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次の英文を読み、右記のそれぞれの設問に答えなさい。

Some doctors believe ①COVID-19 restrictions that kept many people at home over the last two years reduced the number of influenza cases. However, many countries have removed pandemic restrictions. Now, cold weather is coming to the northern half of the world, and ②doctors think the upcoming winter may bring a bad flu season.

Flu, short for influenza, causes millions of infections in the U.S. each year. ③The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports the number has been as low as 9 million and as high as 40 million depending on recent years. Doctors in the U.S. expect to give out about 180 million flu shots this year. They are asking seniors, or people older than 65, to get a special, stronger flu shot if it is available where they live.

Flu shots are recommended in the U.S. for people starting at six months of age. Richard Webby is a doctor who centers his work on the flu at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He said ④older people should ask for the kind of shot that is right for their age group. He said three of the shots available this year work better for older people. Younger people have choices, too. ⑤There are versions of the flu vaccine that work for people who are allergic to eggs and those who do not like injections.

Another flu expert is Dr. Andrew Pekosz of John Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland. He said ⑥Australia recently had its worst flu season in five years and that ⑦what happens in the southern half of the world can help predict what will happen in the northern half of the world. He said a strong flu is dangerous for young children who have never gotten the virus before.

The doctors said ⑧one reason for increased infections is that most people are no longer wearing face coverings. During the main part of the COVID-19 pandemic, they did. The CDC said ⑨people should get a flu vaccine by the end of October. But the agency said the shot can still be effective later in the year.

—VOA (October 10, 2022): *Doctors Say 'Get a Flu Shot' This Season*

(注)

COVID-19: 新型コロナウイルス感染症 restriction: 規制 reduce: 減らす
case: 症例 remove: 取り除く pandemic: 世界的流行病の infection: 感染
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: 米国疾病管理予防センター
senior: 高齢者 shot: 皮下注射 available: 利用できる recommend: 勧める
vaccine: ワクチン allergic: アレルギー（体質）の injection: 注射
predict: 予測する virus: ウイルス

問題1 次の各定義に該当する語（1語）を本文の中から見出し、[]に書きなさい。

- (例) [year] = a period of about 365 days or 12 months
(1) [] = the cold season between fall and spring
(2) [] = an illness or unhealthy condition of the body or mind
(3) [] = 1,000,000 of something
(4) [] = an act of giving a drug by using a special needle
(5) [] = a substance which contains a weak form of the bacteria or virus that causes a disease and is used to protect people from that disease

問題2 下線部①～⑨を日本語に訳しなさい。

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