

Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Some people still persist in a view of the natural world and its inhabitants as having no other value than to serve humans as tools, objects, and resources. This approach is very different from that of indigenous people who recognize no such ⁽¹⁾hierarchy and do not [see / a / separating / wall / between / humans / been] and the animal and plant ⁽²⁾kingdoms. They regard all creatures of the earth as ⁽³⁾fellow travelers and spiritual teachers.

Questions

Q1. Vocabulary(6 points)

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

(1) hierarchy

- ① system of rank ② equality ③ group ④ community

(2) kingdoms

- ① realms ② citizens ③ beliefs ④ groups of leaders

(3) fellow

- ① companion ② enemy ③ stranger ④ teacher

Q2. Sentence Order(6 points)

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

Write the correct phrase and identify the unnecessary word.

[see / a / separating / wall / between / humans / been]

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:

“This approach is very different from that of indigenous people ...”

- ① This plan is better than that of last year.
② I know that he is honest.
③ That book is mine.
④ It is not that I dislike you.

Q4. Translation(20 points)

Translate the underlined part into natural Japanese.

Some people still persist in a view of the natural world and its inhabitants as having no other value than to serve humans as tools, objects, and resources.

Q5. Reading Comprehension(12 points)

Choose the most appropriate answer to each question.

(1) What view do some people persist in?

- ① That humans should serve animals and plants.
- ② That the natural world has no value except to serve humans.
- ③ That all creatures are spiritual teachers.
- ④ That humans and nature are equal partners.

(2) How is the indigenous worldview described?

- ① They see a strict hierarchy among species.
- ② They see no dividing wall between humans, animals, and plants.
- ③ They treat animals and plants only as resources.
- ④ They deny any spiritual value in nature.

(3) What is the main contrast made in the passage?

- ① Tools vs. resources.
- ② Humans vs. technology.
- ③ Utilitarian vs. spiritual view of nature.
- ④ Animals vs. plants.

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