

英文解釈の実践練習[品詞に強くなる]後期②

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解答時間 10 分

次の英文を読み、空所 (1)～(15) に入る最も適切な語を、下の選択肢から選び、番号で答えなさい。ただし、同じ語を繰り返し用いてはならない。

(A)

Loneliness is currently one of the biggest problems (1) the elderly, but I (2) technology to contribute a lot to quality of life, especially for people who are house-bound or bed-bound. Economically, the (3) elderly represent an enormous potential market, (4) one that has been ignored (5) now. All that is going to (6). Indeed the fastest growing market for internet users in the United States is now (7) the over 60s.

(B)

It is frequently said (8) people tend to have an irrational fear of crime. Older people, especially those (9) in poorer areas, are often anxious about being mugged, (10) the chances of this happening are low. Young men are much more (11) to be victims of assault than the elderly. However, this ignores the fact that people who fear crime alter their behavior so (12) to avoid potentially threatening situations - not going out after dark and so on. The risk of (13) a victim of crime (14) seems lower than it (15) is.

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| ⑬ expect | ⑭ when | ⑮ thus | |

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白文

(A)

Loneliness is currently one of the biggest problems facing the elderly, but I expect technology to contribute a lot to quality of life, especially for people who are house-bound or bed-bound. Economically, the affluent elderly represent an enormous potential market, albeit one that has been ignored until now. All that is going to change. Indeed the fastest growing market for internet users in the United States is now among the over 60s.

(B)

It is frequently said that people tend to have an irrational fear of crime. Older people, especially those living in poorer areas, are often anxious about being mugged, when the chances of this happening are low. Young men are much more likely to be victims of assault than the elderly. However, this ignores the fact that people who fear crime alter their behavior so as to avoid potentially threatening situations - not going out after dark and so on. The risk of being a victim of crime thus seems lower than it actually is.

(A)

- 1 house-bound 形 外出できない、家にこもりきりの
- 2 bed-bound 形 寝たきりの
- 3 affluent [æfluənt] 形 裕福な
- 4 represent [rɛprɪzɛnt] 動 ～を表す、～に相当する
- 5 enormous [ɪnɔːrməs] 形 巨大な、莫大な
- 6 albeit [ɔːlbɪːt] 接 ～ではあるが

(B)

- 7 mug [mʌg] 動 ～を襲って金品を奪う
- 8 assault [ə'sɔːlt] 名 暴行、襲撃
- 9 threatening [θ'retənɪŋ] 形 脅威となる、危険な
- 10 victim [vɪktɪm] 名 被害者
- 11 be anxious about ～ 熟 ～を心配する
- 12 the risk of V-ing 熟 Vする危険性