

総合英語 読解問題演習

Read the passage below and choose the best word or phrase from among the four choices for each blank.

The World's Longest Fence

Sheep are an important part of life in the Australian countryside. Sheep farmers, however, have a problem. There is a wild Australian dog called the dingo, which kills and eats sheep. Farmers have (1) thousands of sheep in this way over the years. In order to solve this problem, the Dingo Barrier Fence was built.

Fences were originally built in Australia to keep rabbits out of farms. The (2) for the fences was first suggested at the end of the nineteenth century, and shortly after that they started to be built in various parts of the country. Later, people decided to make them higher to (3) dingoes and other wild dogs from attacking sheep. These fences were linked together to create the Dingo Barrier Fence now the longest fence in the world. It runs through the states of South Australia, New South Wales, and Queensland for a distance of over 5,000 kilometers.

The fence has been successful; it has (4) the number of sheep killed by dingoes. But sometimes the fence gets damaged by animals or covered by sand. Then the dingoes can cross over and hunt for sheep. As a result, each state government does its best to keep the fence repaired. They also hire hunters to kill wild dogs. (5) their efforts, the world's longest fence is kept in good condition, and sheep in southeast Australia are now safe.

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- (1) 1 sold 2 lost 3 stolen 4 caught
(2) 1 idea 2 goal 3 view 4 guess
(3) 1 save 2 see 3 help 4 stop
(4) 1 reduced 2 received 3 offered 4 counted
(5) 1 Without 2 In spite of 3 Thanks to 4 In addition to