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次の英語文を読んで、以下の問題に答えなさい。

When, in the employ of Spain, the Italian navigator Christopher Columbus sailed westward across the Atlantic and reached land in 1492, he was convinced he (1) reached those parts of Asia which, in those days, were vaguely referred to as “the Indies.” Even though this was found to be a mistake, the islands upon which he landed are still called the *West Indies* to this day. Its native inhabitants were called “Indians” by Columbus, and this term spread to all the natives of the new lands Columbus had discovered. It wasn’t until 1498, on his third voyage, that Columbus got past the islands and landed on the mainland of the new territories.

Other explores had (2) sailing westward meanwhile and some reached the mainland before Columbus did. One of these was another Italian explorer named Amerigo Vespucci, or, in the Latinized version, Americus Vesputius.

Vesputius described his explorations in two letters (3) which he claimed to have reached the mainland in 1479, a year before Columbus. In these letters he describes the territories he explored not as a part of the “Indies,” but as a “new world.” That began the habit of referring to the land of the western hemisphere as the *New World* and to that of the eastern (4) the *Old World*.

A German mapmaker, Martin Waldseemüller, was much impressed by Vesputius’s letters. He was preparing a map of the world in which he showed the new lands as separate continents and not as parts of Asia. He felt that since Vesputius was the first to reach the mainland and the first to recognize them as separate continents, those continents ought to (5) named in his honor. In 1507, the name *America* first appeared on a map, therefore.

However, most modern historians strongly doubt Vesputius’s truthfulness. It is quite possible Vesputius exaggerated his own achievements and that the proud name *America* is all a mistake.

I. 意味が通じるよう、() 内に入ると思われる最も適切な単語を解答用紙に記入しなさい。

II. 各質問に対して正答を選び、その記号を解答用紙に記入しなさい。

問 1: What did Christopher Columbus believe he had reached when he landed in 1492?

- A) Asia
- B) Africa
- C) The Americas
- D) Australia

問 2: When did Columbus first land on the mainland of the new territories?

- A) 1492
- B) 1498
- C) 1479
- D) 1507

問 3: Who claimed to have reached the mainland in 1479, a year before Columbus?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Martin Waldseemüller
- C) Indians
- D) Americus Vespucci

問 4: How did Amerigo Vespucci describe the territories he explored in his letters?

- A) As a part of the “Indies”
- B) As a “new world”
- C) As the Old World
- D) As separate continents

問 5: Why did Martin Waldseemüller believe the new lands should be named after Amerigo Vespucci?

- A) Because he was the first to reach Asia.
- B) Because he recognized them as separate continents.
- C) Because he was a German mapmaker.
- D) Because he sailed with Christopher Columbus.

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