

英語

標準クラス

説明文・記事と評価

読解Ⅲ

1. Your school is having a cultural festival next month . Your class has decided to design original T-shirts for the event . To design them and have them printed , you found an online service that looks good .

### **Design Your Original T-shirts !**

It's fast and easy ! High quality , low prices , and quick delivery guaranteed !

#### **Step 1 : Choose your base shirts**

- 1. Shirt type :** Regular T-shirt | Tank-Top shirt
- 2. Color :** [click to select](#)
- 3. Size :** S×0 | M×0 | L×0 | XL×0 | 2XL×0 | 3XL×0

#### **Step 2 : Design your T-shirts with our easy online tools**

- 1. Front design**
- 2. Back design**
- 3. Sleeve design** (optional : an extra fee of \$5.00 applies)

#### **Step 3 : Choose shipping options**

- 1. Regular Delivery :** 3 to 4 weeks . Free .
- 2. Rush Delivery :** 2 to 3 days . \$2.00 per shirt .  
(It takes 2 to 3 days to have your order ready to ship .)



### **Customer Ratings and Reviews :**

Johnathan K . 2 weeks ago ★★★★★

This online service is simply great ! The design tools are very easy to use , the quality of the T-shirts is excellent , and I got the shirts to look exactly the way I wanted . The prices are low compared to other similar services , and they delivered my order three days earlier than the promised date .

Rachel S . 3 weeks ago ★★★★★

I like this online service very much , and I have used it so many times . I am a professional designer and what I like most about this service is its excellent customer service . Whenever I have questions or special requests , they are always very helpful . I would recommend this online T-shirt service to anyone looking to design original T-shirts !

問1. This website is especially useful if you want to (1) .

- ① buy high-quality T-shirts
- ② sell inexpensive T-shirts
- ③ take lessons on designing original T-shirts
- ④ wear original T-shirts one month later

問2. To make sure the T-shirts arrive in time for the cultural festival using normal delivery , you must order your T-shirts at least (2) .

- ① a week in advance
- ② four and a half weeks in advance
- ③ four weeks in advance
- ④ three and a half weeks in advance

問3. Someone who has no experience in designing T-shirts may use this service because (3) .

- ① help from a professional designer is available
- ② its customer service will design T-shirts for the person
- ③ the T-shirts are high quality
- ④ there are easy-to-use online design tools

問4. On the website , one **fact** (not an opinion) about this online service is that (4) .

- ① everyone will have a great experience
- ② the service is really fast and easy
- ③ there are several packaging options
- ④ you can choose the sizes of your T-shirts

問5. On the website , one **opinion** (not a fact) about this online service is that (5) .

- ① a person used this service repeatedly
- ② high school students will love this service
- ③ the customer service is very helpful
- ④ you can only design the front part of the T-shirts

2. Your English teacher gave you an article to help you prepare for the debate in the next class . A part of this article with one of the comments is shown below .

### Japan's Population Is Getting Smaller and Older

By Paul Brown , Tokyo  
12 JUNE 2019 11:21 AM

A Japanese government survey showed the number of newborn babies in Japan dropped again last year and hit the lowest mark ever recorded . Japan's population keeps declining and aging despite the government's efforts .

A government official said , "The number of newborns must increase , and the population must grow accordingly ." An aging population means a decrease in the number of young people who can work and an increase in the number of elderly people who need care . " It is clear that we need a larger workforce to grow economically , and only economic growth can generate enough tax money to take care of the increasing elderly population , " he argued .

However , some people think differently . A professor in population studies says , "The decreasing population is both natural and healthy ." She believes Japan's population is already too large and its economic activity is damaging the environment . She continues , "If the population drops to a proper level , something good will happen . Each person will have a bigger share of what nature provides-land , animals , fish , forests , ect . Then , our lives will be a lot easier."

#### 14 Comments

Newest

**Yuichi Inoue** 13 JUNE 2019 9:05 PM

I live in a small town in western Japan . The population of our town is decreasing and aging . There is plenty of nature but our lives are not any better . I prefer to live in a younger , bigger , and more active society . This should be the same for everyone in our country.

問1. According to the survey by the Japanese government , the population of Japan is (1) .

- ① decreasing and getting older although the government is trying to stop the trend
- ② decreasing and getting older as planned
- ③ increasing and getting older although the government is trying to stop the trend
- ④ increasing and getting older as planned

問2. Your team will support the debate topic , "Japan's population should grow ." In this article , one opinion (not a fact) helpful for your team is that (2) .

- ① a decreasing population may lead to a major economic crisis
- ② a growing population can generate enough tax money
- ③ it is necessary to have a bigger population to live happily
- ④ the number of newborn babies last year was lower than that of the previous year

問3. The other team will oppose the debate topic . In this article , one opinion (not a fact) helpful for that team is that (3) .

- ① some experts in population studies have addressed Japan's shrinking population
- ② Japan's population is too large and causes environmental damage
- ③ the government preserves nature for the sake of our future generations
- ④ the government should actively maintain the current population

問4. In the first paragraph of article , "hit the lowest mark" means (4) .

- ① "became very steady"                      ② "disappointed everyone"
- ③ "excited young people"                      ④ "reached the smallest number"

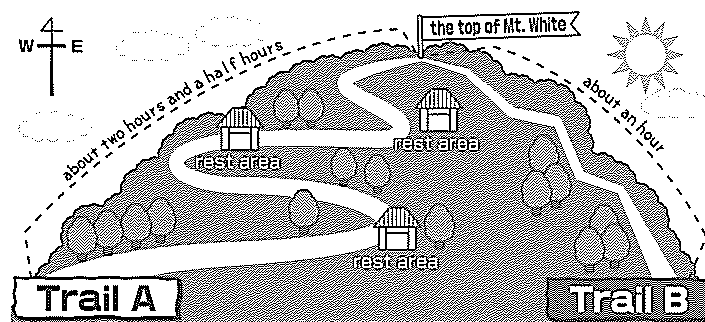
問5. According to his comment , Yuichi Inoue (5) the current population trend in Japan as stated in the article .

- ① does not welcome                      ② has no particular opinion about
- ③ partly welcomes                      ④ strongly welcomes

3. You are planning to go hiking on next weekend and are looking for a place to go . On a website , you find nice hiking trails near the town you live in .

### Come and Enjoy the Nature on Mt. White !

Mt. White offers wonderful hiking trails . Every year , a lot of people enjoy hiking here . You can choose one of the two different hiking trails : Trail A or Trail B .



#### Trail A

- about two hours and a half hours to the summit
- west side of the mountain
- gentle slopes
- many rest areas along the trail

#### Trail B

- about an hour to the summit
- east side of the mountain
- some steep slopes
- some narrow trails

Both trails end at the top of Mt. White . One can enjoy a stunning view , weather permitting .

#### CAUTION:

In order to protect the environment of Mt. White , do not feed the wild animals , do not take anything away from the mountain , or do not use any products causing fire .

In addition , pack out your garbage with you .

COMMENTS:

worldwidehiker May 10 , at 9:33

I have hiked here many times . When it is sunny , the view from the top is amazing . If you haven't been there , I really recommend that you go !

hikingfan June 21 , at 20:12

I am a beginner but I tried Trail B for my fifth hike . To be honest , it was too hard for me . If you are a beginner , I think you should choose Trail A . I want to try Trail A next time .

問1. When you go hiking for the first time , you should take (1) .

- ① Trail A , which has gentle slopes
- ② Trail A , which is located in the east side
- ③ Trail B , which has more rest areas
- ④ Trail B , which needs less time to the top

問2. If you decide to go to Mt. White and take Trail B , you will (2) .

- ① go through narrow paths
- ② not see wild animals
- ③ take more than two hours
- ④ walk in the west side

問3. While you enjoy hiking on Mt. White , you should (3) .

- ① cook with fire yourself
- ② give some food to animals
- ③ pack out your garbage
- ④ pick up some flowers

問4. According to the website , one fact (not an opinion) about these hiking trails is that Mt. White is (4) .

- ① highly recommended
- ② the best trail in this area
- ③ very popular among hikers
- ④ visited by many people

問5. According to the website , one opinion (not a fact) about these hiking trails is that (5) .

- ① narrow trails in Trail B are easy to walk
- ② the nature of Trail A is good
- ③ Trail A is better for everyone
- ④ Trail B is too tough for beginners



4. You are a member of the English club . You are going to have a debate about media . You found the article and the comment below while preparing for the debate .

### **News on Social Media**

by Daniel Smith , New York  
14 FEBRUARY 2019 • 10:25AM

According to recent research , the number of the people who get news from social media is increasing . This is more outstanding in the younger generation .

Here is how to read news on social media . Your friends share the news articles they are interested in . When you see the titles of articles and want to know the details , click on some keywords to read more . The computer knows which articles you have read and puts similar articles on the top of your screen . Peter Davidson , a university student , said , "Social media is quite convenient and efficient because I don't have to spend time looking for articles I want to read. "

On the other hand , some people get news from newspapers and television . On TV , the news which is more important for the majority of viewers is shown first . In a newspaper , every detail is written . Lucy Miller , a banker , said "I like to read the newspaper every day . I can get a lot of knowledge in various fields from a newspaper. "

#### 18 Comments

Sophie Harris 15 FEBRUARY 2019 • 9:10PM

I think reading news on social media is not good . It narrows points of view because people only read the news they are interested in . People should read all kinds of news to know exactly what is happening in the world .

問1. According to the article , the recent research shows that more and more people prefer to (1) .

- ① check old news on the Internet
- ② read articles of newspapers online
- ③ read news on social media
- ④ write ideas about news

問2. Your team will support the debate topic , "Social Media is Suitable to Get News. " In the article , one opinion (not a fact) helpful for your team is that (2) .

- ① it takes less time to find the news you want to read by using social media
- ② more elderly people read articles on social media these days
- ③ the newspaper helps you to choose the news you like
- ④ the number of people having computers is growing

問3. The other team will oppose the debate topic in the article , one opinion (not a fact) helpful for that team is that (3) .

- ① the details of the news are shown only on TV
- ② the newspaper enables one to know many different kinds of news
- ③ the newspaper is important for people who work for banks
- ④ you can get the most important news on the Internet first

問4. In the second paragraph of the article , "it is quite convenient and efficient" means that (4) .

- ① the computer chooses the news you might like
- ② the computer has a big screen for a lot of news
- ③ there are many similar articles on TV , on newspaper , and so on
- ④ your friends tell you how to get the news

問5. According to her comment , Sophie Harris (5) reading news on social media .

- ① has no particular opinion about
- ② partly agrees with
- ③ strongly agrees with
- ④ strongly disagrees with