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## 注意

1. 監督者の合図があるまでは問題冊子と解答用紙を開かないでください。
2. 別紙の解答用紙は、マーク用解答用紙(1)と記述用解答用紙(2)とに分かれています。指定された解答欄をまちがえないように注意してください。
3. 解答用紙(1)は直接コンピューターにかけますので、折りまげたり、よごしたりしないでください。また、枠で囲まれた部分以外には記入しないでください。
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5. 解答用紙(1)に誤ってマークした場合には、消しゴムで跡が残らないようにていねいに消し、消しかすをきれいに払ってください。
6. 試験開始後、解答用紙(1)には、氏名、受験番号を記入し、さらにその受験番号をマークしてください。なお、受験番号を記入するときには解答用紙(1)の〔**受験番号記入上の注意**〕をよく読んで、まちがいのないようにしてください。

解答用紙(2)には、氏名、受験番号を記入してください。

7. 試験問題はこの冊子の1～9ページに記載されています。

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各問題はほぼ同じ配点になっています。それを念頭に時間配分してください。

8. 試験終了後、この問題冊子は持ち帰ってください。

- 1 次の文章を読み、設問(a)～(e)にもっとも適切なものを1～4の中から1つ選びなさい。

Since their return to school after the COVID-19 pandemic, many teachers in Sweden have been putting a new emphasis on printed books, quiet reading time, and handwriting practice. They are now spending less time on tablets, independent online research, and typing skills. The return to more traditional ways of learning is a response to politicians and experts questioning whether Sweden's digitalized approach to education, including the introduction of tablets in nursery schools, had led to a decline in basic skills.

Sweden's Minister of Schools was one of the biggest critics of overusing technology. She said in a statement in March 2023 that "Sweden's students need more textbooks," because she believes that printed books are important for student learning. In August, the Swedish government announced plans to go further and completely end digital learning in schools with children under the age of six, the Ministry told the Associated Press.

Swedish fourth-grade students' reading scores on the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) were above the European average in 2021. Nevertheless, between 2016 to 2021 the students' scores actually declined in Sweden. In 2021, Swedish fourth graders averaged 544 points, a drop from the 555 average in 2016. However, their performance still placed the country in a tie with Taiwan for the seventh-highest in overall test score. In comparison, Singapore improved its PIRLS reading scores from 576 to 587 during the same period. England's average reading achievement score fell only slightly, from 559 in 2016 to 558 in 2021.

One possible reason for the lower score could be the increasing number of immigrants who do not speak Swedish as their first language. Education experts also say that the COVID-19 pandemic and the overuse of digital devices have caused young students to fall behind. "There is clear scientific

evidence that digital tools weaken rather than enhance student learning,” reported a highly respected Swedish medical school in August. “We believe the focus should return to acquiring knowledge through printed textbooks and teacher expertise, rather than acquiring knowledge primarily from freely available digital sources that have not been examined carefully for accuracy.”

The rapid adoption of digital learning tools also has drawn concern from the UN’s education and culture agency (UNESCO). In a report published in August, UNESCO issued an “urgent call for appropriate use of technology in education.” The report urges countries to speed up internet connections at schools, but at the same time warns that technology in education should never replace in-person, teacher-led instruction and should support quality education for all.

In the Swedish capital, Stockholm, a third grader expressed his approval of spending more school hours offline. “I like writing more in school, like on paper, because it just feels better, you know,” he told the Associated Press. His teacher said she was careful about asking students to use tablets during lessons even before the government announced policy changes.

Adapted from: Harris, T. (2023, September 11). Switching off: Sweden says back-to-basics schooling works on paper. *The Guardian*. Retrieved from <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/sep/11/sweden-says-back-to-basics-schooling-works-on-paper>

- ( a ) What is the main topic of the passage?
- 1 . Improving teaching methods in Sweden.
  - 2 . Increasing Sweden’s rank in reading.
  - 3 . Promoting the use of technology in Sweden.
  - 4 . Struggling students in Sweden.

(b) According to the passage, which of the following is most likely to happen in Sweden?

1. Digital devices will be kept mandatory in elementary schools.
2. More international students will come to the country.
3. Tablet use in nursery schools will be ended.
4. The Swedish PIRLS scores will improve.

(c) Among the countries mentioned in the passage, which scored the highest on the 2021 PIRLS?

1. England.
2. Singapore.
3. Sweden.
4. Taiwan.

(d) The main reason for promoting the use of printed textbooks in Sweden is that \_\_\_\_\_.

1. experts believe the excessive use of tablets prevents children from acquiring basic skills
2. the country ranked low in PIRLS among European countries
3. the outbreak of COVID-19 has settled down
4. there are more immigrant students using Swedish as their second language

(e) Which of the following was NOT a point in the UNESCO's report?

1. Faster internet connections will support better online instructions.
2. In-person instructions should never be replaced by digital contents.
3. Internet connections need to be improved at schools.
4. Technology should be used appropriately in school.

- 2 次の対話文を読み、設問(a)～(e)にもっとも適切なものを1～4の中から1つ選びなさい。

*A conversation between two students in the cafeteria.*

Connor: Hey, have you thought about how our food choices affect our bodies? In class today, we debated the pros and cons of a plant-based diet, and now I find myself constantly thinking about its merits.

Claire: Like what?

Connor: Well, it's generally healthier than eating a lot of meat. I've heard plant-based diets can reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease, and other health issues.

Claire: Oh, I didn't know that. What else?

Connor: It's also better for the planet. Compared to raising animals, producing plant-based foods typically requires fewer resources such as water and land. Plus, it reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Claire: That's interesting. I've been hearing a lot about climate change lately. I knew processed foods were unhealthy, but I had no idea that giving up meat could make such a difference. Maybe I should try to become a vegetarian and stop eating meat completely.

Connor: Not necessarily. Simply adding more plant-based meals to your diet can benefit your body and the planet.

Claire: Oh, I see. I don't mind cutting down a little on meat.

Connor: It's worth a try. And you might find that it's more budget-friendly, too. Nuts, beans, and other plant-based proteins are often cheaper than meat.

Claire: I like that! Isn't meat the best source of iron, B vitamins, and some essential minerals, though?

Connor: Well, people on plant-based diets just need to work harder to include those nutrients\* in their diets. In the end, if you want to eat healthily and sustainably, you don't have to stop eating meat altogether.

Claire: I see. Thanks for the info, Connor. I'll look into it more.

Connor: No problem!

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(a) What is the main topic of this conversation?

1. Advantages of being a vegetarian.
2. Benefits of a plant-based diet.
3. Disadvantages of being a vegetarian.
4. Harmful effects of a modern diet.

(b) According to Connor, people who try to avoid meat products \_\_\_\_\_.

1. are less likely to develop cancer
2. cannot afford to purchase meat
3. do not develop heart problems
4. know that vegetarian diets are not environmentally friendly

(c) According to the conversation, choosing a plant-based diet would \_\_\_\_\_.

1. help the planet
2. help unhealthy animals
3. require more money
4. require more water

( d ) Which of the following statements about the students is most accurate?

- 1 . Both are interested in healthy eating habits.
- 2 . Both believe that eating meat is healthier.
- 3 . Claire supports meat-eating, while Connor favors vegetarianism.
- 4 . Connor thinks that a vegetarian diet is best, but Claire disagrees.

( e ) What can be inferred from the conversation?

- 1 . Claire and Connor will become vegetarians.
- 2 . Claire and Connor will have steak for lunch.
- 3 . Claire is going to start eating less meat.
- 4 . Claire is going to stop eating meat.

- 3** 確証バイアスについて次の文章はどのように説明しているか、150～180字の日本語でまとめなさい。解答には(1)確証バイアスの定義、(2)確証バイアスが危険な理由、(3)確証バイアスに対抗する方法の3点を必ず含めること。

Confirmation bias is our natural tendency to seek out and accept information that confirms what we already believe and ignore information that does not. If a piece of information agrees with our beliefs, our instinct is to accept that it is true. We are often happy to learn this information. We tend to overlook any problems with it. We are more likely to recall it later. And we may be more likely to act on it.

Allowing confirmation bias to control how we understand new information can be dangerous. For instance, people naturally want to read news stories that confirm their existing beliefs. But that can make it easier for people to fall for fake news. Fighting our confirmation bias is especially hard online. Social networking services (SNSs) tend to connect us with people who already think like us. Computer programs fill our SNS feeds with content that we are expected to like, based on our past activity.

However, there are ways to resist confirmation bias in our lives. Simply recognizing this bias is one key step. Also, try to seek out information that you disagree with. Approach the information with an open mind, rather than immediately trying to find problems in it. Likewise, talk to people that you know you disagree with. Try to understand their opinion without getting defensive.

Exposing yourself to viewpoints that you do not agree with can be hard, but no one is right all the time. And there are merits to acknowledging you might be wrong. Confirmation bias may be leading you to believe something that is not true.

Adapted from: Temming, M. (2024, March 11). Scientists say: Confirmation bias. *Science News Explores*. Retrieved from <https://www.snexplores.org/article/scientists-say-confirmation-bias-definition-pronunciation>

- 4** 次のテーマで100～150語程度のエッセーを，具体例を挙げながら英語で書きなさい。

What do you think is the most important quality of a good friend and why?