

令和5年度入学者一般選抜入学試験問題

(B日程 国際地域学部)

英 語

注意事項

- 1 試験時間は、午前10時から午前11時30分までである。
- 2 試験開始の合図があるまで、問題冊子を開かないこと。
- 3 この試験では、問題冊子(4ページ)、解答用紙2枚及び下書き用紙1枚を配付する。
- 4 試験開始の合図があつてから、解答用紙に受験番号を必ず記入すること(氏名の記入は不要)。解答用紙は2枚あるので、必ず2枚すべてに記入すること。
- 5 解答は、解答用紙の所定の欄に横書きで記入すること。所定の解答欄以外に記入した解答は無効である。
- 6 問題冊子及び解答用紙にページの欠落や印刷不鮮明な部分等がある場合は、手をあげて、試験監督者がそばに来てからその旨申し出ること。
- 7 原則として、試験時間中の途中退室は認めない。
ただし、具合が悪くなった場合、トイレに行きたくなった場合等は、手をあげて、試験監督者がそばに来てからその旨申し出ること。
- 8 試験終了の合図があつたら直ちに筆記用具を置くこと。
- 9 試験終了の合図があつて筆記用具を置いたら、机の上に問題冊子と下書き用紙を重ねて置き、その上に表にした解答用紙を問①の解答用紙が上になるように重ねて置くこと。
- 10 試験監督者の許可があるまで退室しないこと。

※ 解答は解答用紙に書きなさい。

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Read the passage. Then write a paragraph of about 150 words in English to answer the question below the passage. In your paragraph, use your own words and ideas. (語数を記入する必要はない。)

Should People Combine Their Money After Marriage?

Traditionally, married couples in many countries combined their money after marriage. Nowadays, however, there are more options. When people already have good jobs before marriage, they may prefer to keep some or all of their finances separate. Similarly, people who are in a second marriage may find it simpler to keep their finances completely separate, especially if they have children from their earlier marriage. Interestingly, a recent study indicates that couples who share a bank account are likely to have more satisfying relationships. However, it should be noted that the reason for this is unclear. It could be that banking together creates a sense of unity, a feeling of being on a “team”. On the other hand, it is also possible that happier couples are simply more likely to share their finances in the first place.

Question: In your view, is it better to combine money after marriage, or should married couples use separate bank accounts? Give reasons for your answer.

Reference:

Lowry, E. (2022, May 15). Should people combine their money after marriage? What matters most for modern couples is getting the communication started. *The Japan Times*.
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2022/05/15/commentary/world-commentary/marriage-money/>

2 Read the following article and choose the correct words below to fill the spaces.

International Unions

An international union is a group of nations that has (1) _____ political or economic ties. One well-known international union is the European Union, which today (2) _____ over 20 member states. There are several advantages to being in an international union. First, there are better trade opportunities. This can result in cheaper goods and services. Second, travel between member countries is easier. Third, environmental agreements can have a stronger effect than when countries act alone. Finally, the chance of (3) _____ between members decreases. (4) _____ these advantages, international unions can also have disadvantages. First, it is more difficult for countries to make decisions for themselves. Second, membership costs a lot of money. Third, open (5) _____ between member states make it harder to control international crime or terrorism. Finally, international unions create more competition for local businesses. This can make it harder for small (6) _____ to survive.

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| (1) A. absent | B. formal | C. urgent | D. rural |
| (2) A. competes with | B. remarks on | C. consists of | D. protests against |
| (3) A. justice | B. routine | C. output | D. conflict |
| (4) A. Towards | B. Despite | C. Through | D. Since |
| (5) A. borders | B. symbols | C. victories | D. expansions |
| (6) A. disasters | B. equivalents | C. enterprises | D. faults |

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<https://op.europa.eu/webpub/com/eu-what-it-is/en/>

Gaille, L. (2017, June 18). 13 advantages of international unions. *Vittana Personal Finance Blog*.

<https://vittana.org/13-advantages-and-disadvantages-of-the-european-union>

3 Read the following article and do the task below.

Friendship and Personality

Over the last few years, the pandemic* has affected our societies in many ways. We have been forced to change how we work, study, and spend our free time. Many countries are now trying to return to normal life, but will things ever be the same again? One aspect of society that is receiving more attention is human friendships. In 2021, a survey revealed that 12% of Americans had no close friends, a 9% rise from the 1990s. Moreover, 8% of men and 13% of women aged 30-49 said they had lost contact with friends. Of course, we all recognize that friends are important for our health and sense of well-being*, but we do not all need the same number or kinds of friendships. Our needs depend on our personalities.

One of the ways that people's personalities differ is in how extroverted* they are. An extrovert is a person who gets energy from meeting other people. Extroverts feel comfortable talking with others, and they are often seen as being full of life and positive. For these people, the last few years have been difficult because they could not engage with others like they normally do. Introverted* people, on the other hand, prefer to spend time alone and need time by themselves to recover energy. Even so, introverts are not shy, and they still need to have close friends in their lives. The difference is that introverted people are more comfortable in small groups, and they do not wish to be the center of attention.

At the beginning of the pandemic, it was felt that introverts might be able to deal with the difficulties of lockdowns* more easily, but this hasn't proved to be true. Several studies in early 2020 found that introverts were at least as likely as extroverts to feel stressed or lonely during this time. This may be because introverts tend to experience stronger emotions, and they find it more difficult to control these feelings in new situations. Talking with friends can make them feel better.

No one knows if there is an ideal number of friends, but whether we are extroverts or introverts, having at least one close friend seems to be very important. This allows us to feel connected to others and to have a more satisfying life. The relationship between friendships and health also seems clear. Studies have found that people with groups of close friends have healthier lives and higher life satisfaction.

Doctor Jeffrey Hall from the University of Kansas notes that each of us is a unique human being with our own needs. "Your personality and the characteristics of your life are going to make a difference," he says. What is most important is that we ask ourselves if we feel lonely or if parts of our personality are being limited. For social people like extroverts, spending more time in groups might help to reduce stress, while for introverts, sharing feelings with a single close friend would be more helpful. But whoever we are, we all need friends.

- * pandemic：パンデミック、感染爆発
- * sense of well-being：幸福感
- * extroverted：外向的な
- * introverted：内向的な
- * lockdown：ロックダウン、都市封鎖

問：本文の内容を **500 字以内の日本語** で要約しなさい。解答は解答欄に**横書き**し、数字や句読点は 1 字と数えなさい。(文字数を記入する必要はない。)

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Cherry, K. (2021, February 20). The big five personality traits. *Verywell Mind*.

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Pearson, C. (2022, June 10). How many friends do you really need? *New York Times*.

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