

Instructions

Reading Passage

Acquiring a knowledge of history is a pleasant and safe ⁽¹⁾pastime for the amateur. Developing an understanding of history is ⁽²⁾essential for those who would influence the future. It is not only on the lessons that history has to teach, valuable though they are, that this claim lies. It is rather because history, by making us aware how we arrived where we are today, gives us our bearings so that, like any traveller, we may venture into the unknown, confident at least of our direction. When we meet the future by reacting to the present, how we react is largely ⁽³⁾determined by the past — our history.

Questions

Q1. Vocabulary(6 points)

Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the boldfaced word in each sentence.

(1) pastime

① hobby ② job ③ hope ④ event

(2) essential

① interesting ② necessary ③ immediate ④ dangerous

(3) determined

① doubted ② changed ③ limited ④ decided

Q2. Sentence Order(6 points)

Rearrange the following words to complete the phrase meaningfully. One word is unnecessary. Write the correct phrase and the unnecessary word.

[for / would / who / future / influence / those / the / on]

Q3. Grammar/Usage(6 points)

Choose the sentence in which the double-underlined word is used in the same way as the underlined word in the sentence:

“...gives us our bearings so that, like any traveller, we may venture into the unknown confident at least of our direction.”

- ① I spoke slowly so that everyone could understand me.
- ② So that he might succeed, he worked day and night without rest.
- ③ She smiled so that nobody would notice her sadness.
- ④ So that is what I was trying to say.

Q4. Translation(20 points)

Translate the underlined part into natural Japanese.

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Q5. Reading Comprehension(12 points)

Choose the most appropriate answer to each question.

- (1) What does the author suggest about learning history?
 - ① It is only a pastime for professionals.
 - ② It helps us understand where we are and where to go.
 - ③ It prevents us from venturing into the unknown.
 - ④ It teaches us to forget the mistakes of the past.
- (2) Why is history described as giving us “bearings”?
 - ① Because it points us to the correct path forward.
 - ② Because it limits our understanding of the future.
 - ③ Because it reminds us of past dangers.
 - ④ Because it changes how we react to the present.
- (3) What determines how we react to the present, according to the passage?
 - ① Our imagination of the future.
 - ② The lessons of the past.
 - ③ Our emotions at the moment.
 - ④ The unknown future itself.

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