
夏期プレ講座 英語 ～英語長文のはじまり～

第1問 下線部の意味と最も近いものを、次の①～④の中から一つ選べ。

Not only could the crows correctly perform this task, but they did so spontaneously, from the very first presentations, without ever being trained to do so.

- ①The crows carried out the task accurately, but their performance was slow.
- ②The crows' performance in the task was neither accurate nor fast.
- ③The crows' performance in the task was not accurate but automatic.
- ④The crows were at once able to carry out the task accurately by themselves.

第2問 次の文章を読み、下の問に答えよ。

For most people, their friendships are a valuable and important part of who they are. Psychologists have pointed out that well-established friendships lead us to a better understanding of ourselves. They have also noted that we might face conflicts not only with acquaintances but even with our good
5 friends, which could result in ends to some of our friendships. Fortunately, even when such conflicts occur, it is possible to find ways to maintain or save the friendships.

問1 According to the passage, what do psychologists say about friendships?

- ① They are frequently compared to one's possessions.
- ② They are impossible to fix when they become unstable.
- ③ They can lead us to have conflicts with our acquaintances.
- ④ They help us know about ourselves but can have problems.

第3問 次の文章を読み、下の問に答えよ。なお、英文中の(1)(2)の番号は段落の番号を表している

(1) Revising our memory of the past may seem harmless — even necessary — to maintain a positive image of ourselves. However, hindsight biases have negative consequences as well. For one thing, they allow us to become overconfident. When we constantly tell ourselves “I knew it all along,”
5 we start believing that we have a special ability to guess the future correctly. This, in turn, can lead us to take risks we otherwise wouldn’t. For example, we might be careless when investing money or starting a business.

(2) Applying hindsight bias to our own past is not the only trap we fall into; we can also misjudge the extent of the information others had at a specific
10 time. This may cause serious problems in fields such as law and medicine. Imagine a situation where a patient’s X-ray shows nothing wrong. However, two months later, a second X-ray clearly shows a problem. The patient then falsely accuses the doctor of not examining the first X-ray carefully enough. In this case, the patient ignores the fact that nothing wrong appeared in the
15 first X-ray and thinks, “The doctor should have known better!”

問1 What view is expressed by the author in Paragraph (1)?

- ① Hindsight bias can make us too sure of our abilities.
- ② People with hindsight bias are careful decision makers.
- ③ Predicting the future is a skill only a few people develop.
- ④ We need to have confidence when investigating in companies.

問2 According to Paragraph (2), which of the following statements is true?

- ① The doctor accepts blame for insufficient medical skills.
- ② The doctor finds some serious symptoms, but ignores them.
- ③ The patient remembers that the first X-ray showed a problem.
- ④ The patient unfairly criticizes the doctor for carelessness.

第4問 次の会話は、「リーダーシップ」をテーマとして、ある大学で行われた公開討論会でのやりとりの一部である。空所に入れるのに最も適当なものを、次の①～④の中から一つ選べ。

Jane: There have been several studies conducted on the characteristics of good leadership, and there seems to be some agreement among researchers. A good leader tries to create a shared vision for the group. This means that all members have a clear view of the goal everyone is working toward and know exactly what to do to achieve success. The leader should demonstrate a belief in the abilities of the team and appropriately assign tasks to the individuals who can accomplish what needs to be done. In addition, to help maintain team harmony, a good leader should check for stress, a lack of team spirit, or a fear of failure among the members and deal with any problems as soon as they arise.

Roger: So Jane, one point you are making is that a good leader must .

- ① conduct research on the qualities of good leadership
- ② exhibit faith in the abilities of the team to complete tasks
- ③ have a strong fear of failure about the team's abilities
- ④ select a team with creativity and a good sense of team spirit

