

## 第5問 (配点 16)

Your class will be hosting Jenny, a student from the UK. After a few email exchanges, she has emailed again about a blog post on lost and found items in Japan. You and your group members have replied.

### Jenny's email

Hello again,

Your emails are making me feel more comfortable about living in Japan.

Yesterday, I read a blog and was amazed to learn about the high return rate of lost property in Japan. It also mentions a well-known saying that I find fascinating. I guess that's the main reason for the high number of returns. Please read the blog ([www.\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*](http://www.*****)) and let me know if you agree.

In English, we have a saying, 'Finders keepers, losers weepers.' So, if I lose something, I don't expect to get it back. I probably wouldn't bother to report it to the police either. However, occasionally, 'finders' check for contact information and get in touch with the 'loser.' A couple of years ago, my uncle, who lives in Edinburgh, lost his wallet, but it just appeared in his letterbox with a note from the finder. The person who found it must have put it in there. He was very fortunate that nothing had been removed.

Anyway, I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,  
Jenny

## The blog

 Enya Hand's Blog

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### Lost and (Usually) Found

By Enya Hand

People often say that if you lose your wallet in Japan, you will likely get it back. Based on my time living there, I found a couple of reasons why.

First, there are over 6,000 small neighbourhood police boxes called *koban*. They are located across the country in places where people gather or pass by. Around 48,000 police officers work in these police boxes. Also, the relatively low crime rate enables them to handle lost property, which is considered important police work.

Second, the Japanese say '*Otentosama ga miteiru,*' which literally means the sun witnesses everything. Children are taught this saying and learn that even if no one sees them doing the wrong thing, the sun is watching, so it is better to do the right thing.

According to a survey on lost property, around 84% of mobile phones, 72% of ID cards, and 72% of money, including even large sums, get reunited with the original owners. This, however, does not mean that you can neglect your belongings.

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#### Comments:



Francesca

I dropped my passport, and a child ran up and returned it. I bowed and said, '*Arigato.*' She was only about five!



Nelson

In Hokkaido, I saw a glove on the pavement. The following morning, I saw it again. Someone had put it on top of a nearby bench. It was a kind gesture.



Samira

I lost my engagement ring on holiday in Japan. I went to the *koban* and did the paperwork. Two days later, the police called and told me to return to the *koban*. Now, when I look at my left hand, I smile.



Tom

I left my umbrella in a Japanese cafe. I went back for it, but it was gone. I asked the server, but she said she hadn't seen it. It probably has a new owner.

## Your group's reply email

Hello Jenny,

Thanks for sharing the English saying. We also find that fascinating.

It is true that the Japanese saying is common knowledge as many of us heard it when we were children. We don't take it that seriously, though. Actually, we have a law known as the Lost Property Act. It says that the finder must report the item to the police. Otherwise, they may be punished. Also, if lost property is not claimed within 90 days, the finder is 'rewarded' by receiving the item. We think that this better explains the high return rate in Japan.

We can't wait to meet you.

Yours,

Group 4 Members

P.S. Your uncle was really lucky.

問 1 Which two parts of the blog is Jenny most interested in? (The order does not matter.) 

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- ① The common Japanese saying
- ② The low serious crime rate
- ③ The meaning of the English saying
- ④ The number of police officers
- ⑤ The percentage of lost items returned

問 2 What was the outcome of the story about Jenny's uncle?

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- ① He was contacted by email by the finder.
- ② His wallet was returned without any money in it.
- ③ The finder returned the lost wallet to him.
- ④ The police called him when they found his wallet.

問 3 According to the blog, which combination best describes the reasons for the high return rate of lost property in Japan?

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- A : Dealing with lost property is an essential police duty.
- B : The law ensures the rights of both losers and finders.
- C : The number of *koban* is increasing year by year.
- D : 'The sun sees everything' is widely believed.

- ① A and B
- ② A and C
- ③ A and D
- ④ B and C
- ⑤ B and D
- ⑥ C and D

問 4 Based on the blog comments, which two items were returned to their original owners? 

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- ① Glove and passport
- ② Glove and ring
- ③ Glove and umbrella
- ④ Passport and ring
- ⑤ Passport and umbrella
- ⑥ Ring and umbrella

問 5 Your group and Jenny have different opinions on 

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- ① how people pay attention to possessions
- ② the interpretation of the English saying
- ③ what happened regarding Jenny's uncle
- ④ why people in Japan hand in lost items