## ミニ模試 DAY 4

一次 筆記 (語彙・熟語/長文読解)

一次 リスニング (会話/文/Real-life)

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To complete each item, choose the best word or phrase from among the four choices. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

(1)

Marjorie was very ( ) of Mack's help with her project report, so she took him out to a nice French restaurant for lunch.

1 comical

2 egotistical

3 crude

4 appreciative

(2)

The 2,000-year-old vases recently uncovered by archaeologists in Italy are some of the best-preserved ( ) of ancient Roman civilization.

1 exploits

2 bumps

3 rituals

4 relics

(3)

When Kate went to the doctor about her back pain, he ( ) her some painkillers, which she took three times a day for a week.

1 navigated

2 prescribed

3 surpassed

4 classified

(4)

- A: The new communications director is a very ( ) speaker, isn't he?
- **B:** Yes. His speech to the staff this morning was really inspiring.

1 peculiar

2 dubious

3 eloquent

4 superficial

(5)

After the race, the winning driver thanked his team of mechanics. They had made some small ( ) to the engine that improved the car's performance.

1 initiatives 2 modifications 3 sanctuaries 4 falsifications

(6)

**A:** What do you think about the president's plan to improve efficiency at the company's factories?

**B:** Since no one has a better alternative, I guess we have to ( it.

1 go along with 2 do away with 3 look down on 4 send away for

(7)

A: Can I use your computer while you're at work, Dad?

**B:** OK, but don't ( ) the papers on my desk. I don't want them to get out of order.

1 hand off 2 come by 3 mess with 4 sign out

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Read each passage and choose the best word or phrase from among the four choices for each blank. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

## The Miracle Bean

In the United States, the soybean is (8). Soybeans have been a major U.S. crop for nearly a century, but only a small percentage are grown for direct human consumption. The vast majority are used for animal feed or processed into industrial products. It was not until the 1970s, when health food and vegetarianism started to become popular, that soy-based foods began to enter American consumers' consciousness. Today, worldwide demand for soybeans makes them second only to corn as the most valuable U.S. agricultural export.

In recent years, soybeans have been promoted as a "miracle crop." Those making this claim often focus on the beans' unique nutritional properties, which make them a promising option in the fight against world hunger. While other kinds of beans lack the full range of amino acids required by the human body, soybeans are a complete protein source on their own. (9), studies have found a link between soy consumption and improved brain function, as well as reduced rates of certain cancers.

In Paraguay, one of South America's poorest countries, soybeans now account for more than half of all exports. This has (10) local farmworkers. Soybeans are far less labor-intensive than other crops produced in the area. Thus, as huge soybean farming operations have taken over more and more farmland, the pool of unemployed agricultural laborers has grown. For all of the soybean's advantages, it seems there is a long way to go before it truly fulfills its promise as a "miracle crop."