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When Alemu started SoleRebels, other Ethiopian shoe companies were struggling to compete with cheap imports from China. Alemu decided to concentrate instead on the export market, as she believed that customers would pay good money for uniquely designed products. She found a supplier who could deliver old truck tires and tire tubes, and hired local people to make the shoes, using skills passed down through generations. Again and again, Alemu sent e-mails and samples to U.S. stores and websites. (), shops such as Whole Foods and Urban Outfitters agreed to stock the shoes. As word spread, individual customers began buying directly from the SoleRebels website, with the shoes usually arriving from Ethiopia within a week, but business really took off when Amazon.com signed up as a customer.

設問 1 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 2 その主張文から、この段落で扱われているテーマの名詞を抜き出しなさい(20)

~~設問 3 Which of the following best fits in ()? (20)~~

- (A) Finally (B) However
(C) On the contrary (D) Instead

設問 4 2重下線部 took off とほぼ同じ意味を表すものを1つ選びなさい。(20)

- (A) started (B) succeeded
(C) removed (D) left the ground

設問 5 最も適当なものを1つ選んで○で囲みなさい。(20)

According to the passage, which of the following contributed the most to SoleRebels' success?

- (A) U.S. Stores received samples from SoleRebels.
(B) Customers started buying directly from SoleRebels.
(C) Amazon.com started selling shoes from SoleRebels.
(D) Whole Foods started stocking shoes from SoleRebels.

設問 6 設問 5 の根拠文に下線を引きなさい。(20)