

第3問 (配点 15)

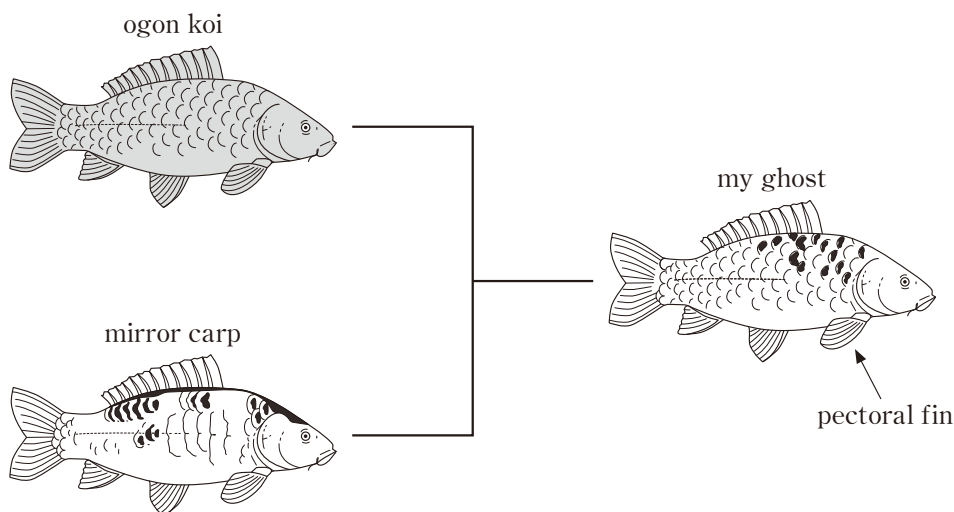
A The exchange student in your school is a koi keeper. You are reading an article he wrote for a magazine called *Young Fish-Keepers*.

My First Fish

Tom Pescatore

I joined the Newmans Koi Club when I was 13, and as part of my club's tradition, the president went with me to buy my first fish. I used money I received for my birthday and purchased a 15 cm baby ghost koi. She now lives with other members' fish in the clubhouse tank.

I love my fish, and still read everything I can about ghosts. Although not well known in Japan, they became widely owned by UK koi keepers in the 1980s. Ghosts are a hybrid type of fish. My ghost's father was a Japanese ogon koi, and her mother was a wild mirror carp. Ghosts grow quickly, and she was 85 cm and 12 kg within a couple of years. Ghosts are less likely to get sick and they can survive for more than 40 years. Mine is now a gorgeous, four-year-old, mature, platinum ghost koi.



Ghosts are not considered as valuable as their famous “pure-bred” Japanese cousins, so usually don’t cost much. This makes them affordable for a 13 year old with birthday present money. The most striking parts of my ghost are her metallic head and flashy pectoral fins that sparkle in the sunlight. As the name “ghost koi” suggests, these fish can fade in and out of sight while swimming. They are super-cool fish, so why not start with a ghost?

問 1 From the article, you know that Tom’s fish is not 16 .

- ① adult
- ② cheap
- ③ pure-bred
- ④ tough

問 2 The species was named “ghost koi” because 17 .

- ① their appearance is very frightening
- ② their shadowy fins flash when they swim
- ③ they can live secretly for a long time
- ④ they seem to mysteriously vanish in water

B You have entered an English speech contest and you are reading an essay to improve your presentation skills.

Gaining Courage

Rick Halston

In my last semester in college, I received an award for my final research presentation. I wasn't always good at speaking in front of people; in fact, one of my biggest fears was of making speeches. Since my primary school days, my shy personality had never been ideal for public speaking. From my first day of college, I especially feared giving the monthly class presentations. I would practise for hours on end. That helped somewhat, but I still sounded nervous or confused.

A significant change came before my most important presentation when I watched a music video from my favourite singer's newly released album. I noticed it sounded completely different from her previous work. She had switched from soft-rock to classical jazz, and her style of clothes had also changed. I thought she was taking a huge professional risk, but she displayed such confidence with her new style that I was inspired. I would change my sound and my look, too. I worked tirelessly to make my voice both bolder and calmer. I wore a suit jacket over my shirt, and with each practice, I felt my confidence grow.

When I started my final presentation, naturally, I was nervous, but gradually a sense of calm flowed through me. I was able to speak with clarity and answer the follow-up questions without tripping over my words. At that moment, I actually felt confident. Right then, I understood that we can either allow anxiety to control us or find new ways to overcome it. There is no single clear way to become a confident presenter, but thanks to that singer I realised that we need to uncover and develop our own courage.



問 1 Put the following events (①~④) into the order in which they happened.

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- ① He felt nervous at the start of his final presentation.
- ② He made short presentations on a regular basis.
- ③ He was given a prize for his presentation.
- ④ He was motivated to take a risk and act more confidently.

問 2 Rick was moved by his favourite singer and 22 .

- ① accepted his own shy personality
- ② decided to go to her next concert
- ③ found new ways of going to class
- ④ learnt from her dramatic changes

問 3 From the essay, you learnt that Rick 23 .

- ① began to deal with his anxiety
- ② decided to change professions
- ③ improved his questioning skills
- ④ uncovered his talent for singing