

平成 23 年 度 入 学 試 験 問 題

外 国 語

英 語

150 点 満 点

(聞き取りテストは別記)

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(注 意)

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2. 問題冊子は表紙のほかに 6 ページ、解答冊子は表紙のほかに 12 ページある。
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5. 解答は、すべて解答冊子の指定された箇所に記入すること。
6. 解答に関係のないことを書いた答案は無効にすることがある。
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The word 'history' has two senses: what happened in the past, and what we say in the present about what happened in the past. In the first sense, history as past events is imagined as a country stretched out 'behind' us which we could visit if only we had a time-travel machine. History as the surmises, interpretations and narratives constructed today is based on what those past events left for us — it survives in the form of documents, letters, diaries, ruins unearthed by the archaeologist, artefacts known or judged to be old. These are the residue of what has otherwise gone; historians study and arrange them, like pieces of an incomplete jigsaw puzzle, in order to fashion a coherent story. History, in the sense of past time, is accessible only through history in the sense of today's incomplete jigsaw puzzle; we can get at it in no other way.

Among the indispensable resources of the historian are contemporary accounts of past events written by witnesses. Of course these accounts have to be approached with scepticism; the historian must remember the human inclination to dramatise, enlarge a share or minimise a responsibility, write with bias, distort the facts whether deliberately or unconsciously, 'spin' the events or tell outright lies. Even so, first-hand reports are valuable and (1) important. Without diaries and reports, memoirs, newspapers and other contemporary records, historians would have a very hard if not impossible time. This was what Thomas Carlyle had in mind when he defined history as 'a kind of distilled newspapers', though of course he thereby ignores the task of checking and interpretation that the historian uses to turn those records into an organised whole. Moreover a great deal of the raw material used by historians consists of other less interesting factual records, such as lists of names, account books, legal documents, and the like; a far cry from, say, diary entries and personal letters, reportage and memoir.

It is these latter accounts, though, that give the freshest and most vivid

impression of the past, however much spin and bias they contain. The documentary raw material of history has the immediacy of presence, the directness that characterises communication from someone who was there and felt and saw the things reported. Any policeman will tell you that four witnesses at the scene of an accident will give four different stories of what happened; so we must accept that every contemporary account is one person's account, filtered through subjectivity and the often unreliable channel of memory. Nevertheless it is impossible not to be gripped, absorbed and often moved by letters, diaries and court records. It is a quite different experience from reading novelised versions of the events, and even historical accounts of them. The consciousness that the writer was there makes a big difference. If, as you read, you recall the cynical view of Santayana that 'history is a pack of lies about events that never happened told by people who weren't there', you might not be able to resist a smile. He meant today's historians writing about the past; but the same applies to the creators of their resources. Some letters and diaries might indeed be a pack of lies, and their authors might not really have been where they claimed to have been — but it is reasonable to suppose that most are the authors' version of the truth. And the fact that they were written close to the described events makes them compelling.

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The life of a physicist can be a lonely one. Imagine this: You sit down in an airplane, and the person next to you asks you what you do for a living. You reply that you're a physicist. From here, the conversation can go one of two ways. Nine times out of ten, the first thing out of his or her mouth is something along these lines: "Physics? I hated that class!"

You'll then spend the rest of the trip (or party, or elevator ride, or date)
(1) apologizing for the emotional trauma that physics has apparently inflicted on your friend. These random encounters often reveal an almost joyful contempt, reserved specifically for the fields of physical science and mathematics. "Oh, I'm terrible at algebra!" for example, is said in an almost boastful tone, in a way that "I barely even know how to read!" never would. But why?

Physics has a somewhat unfair reputation for being hard, impractical, and boring. Hard? Perhaps. Impractical? Definitely not. Indeed, when people try to "sell" physics to the public, it is almost always in terms of how it can be used to build bridges or launch rockets — that is, how physics is ultimately the foundation for engineering or chemistry.

But boring? That's where we really take issue. The problem, as we see it,
(2) is that the practical side of physics is almost always put forward at the expense of the interesting side. Even folks with technical focuses such as engineering and computer science typically don't get past mechanics and electromagnetism to the really *fun* stuff. And that's a shame, because quite frankly there has been very little cutting-edge research done on pulleys in the past few years.

This hostility to physics seems to be deep-rooted, and makes it difficult to have discussions without discouraging an audience. In starting a scientific conversation with a "civilian," we promoters of physics often feel like we're trying to force people to eat their vegetables, and rationalize it in the same

way. We never begin physics discussions with “It’s fun!” but almost always with “It’s necessary,” which naturally drains all of the fun out of it.

In an era when new technologies are constantly emerging, scientific literacy should be fundamental. On the other hand, it isn’t necessary that you have four extra years of college sciences to understand them. You don’t need to have a detailed knowledge of exactly how the physics works to appreciate the revolutions in quantum computing or cosmology. It is important, rather, to understand *why* these developments are significant, and how they will change technology and our lives.

And it’s not simply that people need to understand a particular theory. Physics is the model inductive science, and by understanding how science proceeds, people are better able to make informed decisions about issues such as global warming. The hope is that we are more prepared to refute people who disagree with us by offering facts rather than simply insisting “No.”

⁽³⁾ The United States, in particular, has an immense problem with science and mathematics education, with high school students performing well below average compared to those in other developed countries. But we cannot limit ourselves to *only* blaming teenagers, or their teachers. The problem is far-reaching, affecting all walks of life.

Ⅲ 次の文章(1), (2)を英訳しなさい。

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(1) 楽しいはずの海外旅行にもトラブルはつきものだ。たとえば、悪天候や自然災害によって飛行機が欠航し、海外での滞在を延ばさなければならないことはさほど珍しいことではない。いかなる場合でも重要なのは、冷静に状況を判断し、当該地域についての知識や情報、さらに外国語運用能力を駆使しながら、目の前の問題を解決しようとする態度である。

(2) 人と話していて、音楽でも映画でも何でもいいが、何かが好きだと打ち明けると、たいていはすぐさま、ではいちばんのお気に入りは何か、ときかれることになる。この問いは、真剣に答えようとすれば、かなり悩ましいものになる。いやしくも映画なり音楽なりの愛好家である以上、お気に入りの候補など相当数あるはずであり、その中から一つをとるには、残りのすべてを捨てねばならない。

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- IV** テープの音声を聞いて、Section 1, Section 2 の問題に答えなさい。音声を聞いている間、メモをとったり解答を記入したりしてもよい。

総合人間学部(50 点)

医学部(医学科)(30 点)

Section 1

Section 2

- (1) Why did the idea of playing classical music to babies become popular?
- (2) What is the problem with the Mozart Effect?
- (3) For what did the German research team find “zero evidence”?
- (4) According to the author, what do babies need in order to learn a language?
- (5) According to the author, how effective is forced learning for infants?

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