平成31年度入学試験問題(特別入試)

小 論 文

(注意事項)

- 1. この問題は特別入試(推薦入試,社会人入試,私費外国人留学生入 試)の志願者を対象とする。
- 2. この問題冊子は試験開始の合図があるまで開いてはならない。
- 3. 問題は全部で4ページある。落丁・乱丁、印刷不鮮明の箇所などがあった場合は申し出ること。
- 4. 別に解答用紙が2枚及び下書き用紙が2枚ある。
- 5. 解答はすべて解答用紙の指定された箇所に横書きで記入すること。
- 6. 受験番号は解答用紙の指定された箇所に必ず記入すること。
- 7. 解答時間は90分である。
- 8. 問題冊子及び下書き用紙は持ち帰ること。

問題 1 次の英文の要約を200字以内の日本語で書きなさい。

How should the language barriers between generations be lowered? The government's latest survey has brought a difficult problem into relief.

The Cultural Affairs Agency has released the results of a survey conducted on people aged 16 or older regarding the Japanese language. Among other things, the survey focused on expressions frequently used by particular generations.

One example is "kokoro ga oreru," a phrase meaning "to be disheartened by an obstacle one faces." The survey found that this expression is used by a considerable 76 percent of respondents in their 20s, and by 18 percent of those in their 70s and older.

"Mega tenni naru" is predominantly used by those in their 50s, with the figure standing at 70 percent. This phrase is said to have originated in cartoons read in the 1970s, which used it to indicate a look of astonishment. It may have made a strong impression on these respondents during their childhood.

The phrase is used by 37 percent of the pollees in their teens, according to the survey. They may have picked it up from people in their parents' generation. The phrase is used by a minimal 21 percent of those in their 70s or older.

It is safe to say that different generations have continued to produce their own words and phrases with which to appropriately express their feelings. Japanese is flexible enough to describe different things with a wide range of expressions. That is an advantage afforded by the language.

Inevitably, there are some differences in the language used by different generations. It should be noted that if the difference is extremely large, it will hinder mutual communication between generations.

Regarding difficulties in the use of language, a sizable 55 percent of those polled said they do not understand the meanings of words of foreign origin and foreign words, up 16 percentage points from a similar survey conducted in fiscal 2010. The survey pointed to an increasingly prominent trend in which there are many katakana words incomprehensible to people of advanced age.

A noticeable number of elderly people said they do not understand the language used by people of different ages. Undoubtedly, one factor behind this situation is changes in the state of affairs surrounding the media.

Generally, information about such matters as foreign loanwords and newly coined words came to be gradually shared by a wide range of people through newspapers and TV.

In social networking services and other internet media, new information is circulated just like a flood. This seems to have created a situation in which elderly people cannot possibly keep up with the trends.

The internet offers many conveniences. However, another aspect specific to the internet is that it can build a language barrier among generations. The culture of the Japanese language is entering a new stage due to the spread of the internet.

In the latest survey, more than 90 percent of the respondents said the ability to communicate is important. This indicates that people, regardless of generation, recognize the importance of making their own language understood to others.

To realize their hope in a changing language environment, efforts should be made to increase opportunities for people in different generations to interact with each other.

(出典:EDITORIAL / Bridge verbal divide among generations to pass on Japanese language, The Japan News, September 26, 2017,原文のまま)

問題2 次の二つの図は2018年1月に公表された『日本経済2017-2018成長力強化に向けた課題と展望』からの引用である。これらの図に基づいて、以下の設問に答えなさい。

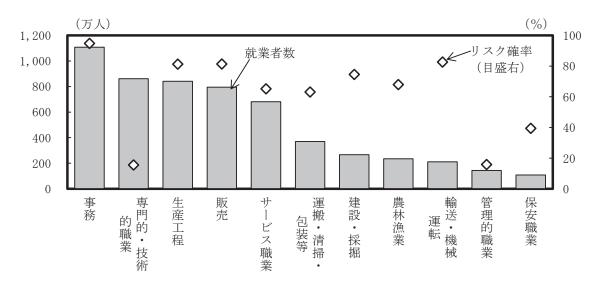


図1 人工知能と雇用(職業分類別の就業者数とリスク確率)

(注) リスク確率とは人工知能により仕事の内容や性質が大きく変わる確率である。

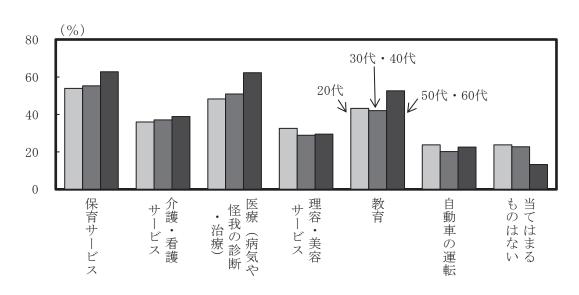


図2 人間にやってもらわないと困るサービス (年齢別)

(注)「サービスのうち、ロボットではなく人間にやってもらわないと困ると思うものはありますか(複数回答可)」という設間に対し、それぞれのサービスに「はい」と回答した人の割合を年齢別に示し、「当てはまるものはない」は六つのサービスすべてに「いいえ」と回答した人の割合を示している。

設問

- 問1 図1の説明を140字以内で書きなさい。
- 問2 図2の説明を100字以内で書きなさい。
- **問3** 実際にサービスがロボットに置き換えられるかどうかについて、費用の面から考えられることを120字以内で書きなさい。