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1 次の英文を読み、後の問いに答えなさい。

Have you visited our town, London? There are many black taxis in the town. They are very popular because we can \*trust black taxi drivers. It is very lucky for us. They will never \*cheat us and take us anywhere by the shortest way. If they don't, they will \*pay back the money to us. And if we go to the police, their green \*badges are taken away.

あ When you get into a black taxi, there is a glass wall between you and the driver. The \*driver's license and his or her green badge are on it. It means the driver passed the tests to become a black taxi driver. People who want to be black taxi drivers have to take very difficult tests. Some of the \*examinees study by themselves. But many of them go to school because ① the easiest way to pass the difficult tests is to go to school to prepare for them. They have to remember the names of all the streets and \*crossroads in London.

い 70% of the people who want to become black taxi drivers give up taking the tests. Only 6% of the examinees pass the tests and about half of them become black taxi drivers. Every year about 750 people pass the tests. They have to buy their own black taxi. It is very expensive and they have to \*save money to buy it. So about half of the people who passed the tests cannot become black taxi drivers soon.

う Many of them have a \*motorbike. If they don't, they can borrow a motorbike from the school. They go around London on it and learn the street names in one area at a time. They have to remember one-way streets. After they remember all of them, they take a test. It is not a written test. It is an \*interview with an \*examiner. The examiners are usually very \*rude, but they must not get angry. Taxi drivers must be able to \*deal with all kinds of \*passengers. If they get angry, they \*fail.

え They still have to take a two-week course to learn all the places many \*tourists visit — theaters, museums, stations, parks, or stores. After that, finally they take a special driving test. The examiners always say to them, “Go there,” “Take this way,” “Do this,” “Do that” and so on. Some of them are against the \*law. If the examinees break the law, they fail. They can fail the test only once. If they fail twice, they'll never become black taxi drivers.

How long does it take to become black taxi drivers? ② That depends. It takes about 36 months for many examinees to pass the tests. Some take shorter and others take longer. An examinee took 9 years.

お Not little, but not so much. They are respected by many people. Most of them say that is more important than making much money. And also they can choose when they work. Some work from morning till evening and spend time with their family at night. Some work from noon till night. Others work all night from evening because they can make more money at night.

To become black taxi drivers is very difficult. But we can take black taxis \*without worry.

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Sorry for the examinees but ③!

【注】 trust：信頼する cheat：金をだましとる pay back：払い戻す

badges：バッジ (badge) の複数形 driver's license：運転免許証

examinees：受験者 (examinee) の複数形 crossroads：交差点 (crossroad) の複数形

save：貯める motorbike：バイク interview：面接 examiner：試験官

rude：無礼な deal with～：～に対応する passengers：乗客 (passenger) の複数形

fail：(試験に) 落ちる・失敗する tourists：観光客 (tourist) の複数形 law：法律

without worry：安心して

問1 本文の [あ] ～ [お] に入る5つの文が、順不同で下のA～Eに示されています。意味の通る文章にするのに最も適当な [あ] — [い] — [う] — [え] — [お] の配列を、ア～コから1つ選んで、記号で答えなさい。( )

- A. After they pass the interview, can they get a green badge?  
 B. How difficult are the tests?  
 C. What is a green badge?  
 D. How much do they make?  
 E. How do they learn all the street names in London?

ア A—C—E—D—B    イ A—D—C—B—E    ウ B—C—A—D—E  
 エ B—C—E—A—D    オ C—B—E—A—D    カ C—B—E—D—A  
 キ D—E—B—C—A    ク D—B—E—A—C    ケ E—D—B—A—C  
 コ E—D—A—C—B

問2 下線部①を日本語に直しなさい。

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問3 下線部②の表す意味として最も適当なものを、次のア～エから1つ選んで、記号で答えなさい。( )

- ア それは時と場合によって違います。    イ それは道路状況によって違います。  
 ウ それは受験者によって違います。    エ それは車の速さによって違います。

問4 本文の ③ に入る最も適当な英語3語を本文の中から抜き出しなさい。

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問5 毎年、テストの受験者は何人だと考えられますか。次のア～エから1つ選んで、記号で答えなさい。( )

ア 約750人    イ 約1,500人    ウ 約12,500人    エ 約41,700人

問6 英文の内容と一致するものを、次のア～エから1つ選んで、記号で答えなさい。( )

- ア To get a green badge, people must take a difficult test at a school for taxi drivers.  
 イ Taxi drivers who have a green badge may get angry when the passengers are rude.  
 ウ The drivers have to attend a two-week course before taking the special driving test.  
 エ If the examinees fail the special driving test, they cannot take it again.