

【英検4級】長文読解対策問題(3)

次の英文の内容に関して、(1)～(4)の質問に対する答えとして最も適切なものを①～④の中から1つ選びなさい。

A History of Mr. Brown

Do you know Mr. Brown? He was the best soccer player in our city. Our city has a soccer team, the Soccer Club of South. We call it SCOS. SCOS has a long history, and many good soccer players were members of the team. But Mr. Brown played soccer the best of all.

He is from this city, and he started playing soccer when he was 6 years old. He liked to practice soccer, so he practiced hard every day. When he was 8 years old, he joined a famous junior soccer team. He got many goals and won a lot of games. But he didn't stop practicing hard. In high school, he became the most famous high school soccer player in the country.

SCOS wanted him to join. Of course, many other teams from other cities wanted him too. At that time, SCOS was not the most famous team in the country. But he chose our city's team. He said, "I like SCOS, and I wanted to play for it for a long time. Being a member of SCOS is a dream for many young soccer players in South City. And it was my dream, too." We were very excited and hoped the team would win more games.

In his first season, we were not very happy. SCOS lost more games than the year before. He couldn't play well, and he didn't get any goals that season. But he never gave up. He practiced harder than ever. In the next season, he got some goals. In his third season, SCOS won the most games in ten years. He kept practicing hard. Finally, in his fifth season, he got 20 goals and SCOS won the championship. So, he got the best award of the season.

After that, he played for SCOS for 15 years and received seven awards. He often says, "I'm not a genius, but I practiced harder than anyone else. When I couldn't play well, I never gave up. That's why I got many awards." Now, he teaches soccer to many young players as a coach. We all hope to become great SCOS soccer players like him one day.

(1) When was Mr. Brown a member of a famous junior soccer team?

- ① At 6 years old.
- ② At 8 years old.
- ③ When he was in high school.
- ④ In his first season with SCOS.

(2) Why did Mr. Brown choose SCOS?

- ① Because being a member of SCOS was his dream.
- ② Because SCOS was the most famous team in the country.
- ③ Because he wanted to play soccer for 15 years.
- ④ Because teams from other cities didn't want him.

(3) In which season did he first get the best award of the season?

- ① In his first season.
- ② In his third season.
- ③ In his fifth season.
- ④ In his fifteenth season.

(4) Why did Mr. Brown get many awards?

- ① Because he was a genius.
- ② Because he never gave up and practiced harder.
- ③ Because he practiced with a famous coach.
- ④ Because he was taller than anyone else.

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→ 文中に「When he was 8 years old, he joined a famous junior soccer team.」とあるので、

正解: ② At 8 years old.

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- ② Because SCOS was the most famous team in the country.
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→ 「Being a member of SCOS is a dream for many young soccer players in South City. And it was my dream, too.」と本人の言葉があり、

正解: ① Because being a member of SCOS was his dream.

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正解: ③ In his fifth season.

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→ 最後の方で「I'm not a genius, but I practiced harder than anyone else. When I couldn't play well, I never gave up. That's why I got many awards.」と本人が語っているため、
正解: ② **Because he never gave up and practiced harder.**