

## Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Silence is an act of nonverbal communication that <sup>(1)</sup>transmits many kinds of meaning dependent on cultural norms of interpretation. Our tendency to describe silence as an absence of speech reveals a particular cultural <sup>(2)</sup>bias, <sup>(3)</sup>implying that something is missing, but silence is a “something” with purpose and significance. Silent behavior occurs in all societies, although its message varies both between and within different groups. It conveys meaning, as does all communication, partly from the situational and interactional contexts of its use. Emphasizing the “use” of silence also focuses on the fact that silence does not simply exist but is actively created by participants.

## Questions

Q1. Vocabulary(6 points)

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

(1) transmit

- ① carry ② block ③ change ④ hide

(2) bias

- ① prejudice ② equality ③ agreement ④ order

(3) implying

- ① suggesting ② proving ③ denying ④ emphasizing

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.

[to / describe / silence / as / an / absence / of / speech / regarding]

Q3. Grammar/Usage(6 points)

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

- ① The news that she won surprised everyone.
- ② He said that he was tired.
- ③ That book is very interesting.
- ④ It is not that I dislike him.

Q4. Translation(20 points)

Translate the underlined part into natural Japanese.

Q5. Reading Comprehension(12 points)

Choose the most appropriate answer to each question.

(1) How is silence described in the passage?

- ① As meaningless absence
- ② As nonverbal communication with cultural dependence
- ③ As identical in all societies
- ④ As less important than speech

(2) What does the author emphasize about silence?

- ① It only occurs when speech is impossible.
- ② It exists independently without human involvement.
- ③ It is actively created and has communicative purpose.
- ④ It prevents understanding in communication.

(3) According to the passage, why is describing silence as absence problematic?

- ① It ignores silence's purpose and significance.
- ② It values silence more than speech.
- ③ It eliminates cultural norms.
- ④ It suggests silence is superior to communication.

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