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以下の文章が完成するように、28～43のそれぞれについて(A)～(D)のうちから最も適切なものを一つ選び、A解答紙に記入しなさい。

In Japan, there is a tradition of sending New Year's greeting cards, called *nengajo*. The custom is similar (28) the Western custom of sending Christmas cards. (29) New Year's messages are frequently written on postcards, they are also known as *nenga-hagaki*, or New Year's postcards. If you are celebrating the new year (30) a traditional way, you are (31) to send *nengajo* to your friends and colleagues.

The Japanese custom of exchanging written New Year's greetings (32) at least the Heian era, when people started to write letters to others who lived far away. In 1871, Japan's postal service (33) Europe's example and introduced postcards. These cards were the perfect size for writing brief messages. This New Year's tradition has been (34) since then, becoming one of the most popular customs of the season.

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- (A) with (B) as (C) to (D) in

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- (A) Thus (B) Since (C) Despite (D) Even

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- (A) by (B) on (C) over (D) in

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- (A) advised (B) promised (C) suggested (D) considered

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- (A) goes back to (B) sends back to (C) comes back to
(D) leads back to

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(A) took (B) followed (C) set (D) agreed

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(A) provided (B) transferred (C) observed
(D) conveyed