

第5問 (配点 15)

Using an international news report, you are going to take part in an English oral presentation contest. Read the following news story from France in preparation for your talk.

Five years ago, Mrs. Sabine Rouas lost her horse. She had spent 20 years with the horse before he died of old age. At that time, she felt that she could never own another horse. Out of loneliness, she spent hours watching cows on a nearby milk farm. Then, one day, she asked the farmer if she could help look after them.

The farmer agreed, and Sabine started work. She quickly developed a friendship with one of the cows. As the cow was pregnant, she spent more time with it than with the others. After the cow's baby was born, the baby started following Sabine around. Unfortunately, the farmer wasn't interested in keeping a bull—a male cow—on a milk farm. The farmer planned to sell the baby bull, which he called Three-oh-nine (309), to a meat market. Sabine decided she wasn't going to let that happen, so she asked the farmer if she could buy him and his mother. The farmer agreed, and she bought them. Sabine then started taking 309 for walks to town. About nine months later, when at last she had permission to move the animals, they moved to Sabine's farm.

Soon after, Sabine was offered a pony. At first, she wasn't sure if she wanted to have him, but the memory of her horse was no longer painful, so she accepted the pony and named him Leon. She then decided to return to her old hobby and started training him for show jumping. Three-oh-nine, who she had renamed Aston, spent most of his time with Leon, and the two became really close friends. However, Sabine had not expected Aston to pay close attention to her training routine with Leon, nor had she expected Aston to pick up some

tricks. The young bull quickly mastered walking, galloping, stopping, going backwards, and turning around on command. He responded to Sabine's voice just like a horse. And despite weighing 1,300 kg, it took him just 18 months to learn how to leap over one-meter-high horse jumps with Sabine on his back. Aston might never have learned those things without having watched Leon. Moreover, Aston understood distance and could adjust his steps before a jump. He also noticed his faults and corrected them without any help from Sabine. That's something only the very best Olympic-standard horses can do.

Now Sabine and Aston go to weekend fairs and horse shows around Europe to show off his skills. Sabine says, "We get a good reaction. Mostly, people are really surprised, and at first, they can be a bit scared because he's big—much bigger than a horse. Most people don't like to get too close to bulls with horns. But once they see his real nature, and see him performing, they often say, 'Oh he's really quite beautiful.'"

"Look!" And Sabine shows a photo of Aston on her smartphone. She then continues, "When Aston was very young, I used to take him out for walks on a lead, like a dog, so that he would get used to humans. Maybe that's why he doesn't mind people. Because he is so calm, children, in particular, really like watching him and getting a chance to be close to him."

Over the last few years, news of the massive show-jumping bull has spread rapidly; now, Aston is a major attraction with a growing number of online followers. Aston and Sabine sometimes need to travel 200 or 300 kilometers away from home, which means they have to stay overnight. Aston has to sleep in a horse box, which isn't really big enough for him.

"He doesn't like it. I have to sleep with him in the box," says Sabine. "But you know, when he wakes up and changes position, he is very careful not to crush me. He really is very gentle. He sometimes gets lonely, and he doesn't like being away from Leon for too long; but other than that, he's very happy."

Your Presentation Slides

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Who's Who?

Main figures

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Pre-fame Storyline

Sabine's horse dies.

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Aston and Sabine start going to shows.

Aston's Abilities

Aston can:

- learn by simply watching Leon's training.
- walk, gallop, and stop when Sabine tells him to.
- understand distance and adjust his steps.
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Aston Now

Aston today:

- is a show-jumping bull.
- travels to fairs and events with Sabine.
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問 1 Which is the best title for your presentation? 30

- ① Animal-lover Saves the Life of a Pony
- ② Aston's Summer Show-jumping Tour
- ③ Meet Aston, the Bull who Behaves Like a Horse
- ④ The Relationship Between a Farmer and a Cow

問 2 Which is the best combination for the **Who's Who?** slide? 31

<u>Main figures</u>	<u>Minor figures</u>
① 309, Aston, the farmer	Sabine, the pony
② Aston, Aston's mother, Sabine	309, the farmer
③ Aston, Leon, the farmer	Aston's mother, Sabine
④ Aston, Sabine, the pony	Aston's mother, the farmer

問 3 Choose the four events in the order they happened to complete the **Pre-fame Storyline** slide. 32 ~ 35

- ① Aston learns to jump.
- ② Sabine and Aston travel hundreds of kilometers together.
- ③ Sabine buys 309 and his mother.
- ④ Sabine goes to work on her neighbor's farm.
- ⑤ Sabine takes 309 for walks.

問 4 Choose the two best items for the **Aston's Abilities** slide. (The order does not matter.) 36 • 37

- ① correct his mistakes by himself
- ② jump side-by-side with the pony
- ③ jump with a rider on his back
- ④ pick up tricks faster than a horse
- ⑤ pose for photographs

問 5 Complete the **Aston Now** slide with the most appropriate item.

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- ① has an increasing number of fans
- ② has made Sabine very wealthy
- ③ is so famous that he no longer frightens people
- ④ spends most nights of the year in a horse trailer