

2025 基礎クラス 冬期講習

精読、和文英訳の復習 + α

第 1 問

Freedom of the mind requires not only, or not even especially, the absence of legal constraints but the presence of alternative thoughts. The most successful tyranny is not the one that uses force to assure uniformity but the one that removes the awareness of other possibilities, that makes it seem inconceivable that other ways are viable, that removes the sense that there is an outside. It is not feelings or commitments that will render a man free, but thoughts, reasoned thoughts. (大阪大'11)

第 2 問

Slang is more pervasive than ever, and teachers nationwide are wearying of the unyielding fight against improper speech and a breed of student that simply refuses to learn the correct way to use language. Furthermore, when asked what they perceive to be the cause of this situation, most of them point straight at new inventions, such as e-mail, cell phones, and *instant messaging, wholeheartedly believing them to be the source of any perceived decline in youth literacy.

(大阪大'09)

注 *instant messaging 「インスタント・メッセージ」(対話やメッセージのやりとりなどができるインターネット上の機能)

第 3 問

It was a dull and cloudy day when we arrived at the railway station outside Upper Harford and, in the diffuse grey light, they seemed older and more frail. I took my grandmother's arm as we waited for the train that would bear me away to London. I may have imagined it, but I believe that I felt her body shaking slightly; it was only a faint tremor, but nevertheless it communicated itself to me, and made me more afraid for her than I had been since my arrival all those years before. Yet there was very little that could be said — very little to say — on this grey morning of my departure.

(京都大'93)

第 4 問

On television, when someone is interviewed on the screen who is a long way away, there is sometimes a blank-faced pause, a beat of two, before he replies to a question. This is the time it takes for the end of the question to rebound from the satellite. It looks odd, because it seems to be a part of our politeness to reply at once; a silence suggests that we think it a silly or rude question.

(京都大'92)

第 5 問

わたしは、家具や道具はなるべく木の素材を選んでいきます。木は命あるもの独特のやさしい雰囲気があるので、心地いいんです。人工的な素材は新しい時が最高の状態だけれど、木は新品の時が出発点です。年月に磨かれて、味わいも美しさも増していく。そこが一番の魅力です。

第 6 問

ヨーロッパでは、夏ともなると人々は大挙して南の方に旅行に出かける。多忙をきわめる一国の首相も何とかやりくりして長期の休暇を取るし、かき入れ時の観光地のレストランやホテルでさえ、経営者や従業員のために、休業する所も少なくない。彼らにとって夏の休暇は、日本人には思いもよらない意味合いを持っているようだ。

