

B 次の問い(問1～3)のパラグラフ(段落)には、まとまりをよくするために取り除いた方がよい文が一つある。取り除く文として最も適当なものを、それぞれ下線部①～④のうちから一つずつ選べ。

問 1    

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Children between the ages of three and five begin to ask many questions.

① The average weight of children around these ages is more than 12 kilograms. ② The way parents handle their children's questions is important. ③ Some parents may be proud of their children's development and happily answer all their questions. ④ This encourages children to use their imagination and become more creative. On the other hand, if parents are not patient enough to answer questions, children might feel that they shouldn't be curious about things. As a result, they may begin to feel nervous about trying new activities.

問 2    

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Which do you prefer, living in the country or in the city? ① According to a United Nations survey, half of the seven billion people on this planet are living in the countryside. However, more and more people are moving into urban areas. ② It is estimated that about two thirds of the world's population will live in cities within the next 35 years. ③ Living in a city apartment is convenient but sometimes lonely. ④ Cities are likely to be too crowded and become very difficult places to live. Having said that, due to recent population trends, we soon may not have a choice about where to live.

問 3 

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With a little bit of care, your goldfish can live much longer than you might expect. First, choose the largest possible tank you can afford and decorate it with objects such as small rocks and plants. ①However, be careful not to put sharp objects in the tank that could harm your fish. Second, feed them only as much as they can eat in a few minutes and immediately remove any leftover food. ②You can soon teach them to eat from your hand. ③The most important thing is to clean the tank and change the water at least once every two weeks. ④To make it easier for the fish to adjust to new water, partial water changes are much better than complete water changes. By doing all these things, you can be sure your fish will survive into their “golden years.”