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History shows that although fire is incredibly useful, it can also be destructive, and there are stories from all parts of the ancient world of whole communities being destroyed by fire. Later, by the beginning of the Middle Ages, towns began to appear in Europe with large buildings constructed of wood. People at this time were worried about the danger of unattended fires, so many towns and villages adopted the (1) practice of reminding its citizens to cover their fires at night. (2) The English king, Alfred, was so worried about fire safety that he passed a law in 876 requiring all fires in the city of Oxford to be covered every day on the ringing of a church bell at 7 p.m. In 1068, King William extended this law, called the curfew law, to the whole of England, but he also prohibited people from gathering outside their homes after dark. This law was very unpopular because it was clearly intended to control people's movements, rather than to prevent fires. The curfew law was (3) repealed by King Henry I in 1100, but the ringing of "curfew bells," as they became known, continued in some churches for more than seven hundred years.

( 4 ) is a secret lost to history. But, whoever it was, the mastery of fire has shaped our lives more, perhaps, than any other discovery in human history.

設問 1 Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined word (1) practice?

- (A) exercise (B) law  
(C) performance (D) skill

設問 2 下線部(2)を和訳しなさい。ただし、soを「程度」で訳出すること。  
→イギリス王、アルフレッドは、876年にある法律を制定したくらい、(そのくらい)火の安全のことを心配していた。

設問 3 According to the passage, the main purpose of King William's curfew law was ( ).

- (A) to prevent people from meeting together at night  
(B) to require people to gather outside their homes  
(C) to instruct people on how to put out fires safely  
(D) to inform people where to go when a fire started

設問 4 Which of the following is closest in meaning to the underlined word (3) repealed?

- (A) enforced (B) renewed  
(C) modified (D) canceled

設問 5 Which of the following best fits in ( 4 )?

- (A) Who the first fire user was  
(B) Exactly when fire was discovered  
(C) Why humans first became interested in fire  
(D) Where the first fire was lit