

【解答例】

I

(A) たいていの人間の文化は、調理や食事、とくに人と一緒に食事をするを、家族や部族や宗教などにおける人と人とのつながりにとって不可欠なものとみなしてきた。私たちは社会的存在として、人と一緒に食事することで、より社交性のある、さらにはより幸せな人間になると言う人さえいる。

(B) blue という言葉の持つ音は、私たちが青いものとして経験する光の特性や blue という視覚に訴える文字とはおそらく何の関係もないだろうし、言語が違えば異なる発音になるだろうし、手話ではまったく発音されないだろう。色の区別がより少ない、あるいはより多い、あるいは異なるであろう多くの言語においては、blue に相当するものは存在さえしないだろう。

II

設問(1) (i) (ロ) (ii) (ニ) (iii) (イ)
(iv) (ロ) (v) (ニ) (vi) (ハ)

設問(2) Antarctic blue whales

設問(3) 貨物船の音との競合を避け、いったん鳴くのをやめる。(25字)

設問(4) 地球温暖化による氷の融解は人為的であるという意味。(25字)

設問(5) (ニ)・(ホ) (順不同)

III

If you are losing your motivation to pursue your long-term goals, I would recommend going back to the basics of the activity you are engaged in. My father is a dedicated amateur golfer, and whenever he is in a slump, he works on his swing posture and other basic skills in the sport. He says that by returning to the basics he can get back in shape and thus regain his confidence and positive attitude. (75 words)

IV

(A) The more you learn, the more you come to understand things that you did not understand before, and through this process, you can broaden your perspective. When you encounter something unfamiliar and new, your curiosity is stimulated, and this makes you want to learn even more.

(B)

(イ) For a mountain climber, the medium of expression is the act of climbing itself, and even if he puts this act of climbing into writing afterward, it is just a “bonus,” no more than a byproduct of his climb. He would have climbed the mountain anyway, whether or not he had intended to write a book about it later. Besides, he would never picture himself writing a book while still climbing a mountain.

(ロ) If you are unable to explain in your own words what value something has, whether it is freedom of expression, public welfare or democracy, you cannot expect to convince people who insist that such things are not worth protecting to change their mind.