shared spaces	None	Shared bedroom and bathroom, no kitchen	Personal bedroom, shared bathroom and kitchen
Free utilities	None	Electricity and water	Internet
Time to university* (distance)	15-minute subway ride (10 km)	30-minute bus ride** (5 km)	15-minute walk (1 km)
Closest public transportation	Subway station (5-minute walk)	Bus stop only (10-minute walk)	Subway station (5-minute walk)
Price	¥50,000 / month	¥10,000 / month	¥20,000 / month

\* Only includes time spent on public transportation

\*\* The bus stops at the university subway station.

another student? Double occupancy dorms are bigger, and if you share the rent, utilities, and help each other with the household chores, you can create a comfortable living arrangement so that you can focus on your studies. Sharing a place would also allow you to make a new close friend.

**Hiroaki:** Hmm... You've made some good points, and the library would be close by so I could go there and gather resources for my assignments more easily. Although the Internet is convenient, I want to make sure that the information is accurate by going there and reading books and other material. However, constantly being around other students ④, and if I decide to share a place, there is a chance that we won't get along with each other.

**Julia:** Well, you still have some time to think about your options.

**Hiroaki:** Yes, I'll ask the real estate agent a lot of questions about the pros and cons of living off campus and on campus while I keep in mind what you said. Anyway, thanks for all your advice.

**Julia:** No problem. Good luck! I hope everything works out for you.

1) What phrase most likely goes in each of the blanks? Choose the letter of the best answer and write it on your answer sheet.

- ① a. What is it for you?    b. What's the occasion?  
c. How did it go?        d. How's life?
- ② a. I haven't decided what to do yet  
b. I think it's time to move out  
c. My mother is opposed to it  
d. I have already made a provisional contract
- ③ a. Strange to say        b. So to speak  
c. To tell the truth      d. Needless to say
- ④ a. would lead to a lasting friendship  
b. might get me focused  
c. could be distracting  
d. may make me relieved

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2) Imagine that you are looking for a place to live because you are entering university. You must choose one of the following places to live. Please explain your choice, and give at least three reasons based on the chart below and support each reason with at least one personal detail. You may also refer to the conversation when giving your answer.

	Off-Campus Apartment	On-Campus Dorm A	On-Campus Dorm B
Price	¥65,000/month	¥45,000/month	¥35,000/month
Occupancy	Single	Single	Shared
Rooms	1 bedroom; Kitchen; Living room; Bathroom with toilet	1 room, Separate Kitchen (shared); Shower with toilet	2 bedrooms; Kitchen; Living room; Bathroom with toilet
Furniture	Desk; Refrigerator; Stove for cooking; Washing Machine	Desk; Bed; Small Sofa; TV; Small Refrigerator	2 Desks; 2 Beds; Sofa; TV; Refrigerator; Microwave Oven
Benefits	Free Wi-Fi; Hi-Tech Security System	Free Wi-Fi; Price includes electricity, water, gas	Free Wi-Fi; Price includes electricity, water, gas

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