

Instructions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Time scales have changed dramatically in the twentieth century. The biggest changes in our ⁽¹⁾interpretation of the distant past [] the last twenty years as new schemes of dating, new discoveries of material remains and new ⁽²⁾evaluations of evidence have come so fast that earlier surveys have been rapidly outdated. It is through our late-twentieth-century sense of time and space, so different from that of previous centuries in that it is governed by science, that we now step backwards and reach out to our most remote ancestors. This does not mean that we should ignore the journeys of past explorers of history when we make our own journey through time, for the social historian learns much about social history from out-of-date and ⁽³⁾discarded explanations.

Questions

Q1. Vocabulary(6 points)

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

(1) interpretation

- ① explanation ② rejection ③ invention ④ imagination

(2) evaluation

- ① measurement ② assessment ③ discovery ④ equipment

(3) discarded

- ① hidden ② thrown away ③ replaced ④ improved

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.

[have / place / taken / been / within]

Q3. Grammar/Usage(6 points)

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

- ① She is looking for her keys.
- ② For all his wealth, he is unhappy.
- ③ This is the reason for his success.
- ④ They set out, for the weather was fine.

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) What has most changed in the last twenty years?

- ① Our methods of evaluating evidence.
- ② The people who study history.
- ③ The events of the distant past themselves.
- ④ The importance of explorers' journeys.

(2) According to the passage, how do historians treat outdated explanations?

- ① They should be ignored completely.
- ② They are useful for understanding social history.
- ③ They must be replaced by scientific views.
- ④ They are misleading and dangerous.

(3) What is emphasized about the modern sense of time and space?

- ① It is similar to that of previous centuries.
- ② It is mainly shaped by imagination.
- ③ It is governed by science.
- ④ It prevents us from reaching the past.

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