Reading Drill 9

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Of all the natural elements, fire seems to fascinate people like no other, and legends and myths about fire can be found in most cultures. For instance, a famous Greek myth from around ten thousand years ago tells of how fire was stolen from the gods in heaven and brought to earth. About one thousand years later, a similar story was told in India of how the sacred fire of the gods, called *agni*, was stolen and given to man. In fact, <u>images painted about seventeen thousand years ago on cave walls in France</u> show scenes of our ancestors using fire for various purposes. Going even further back in time, pieces of fire-hardened cooking pots and burnt bones have been found in East Africa that date back at least one hundred thousand years.

設問1 この段落で扱われているテーマを本文中から抜き出しなさい。(20)

設問2 そのテーマに関する著者の主張を表現している部分に下線を引きなさい。(20)

設問3 下線部を和訳しなさい。

設問4 最も適当なものを1つ選んで〇で囲みなさい。(20) According to the passage, the earliest evidence of fire being used by humans comes from (). (A) a Greek myth (B) cave paintings in France (C) items found in Africa (D) a story from India

設問5 設問5の根拠文に下線を引きなさい。(20)