

I.

1. 2          2. 2          3. 2          4. 2          5. 4  
6. 1          7. 3          8. 2          9. 3          10. 2

II.

11. 4          12. 4          13. 2          14. 3          15. 2  
16. 4          17. 3          18. 2          19. 3          20. 1  
21. 4          22. 1

III.

23. 2          24. 4          25. 1          26. 3          27. 4  
28. 1          29. 3          30. 1          31. 4          32. 2  
33. 2

IV.

a. 3          b. 4          c. 3

V.

(A)

I believe the Japanese government should encourage more food banks. Most governments, including the Japanese government, have their hands full dealing with national healthcare systems, declining populations, essential infrastructure maintenance, etc. Therefore, I feel that if charitable organizations and generous citizens can fill the gap and help the more needy in society, then they should be encouraged to do so. Bill Thurman's article (2050) criticizes the food provided by food banks for being poor in healthy nutrition and providing only temporary relief, but this does not mean that food banks are unnecessary. For example, for people who are unemployed and suffering from temporary poverty, food from food banks may be effective in helping them to maintain their livelihoods, find employment, and return to a healthy lifestyle. Eliminating poverty requires not only government support but also the power of food banks. (140 words)

(B)

I think there is much the Japanese government could do to address the issue of food loss and food waste. The Japanese are used to following orders and obeying rules, so in the

case of food loss and waste, there needs to be a top-down solution rather than leaving things to consumers. The government could force appliance makers to produce only small refrigerators, leading to less consumption, and force retailers to sell all fresh produce regardless of their appearance as well as educating consumers why this is important. This is an issue mentioned by Mo Tynagh in the 2025 article, Food Waste: Everyone's Loss, however, I disagree with the weak conclusion to the article where Tynagh states the common argument, "it is vital that all stakeholders work together, irrespective of financial interests." While this has always been true, it cannot take place without strong government leadership fighting against a system where profit rules. (153 words)