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大学生がアルバイトについて対話する文章をもとに、大学1年生のアルバイト選択について表から条件を検討し、選択とその理由を80語以上で述べるという問題テーマと設問設定がズバリ! 的中

入試問題

前期日程

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

Charles: Hi Rebecca, can I ask you a favor?

Rebecca: Sure, what can I do for you?

Charles: You work at the coffee shop on campus, don't you? Do you think you could ask your boss if he is hiring?

Rebecca: Sure! Are you looking for a job? I thought you got a loan to help pay for tuition.

Charles: Well, I thought I could get one, but it ① that my father makes too much money, so I didn't qualify.

Rebecca: Oh, well then can't you ask your father to help pay for some of your tuition?

Charles: I suppose I could, but my brother is also in college right now, and I don't want to burden him. I decided that it would be better for me to get a part-time job anyway. If I take out an expensive loan now, I will ② paying a lot of interest on the loan, so if possible, I want to pay for school myself.

Rebecca: Wow, that's certainly ambitious of you. But I'm worried that you'll have to work too much and won't be able to focus on your studies.

Charles: I know what you mean, and I think you're right that it will be very difficult at first. But if I can just ③ the first year, I think I will be okay. The first year we have a lot of classes, but we have far fewer the second year, and in my department, third- and fourth-year students do a lot of independent research, which means that I can decide my own schedule.

Rebecca: That might be true, but just because you have control of your schedule, that doesn't mean that you have less work to do. Are you sure you're going to have the time to do everything?

Charles: I think so! If I don't participate in any club activities and focus just

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

Grant: Hey Wendy! I've been looking all over for you.

Wendy: Oh! Hi Grant. What's up? Is something wrong?

Grant: No. Sorry to startle you, but since it's our last day at school today, I was wondering if you'd like to grab some lunch.

Wendy: I would if your timing were better. As you know, my parents have allowed me to live in an off-campus apartment from my freshman year. It's going to cost them a lot more money than living in an on-campus dormitory, so I've decided to look for some part-time work because I don't want to financially burden them any further.

Grant: Work?? I think you should wait a few months before you make any commitments like that. This is going to be your first year, and I think it's going to take a bit of time until you settle into your new academic life. Also, working during your studies is going to consume ① that you'll need as your courses become more difficult. Unlike me, you're an energetic person, but if you commit your free time to work, won't it make you so tired that it'll affect your studies at school? How are you going to keep your eyes open during morning lectures? Your professor shouldn't have to disrupt class to wake you up. It's up to you to keep up with your school work; otherwise, you're going to lose credits, which will make your following academic year even more challenging.

Wendy: I know where you are coming from. It's going to be hard to balance my

on studying and work. I should be fine.

Rebecca: You aren't going to do any club activities? Didn't the soccer club offer to make you a starting player for their team?

Charles: They did, but I haven't given them an answer yet...

Rebecca: You might want to tell them soon. I think they are expecting you to join the team because of your experience playing in high school.

Charles: You're right, I had better ④ their offer soon so that they have enough time to find a replacement.

Rebecca: I suppose that's the best thing for the soccer team, but... don't you think you should spend at least a little bit of your time doing something you like?

Charles: I'll have plenty of time for that after school.

Rebecca: I guess...

- 2) Imagine that you want to have a part-time job during your first year at university but only the following three are available. 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 written in English and at least 80 words long.

Characteristic	Convenience Store	Restaurant	Bookstore
Hourly Wage	1,200 yen	1,200 yen	900 yen
Working Hours	4 A.M. ~ 8 A.M. (4 hours)	10 A.M. ~ 3 P.M. (5 hours)	6 P.M. ~ 10 P.M. (4 hours)
Schedule	Monday, Friday	Saturday, Sunday	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Benefits	None	1 free meal per shift	Includes transportation fee, 10% store discount
Travel to University	10 minutes (walking)	30 minutes (train)	20 minutes (bus)
Travel Home	10 minutes (walking)	20 minutes (train)	30 minutes (walking)

life, but I think I can ②. Besides, working will foster both my independence and my sense of competition, which will be important for my future. I'll learn to get along with and work for other people instead of limiting myself to just my studies. Working will help me gain confidence and better time management skills too.

Grant: I have no doubt that you will do whatever it takes to achieve your goals, but I have a feeling that you're going to burn yourself out. Finding a good part-time job that accommodates your school schedule is quite limited. It is usually early mornings, evenings, on weekends, or on national holidays. When are you going to have time to rest, study for exams, finish your reports, enjoy interacting with other students.....? You're always going to be on the go.

Wendy: I'm not looking for anything permanent. If things get chaotic and unmanageable, I'll give it up. But Grant, you know me. I like to keep myself busy rather than to sit at a desk or in a library for hours. Working will allow me to break away from my routine studies and help me refresh my mind by socializing off campus.

Grant: I see your point, but you're a very responsible person so I feel that you're going to be more ③ by doing too much. I've seen you do that before, right?

Wendy: I really appreciate your concern, but this is something I really want to do. I feel that there are more advantages than disadvantages: become more confident, manage my own schedule, reinforce responsibility, and give me some financial freedom from my parents.

Grant: Well, let's see how things go. I've never been able to talk you out of something that you've set your mind on doing, but please remember that whenever you find yourself in a bind, you have a shoulder to ④.

Wendy: Oh Grant! That is so kind of you. I promise that I'll stop working if my schedule becomes too hectic or if I start to fail any exams.

- 2) Imagine that you are going to choose one of the following part-time jobs while you are in 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 must be written in English and at least 80 words long.

Job	Library Assistant	Dog Sitter	Call Center Agent
Hourly Wage	¥800	¥1500	¥2500
Work Location	On Campus	Various Homes in the University Area	Home
Working Hours	Flexible: ➢ Any 3 days a week ➢ 4 hours per shift	Weekday Evenings: ➢ 7 to 10 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays & National Holidays: ➢ Flexible ◆ Arrange your schedule with the pet owner	Saturdays, Sundays & National Holidays: ➢ 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch Break(1 hour): ➢ 12 to 1 p.m.
Benefits	None	➢ All transportation costs ➢ Promotes good health and exercise ➢ Free breakfast or lunch	➢ Paid training ➢ 10% commission on each product or service sold ➢ Paid lunch break
Requirements	➢ High school diploma ➢ On-campus student ➢ Basic computer knowledge ➢ Eiken level Pre 2	High school diploma ➢ Must love pets especially dogs ➢ Must be in good health	➢ High school diploma ➢ Eiken level 2 or equivalent ➢ Good communication skills
Duties	➢ Responsible for sorting and shelving books according to their categorization ➢ Assisting students with internet access	➢ Provide the dog with food and fresh water ➢ Take the dog out for regular walks ➢ Clean/Pickup dog waste when necessary	➢ Make outbound calls to potential customers ➢ Introduce the company product, service, and policies