

【解答例】

I

(A)

人間以外の動物は、意思伝達、欺瞞、文化、テクノロジー、政治、道徳といった人間の社会的能力が、いかなる性質のもので、いかにして生まれたかに関する証拠の、極めて重要な源であると長きにわたって見なされてきた。人間はこういった様々な形の社会的活動において際立って優れており、そのために多くの学問分野における理論家たちは、人間は高度な社会的認知を容易にする他の動物には見られない適応能力を有しているという仮説を立てるに至ったのである。

(B)

小説においては、登場人物が自分は今まで夢（あるいは悪夢）の中で生きていたのだと気づいて、目から鱗が落ち、新たな道が選択される瞬間がよくある。こうしたことは、歴史の筋書きにおいても見られるが、たいていの場合にはより長い時間を必要とし、気づいた瞬間にはほぼいつでも手遅れである。

II

設問(1) (i) (ロ) (ii) (イ) (iii) (イ) (iv) (ロ)

(v) (ハ) (vi) (ニ)

設問(2) (A) (ニ) (B) (ロ) (C) (イ)

設問(3) 芸術作品というものは、他の何かを表す一種の記号として、それを何らかの点でまねたり、描写したり、その「代役」を果たしたりするものでなければならないということ。

設問(4) 人間が彫刻を創る動機の多くが進化によって説明可能であると分かったとしても、私たちはそのような彫刻を芸術であると考えようということ。

設問(5) I believe human art is fundamentally different from anything non-human animals create. While satin bowerbirds may build intricate bowers and humpback whales may sing beautiful songs, human art does not have to be intricate or beautiful. It can even evoke negative emotions, as in paintings depicting war.

(47 words)

III

As our society is increasingly disrupted by false information, it is becoming more important to enhance critical thinking skills through conducting research. Misinformation poses a serious threat to democracy, one that must be addressed both urgently and effectively. For example, fake news on the internet can be used to influence elections or social movements, leading people to make ill-informed decisions. Therefore, being able to think critically is essential, as it allows people to distinguish reliable information from false narratives. (79 words)

IV

(A)

What must be kept in mind here is that sound perception in the brain varies widely among individuals. The same sound can sometimes be perceived either as high or low, depending on the individual. Even the same person may perceive a sound differently under different circumstances.

(B)

(イ)

However, come to think of it, the information you have about your own body is much more limited than you might imagine. Of your entire body surface, the part you can actually see yourself is quite small. Nobody has ever directly seen their back or the back of their head, let alone the inside of their body. On top of that, you can never see your own face, by which others recognize you.

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However, researchers are so stubborn that they persist in their own theories, leading to a significant waste of time and effort. Therefore, what is truly needed in scientific research is not so much ingenuity or inspiration as self-criticism, tolerance (for disappointment) and a willingness to give up, among other things.