

出題形式 4 筆記4A・B 長文 (内容一致選択)

筆記4A・Bの出題形式

- ・長文を読み、内容に一致する選択肢を選ぶ問題。A・Bの各長文について、その内容に関する設問があり、Aが3問、Bが4問となっている。
- ・AはEメールで、長さは1通で200~220語程度。
- ・Bは説明文で、長さは4段落で280~320語程度。社会・文化・歴史を扱った説明・報告文が多く出題される。

1 » 筆記4A・Bを解くポイント

◆ポイント◆ 1 筆記4Aでは、Eメールのヘッダー情報から、文章のトピックや人間関係を読み取る。4Aでは必ずEメールが出題される。Eメールには決まった書式があり、本文の前に「ヘッダー」と呼ばれる情報欄が設けられている。まずはこのヘッダーに目を通し、メールに関する大まかな情報を把握するとよい。下記のとおり、ヘッダーにはふつう、送受信者名や送信日、件名が示されているので、ここからメール本文の内容についての大まかな予備知識が得られる。

From: Bruce McCormick <BruceM@getmail.com>
To: Andy Stroud <A.Stroud@Ultimail.com>
Date: June 15
Subject: Last weekend

From: Eメールの送信者
To: Eメールの受信者
Date: 日付
Subject: 件名

◆ポイント◆ 2 段落ごとの大まかな内容を把握する

本文は複数の段落で構成されている。そして、個々の設問が本文の各段落に対応していることが多い。そこで、段落ごとの大意をつかみながら、設問文と対応させて内容を把握するのがよい。また、文章全体の内容に関する問いが設けられていることもある。段落ごとの情報をつなぎ合わせることで、全文の大意も押さえるようにしたい。

◆ポイント◆ 3 本文の一部が言い換えられた選択肢に注意する

本文中の語句が別の語句で言い換えられて選択肢中に用いられている場合がある。たとえば、suggest (勧める) という動詞が類義語の advise で言い換えられたり、appear (姿を現す) が同義の熟語 show up で言い換えられたり、computer (コンピュータ) がより一般化された大きな概念を表す device (装置) など言い換えられたりするなどのパターンがある。また本文では代名詞になっているものが設問文・選択肢では具体化されていることも多い。

こうした語句の言い換えに気づけば、本文中の該当箇所と照らし合わせて正解を見つけやすくなる。語句の言い換えを見抜くには、単語や表現の知識を増やすことが大切だ。

◆確認問題◆ 次の英文の内容に関して、質問に対して最も適切なものを1, 2, 3, 4の中から一つ選びなさい。

From: Bruce McCormick <BruceM@getmail.com>
To: Andy Stroud <A.Stroud@Ultimail.com>
Date: June 15
Subject: Last weekend

Dear Uncle Andy,

Thanks so much for letting us stay at your house last weekend. We had a great trip to Medford, and it was wonderful to see you and Aunt Wendy again. Also, thanks for helping me with my school science project. I'm really lucky to have an uncle who's a space scientist. I couldn't understand how stars are created until you talked to me about it. And I was really happy that you let me look at the moon and stars through your telescope. I hope we can visit you next summer so that I can do it again.

By the way, when I got home, I couldn't find my green baseball cap. First, I looked in my suitcase. I also called the train company, but they didn't have it. The last place I remember having it was in your car when you drove us to the station. Could you check to see if I have left it there? It's my lucky cap, and I really like it, so I hope I can get it back. Thanks a lot.

Love,
Bruce

- (1) What did Uncle Andy do for Bruce?
- 1 He explained how stars are made.
 - 2 He bought a telescope for him.
 - 3 He lent him a book about stars.
 - 4 He gave him advice about becoming a scientist.

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○ 解き方

- ①ヘッダーより設問文中の Uncle Andy (本文中の you) がEメールの受信者、Bruce が送信者(本文中の I)。
②メール本文の第1段落に、Bruce が Andy 宅を訪れた時のことが書かれている。従って、この設問は第1段落に対応した問題だと推測できる。そこで、第1段落の各文を読み、設問の各選択肢に対応しそうな情報がないか探す。

- (2) What does Bruce think happened to his green baseball cap?
- 1 He forgot to put it in his suitcase.
 - 2 He left it on the train.
 - 3 He lost it at the baseball game.
 - 4 He left it in the car.

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○ 解き方

- ① green baseball cap は第2段落の1文目にあるので第2段落に対応した問題だとわかる。
②第2段落5文目にある Could you check to see if I have left it there? (それをそこに置きっぱなしにしているかどうか確認してもらえませんか) の there が何を表しているのか読みとる。

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予想問題 ①

- 1 次の英文A, Bの内容に関して, (1)から(7)までの質問に対して最も適切なものを1, 2, 3, 4の中から一つ選びなさい。

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From: Mark Kline <MarkKline@getmail.com>
 To: Audrey Robinson <Arobinson@ultimail.com>
 Date: September 23
 Subject: Going to Tulsa

Dear Grandma Audrey,

Thanks so much for your e-mail. I was excited to hear your news. Whenever I visit your house, I think you have the most beautiful flower garden I've ever seen. I never imagined that a gardening magazine would send a reporter to write a story about it, though. My mother showed me a copy of the article, and the photos were really beautiful. I thought the interview with you was really interesting, too.

Do you remember I told you that I would enter the Eastlake City Speech Contest? I had a lot of trouble finding an interesting subject for my speech. I finally decided to talk about how the Internet is changing society. I didn't have much time to practice, but to my surprise, I came in second in the whole city. Now I have a chance to go on to the Oklahoma State Speech Contest. It's going to be held in Tulsa. My parents are busy, so I'm traveling by myself. I'll arrive on October 2, and the contest is on October 3. Since you live in Tulsa, I was wondering if I could spend the night at your home. Could you let me know if it's OK? It would be really great if you could come to the contest if you're free, too!

Love,
 Mark

- (1) What happened to Grandma Audrey recently?

- 1 She wrote an article about gardening.
- 2 She was interviewed in a magazine.
- 3 She won a photo contest.
- 4 She made her garden larger.

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- (2) What was difficult for Mark?

- 1 Speaking in front of many people.
- 2 Traveling to another city.
- 3 Thinking of a speech topic.
- 4 Practicing for the speech contest.

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- (3) What did Mark ask Grandma Audrey?

- 1 To help him with his speech.
- 2 To come to Eastlake City.
- 3 To let him stay at her house.
- 4 To tell him about Tulsa.

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Francis Ouimet

The US Open is a famous American golf tournament. One of the greatest moments in its history happened in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1913, when the tournament was won by a man named Francis Ouimet. In those days, most golf players were wealthy men. However, Ouimet's family had little money, and he sometimes worked as a caddy* at the golf course where the tournament was being held.

Ouimet had played in many amateur tournaments and won his first big title in 1913. Seeing how great his achievements were, the president of the United States Golf Association, Robert Watson, asked Ouimet if he would play in the 1913 US Open. At first, Ouimet declined to play because of his work. However, his employer, who wanted him to play in the major championship, arranged to make his participation possible. That became his first national professional championship.

Everyone was shocked by how well he played, and soon hundreds of people were following him around. At the end of the fourth round, there were three golfers with the same score. The tournament was supposed to end after the fourth round, but it was necessary to have a fifth round with just three players. Harry Vardon and Ted Ray were from Britain, and they were two of the most famous golfers in the world. But in the final round, Ouimet played the best game of his life and defeated his two rivals.

Ouimet's win became front page news all over the country. It created a golf boom in the United States, and many different kinds of people began to play the sport. Ouimet showed that golf was a game that you did not have to be rich to play, and that it was possible for an ordinary person to become a champion. Later, Ouimet's friends created a scholarship called the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund, which has helped many young people at college.

*caddy : キャディー (ゴルフプレイヤーのバッグやクラブを運ぶ人)

(4) How was Francis Ouimet different from most of the other players at the 1913 US Open?

- 1 He had his own personal caddy.
- 2 He did not live in the town of Brookline.
- 3 He was not a rich man.
- 4 He owned his own golf course.

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(5) Why was Francis Ouimet able to play in the 1913 US Open?

- 1 He was a relative of the president of the United States Golf Association.
- 2 He showed that Brookline had the best golfers in the United States.
- 3 He was a famous professional golfer all over the world.
- 4 His employer helped him take part in it.

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(6) What happened in the fifth round of the 1913 US Open?

- 1 Three golfers had exactly the same score.
- 2 Hundreds of professional golfers played.
- 3 Ouimet's rivals made fun of him.
- 4 Ouimet beat two British distinguished golfers.

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(7) What happened after the 1913 US Open?

- 1 Ouimet started a scholarship for the poor.
- 2 Golf became much more popular in America.
- 3 Sporting goods stores began selling Ouimet's brand of clubs.
- 4 Ouimet taught many people how to play golf.

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