

基礎学力テスト I (全 7 の 1)

1. 次の 1～8 の () に入れるのに最も適切なものを、下の (a)～(d) からそれぞれ 1 つずつ選び、その記号をマークせよ。
1. Alzheimer's disease is not rare among the aged worldwide, and Japan leads the nations in the rate of people with the ().
(a) abstraction (b) ambition (c) condition (d) consumption
2. Whether a person will develop hypertension or not is often () by his or her family history.
(a) inclined (b) persuaded (c) cajoled (d) shaped
3. The first eyeglasses that people wore had convex lenses for those with presbyopia, which is a kind of farsightedness () to age.
(a) linked (b) supposed (c) transacted (d) ushered
4. Individuals who create a new business or organization taking on financial risks for success can be considered ().
(a) auxiliaries (b) debutantes (c) entrepreneurs (d) heuristics
5. The complex tapestry of socio-economic factors underpinning the nation's protracted recession demands a multi-faceted approach, () the deeply entrenched systemic issues that perpetuate stagnation.
(a) acknowledging (b) dismissing (c) emitting (d) swallowing
6. While the evidence suggests a strong tie between exercise and improved mental (), further research is needed to fully understand the mechanisms involved in this relationship.
(a) break-in (b) passer-by (c) trade-off (d) well-being
7. Demonstrating an exceptional aptitude for synthesizing disparate information and articulating complex concepts with remarkable clarity, she effortlessly navigated the () of the debate, offering profound insights to the audience.
(a) advents (b) intricacies (c) massacres (d) shivers
8. Notwithstanding the compelling empirical evidence presented, a contingent of skeptical researchers continues to voice reservations regarding the long-term () and potential unforeseen ramifications of the proposed intervention strategy.
(a) efficacy (b) folly (c) manor (d) squash

基礎学力テスト I (全 7 の 2)

2. 次の 1 と 2 の各英文には、まとまりをよくするために取り除いた方がよい文が一つある。取り除く文として最も適当なものを、それぞれ下線部 (a)～(d) のうちから一つずつ選び、その記号をマークせよ。ただし、英文 1 と 2 は独立したものである。

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(Van Campenhout, C. (2025), *Reuters* より一部改変)

2.

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(Tanaka, T. (2024), *The Asahi Shinbun* より一部改変)

基礎学力テスト I (全 7 の 3)

- 3 次の英文が完成した文章になるように、文意に沿って、(1)～(4) の (a) から (f) を並べ替えた後、それぞれ 1 番目、3 番目、6 番目にくるものの記号をマークせよ。

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基礎学力テスト I (全 7 の 4)

- 4 次の英文を読んで、以下の問いに答えよ。

The Global Search for Nurses

The movement of people across borders in pursuit of better lives is a defining feature of the 21st century. Within this global migration, the flow of healthcare professionals, particularly nurses from Asia, stands out as a critical phenomenon shaping healthcare systems worldwide.

Nations grappling with aging populations and workforce shortages increasingly rely on internationally educated nurses (IENs), primarily from countries like the Philippines and India, to fill their critical gaps. However, this reliance has (1) _____ a global competition for these skilled professionals, raising crucial questions about the nurses' experiences and their retention.

In the Navis Human Resource's Bengaluru office in India, there are many signs promising Indian nurses higher salaries in other countries. Japan, for instance, offers monthly wages of 100,000 to 150,000 rupees (\$1,200 to \$1,800), a substantial increase for many. Germany presents an even more compelling prospect, with monthly pay ranging from 185,000 to 216,000 rupees (\$2,100 to \$2,500), approximately 50% more than Japan. In the Middle East, countries like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait sometimes offer monthly wages of up to \$5,000. This (2) _____ highlights the dynamic nature of the global nursing market, where countries actively compete to attract and retain nursing talent.

A recent review of numerous studies in the Journal of Transcultural Nursing sheds (3) _____ on the complex factors influencing the retention of Asian IENs in Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and the Middle East. It is not simply about money. Five key themes emerged: the desire for better career prospects, occupational downward mobility, inequality in career advancement, acculturation challenges, and the importance of a robust support system.

Many nurses seek opportunities for professional growth and advancement unavailable in their home countries. However, upon arrival in another country, they often encounter occupational downward mobility, where their qualifications and experience are not fully appreciated or recognized. This can lead to great frustration and (4) _____, especially when they see inequalities in career advancement compared to locally trained nurses.

Acculturation challenges also play a (5) _____ role. Adapting to a new culture, language, and healthcare system can be daunting. The absence of a strong support system, including family and social networks, exacerbates these challenges.

The review's findings underscore the need for host countries to adopt more effective retention strategies. Granting permanent residency, ensuring transparent credentialing assessments, providing equal opportunities for career advancement, and offering support systems are (6) _____ steps in retaining IENs. Ultimately, retention strategies that genuinely consider the perspectives and experiences of Asian IENs are essential for building a sustainable and equitable global nursing workforce.

基礎学力テスト1 (全7の5)

1. 本文の空所(1)～(6)に入れるのに最も適切な語を、下記の(a)～(d)からそれぞれ1つ選び、その記号をマークせよ。

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| (1) (a) sighted | (b) ignited | (c) designated | (d) slighted |
| (2) (a) clarity | (b) relation | (c) disparity | (d) exclusion |
| (3) (a) rights | (b) sights | (c) might | (d) light |
| (4) (a) disillusionment | (b) awareness | (c) excitement | (d) success |
| (5) (a) fiscal | (b) significant | (c) mysterious | (d) relentless |
| (6) (a) vague | (b) crucial | (c) fragile | (d) trivial |

2. 本文の内容と適合するものを下記の(a)～(h)から3つ選び、その記号をマークせよ。

- (a) The main reason given for the IEN global migration is financial difficulty.
- (b) An IEN in Japan can earn a higher monthly salary than a nurse working in Germany.
- (c) IENs are sought after by nations facing aging populations and workforce shortages.
- (d) Acculturation challenges are now minimal for IENs due to strong support systems.
- (e) Permanent residency and transparent credentialing systems are important for IEN retention.
- (f) Saudi Arabia and Kuwait offer monthly wages of a minimum of \$5,000 to nurses.
- (g) Occupational upward mobility is a common experience for Asian IENs.
- (h) The review highlights that factors beyond just salary influence IEN retention.

基礎学力テスト1 (全7の6)

5 次の英文を読んで、以下の問いの答えを、それぞれ(a)～(d)より1つずつ選びマークせよ。

Acts of Charity at Convenience Stores in Japan

Most people in Japan regularly visit convenience stores. They are hubs for not only drinks and snacks, but they also carry a plethora of daily essentials and sundries such as soap, shampoo, cell phone chargers, undergarments, frozen food and alcoholic drinks. They really are a sight to behold. And while the mark-up on the goods in these shops can differ to what you can find in a supermarket or a discount store, it is the mere accessibility of them that makes them so popular in this country.

However, have you ever seen the small donation boxes that are placed near the registers in these stores? They are in that location for a reason: as customers are taking out their money to insert into an automatic payment machine or as they pay the clerk, they may get tempted to put their small change (or larger bills) into one of these boxes that are always aptly placed in this prime location in the store. It begs the question as to where do all of these contributions actually go?

There are three main convenience store chains in Japan. As it turns out, each company collects and contributes money in the following ways:

- Company 1 supports environmental causes such as planting trees and maintaining green spaces in local communities.
- Company 2 focuses on children's education and welfare.
- Company 3 relieves child hunger both domestically and internationally.

This leads to the interesting question of how much these stores actually collect every year for these worthy causes. Company 1 seems to accrue the most money, with over 516 million yen gathered last year. Conversely, Company 2 raised 407 million yen, and Company 3 amassed 399 million yen. These sums are quite astounding considering that there always seems to be next to nothing in these donation boxes.

So, the next time you are at a convenience store, perhaps you should think about what you can do with that extra pocket change and just how many people it might help. It proves the old English adage that "a little of something goes a long way".

基礎学力テストⅠ（全7の7）

1. What is the reason for the location of the donation boxes in convenience stores?
 - (a) They facilitate the emptying of pockets.
 - (b) Customers can receive extra loose coins.
 - (c) The shops are usually extremely high priced.
 - (d) Clients can notice them easily.
2. What is the best summary of the passage?
 - (a) Donation boxes at convenience stores are trivial and ubiquitous.
 - (b) Contributing money at convenience stores benefits many causes.
 - (c) Company 1 raises the most money of all convenience stores in Japan.
 - (d) Company 2 inflates its prices in order to make more money.
3. Why should customers put money into the donation boxes according to the passage?
 - (a) To subsidize a worthy initiative
 - (b) To save on their purchases
 - (c) To get to the front of the store
 - (d) To gain more money
4. Which of the following causes would likely NOT be a recipient of convenience store donations?
 - (a) Green causes around Japan
 - (b) Education opportunities
 - (c) Providing housing abroad
 - (d) Underprivileged youth
5. According to the passage, why does the author seem surprised at the amount of money collected in the donation boxes?
 - (a) People are often seen supporting local charities.
 - (b) The charity containers usually seem mostly empty.
 - (c) More people choose cashless purchases nowadays.
 - (d) Customers tend to waste spare money on other items.