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専攻科一般入学試験 A 問題用紙

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I. Choose the best word to fill in the blanks from among the four choices.

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The good thing about preservatives is of course that they preserve food. The bad thing about food preservatives is that they can be bad for us. Calcium propionate, for instance, is used to kill bacteria and yeast in breads to ward off mold. But it's also been linked to an elevated risk of diabetes and obesity. Chemists David Brown and Natasha Jean, old friends from college, (1) a way to preserve foods naturally. In 2023, their company, Chinova Bioworks, perfected a way to process mushroom-fiber extract so that when it's added to foods, it increases their shelf life without (2) flavor. "We took an organic cream-cheese product and (3) its shelf life from six weeks to 10," says Brown. That's an extra month to schmear your bagels, meaning less food waste—plus, extra fiber in your diet. On top of that, mushroom farmers get to sell something they would otherwise (4), since the fiber is made from up-cycled mushroom stems. The company is also partnering with wineries in California and New Zealand to test these preservatives, which could potentially replace the added sulfites that winemakers rely on right now for a long shelf life. (Grapes naturally produce sulfite, so the extra is an overload that some people can't tolerate well.) "We're trying to make an (5) product so that companies will actually use it," Brown says. "We really hope to make the food industry more sustainable."

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| 1 a. did away with | b. got down to | c. came up with | d. made do with |
| 2 a. convincing | b. altering | c. identifying | d. negotiating |
| 3 a. shortened | b. limited | c. extended | d. prospered |
| 4 a. discard | b. tolerate | c. complain | d. facilitate |
| 5 a. ongoing | b. exceptional | c. immortal | d. affordable |

B.

When industrial engineer Abel Cruz was a boy, his weekly chore was to scramble down a ravine* in the foothills of the Peruvian Andes to (1) the family's water from a spring. "It was downhill from the house, far away and steep," he says. Cruz began dreaming up better ways to collect water. He noticed that subtropical plants, for instance, capture rain and mist with their wide leaves. Eventually, he struck upon the idea of a fog net, a concept that he would go on to refine and share around the world. Each vertical net is 215 square feet of synthetic resin mesh. Micro-droplets of water (2) and then dribble down into collection tanks. One net can collect 50 to 100 gallons per day. Locals can (3) the water in buckets for their small farms. Working in Lima, Peru, with support from the Creating Water Foundation, Cruz has (4) more than 3,600 nets on the bare hillsides around the city to capture fog drifting in from the Pacific Ocean. This should help bring relief to the city of more than 9 million, which tends to have little rainfall and suffers from frequent water shortages. "The planet has less and less fresh water," Cruz points out, because "the glaciers that are natural (5) are disappearing. So we must find a way to accumulate and save water for times of (6)."

*ravine = 溪谷、峡谷

1 a. steal b. fetch c. sprinkle d. consume

2 a. vaporize b. associate c. dehydrate d. condense

3 a. installed b. comprised c. prevailed d. accumulated

4 a. slopes b. reservoirs c. sanctuaries d. habitats

5 a. mobility b. cultivation c. excavation d. drought

II. 以下の英文を読んで質問に答えなさい。

“Say the magic word!” As children, we’re taught that the polite thing to do is always to say “please.” In fact, it’s one of the top etiquette rules we learn growing up. Today’s babies are even taught it using sign language. But how often do you really say “please” in everyday conversation? Whatever your guess, it’s likely too high—way too high.

New research published in *Social Psychology Quarterly* found that people use the word “please” when making a request a dismal 7% of the time. Yes, you read that right. Even more interesting was that these findings were about the same across age, gender and social status.

“We definitely were surprised by the results—everyone was,” says Tanya Stivers, PhD, a professor of sociology at UCLA and one of the authors of the 2024 study. “Having such a low number feels counterintuitive.” So what’s the deal with the magic word? Are we all making massive etiquette mistakes? We talked to Stivers about her research on politeness to find out.

Using conversation analysis, the study investigated when and where people use “please” in everyday requests. Not only do people use “please” less than 10% of the time when making requests, but they also tend to use it most when they expect a “no” response is forthcoming.

One of the more interesting things about this phenomenon, Stivers says, is that research has found that requests phrased with “please” are no more likely to work than other polite requests—and sometimes they even backfire. Why? Because the word “please” is being used as a way to convince or force the other person into agreeing with a request they might not otherwise be inclined to do—to “override their unwillingness.” This small talk etiquette mistake can leave the person being asked feeling a little icky.

Is saying “please” actually rude? It doesn’t have to be, but the study found that more often than not, this polite habit is being used in pushy situations. “We found that using ‘please’ often indicates that you’re requesting something you kinda shouldn’t be,” Stivers says. “People tend to use ‘please’ when they know there might be a problem with their request.”

Can saying “please” still be polite? Technically, yes, as long as you don’t overuse it. Be aware that sometimes using “please” can come across as pushy or intrusive. “There are so many nice ways to ask for something that don’t have those other connotations,” Stivers says. “If someone is trying to be more polite, I would recommend adding other polite phrases first, before adding in more ‘pleases.’”

Bottom line: Not saying “please” doesn’t mean that you’re being impolite. And saying “please” doesn’t ensure that you are being polite. The most important part of having good etiquette is treating the other person with kindness and respect, both in word and deed.

1. 下線部の具体的な例となる英語のフレーズを 2 つあげなさい。
2. 全体を 160～200 字の日本語で要約しなさい。

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Do you think marriage is still relevant these days?

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専攻科一般入学試験 B 問題用紙

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I. Choose the best word to fill in the blanks from among the four choices.

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Credit for our festive birthday candles likely goes to the ancient Greeks. They purportedly made cakes adorned with candles to (1) Artemis, the goddess of the moon and the hunt. The round shape of the cakes was a (2) to the moon, and the lit candles made the confections (3) like the moon's surface. It's said that when the candles were blown out, the smoke helped ward off evil spirits or carried prayers to the gods on Mount Olympus. How birthday candles progressed from Zeus to the present day is a little more obscure. One theory puts them at pagan celebrations. Pagan and other cultures believed bad spirits visited people on their birthdays, so candles and a room full of friends were (4) to protect the birthday boy or girl. A few hundred years later, birthday candles resurfaced in Germany, where the custom developed of adding one candle on the cake for each year of a person's life, plus one extra candle in the middle for good (5) in the year to come. Hundreds of years later, we're still lighting up our birthday celebrations.

1 a. educate b. magnify c. honor d. pursue

2 a. likelihood b. tribute c. recognition d. sophistication

3 a. coarse b. glow c. reflect d. beautiful

4 a. necessary b. vulnerable c. excessive d. coherent

5 a. flaw b. conclusion c. fortune d. lottery

B.

As any city dweller will tell you, a little green space goes a long way. Having a park around the corner promotes (1) activity and improves air quality. Plus, a tree is a lot nicer to look at than a highway. The people of Madrid, Spain, couldn't agree more. The city has become a green-space leader after it replaced dirty highways and streets with parks and meadows. It took nearly a decade of construction to complete, but the city's Madrid Río Project (2) down a multilane highway—sections of the M-30 freeway now run underground through tunnels—allowing people to picnic where cars once whizzed by. A polluted river has been cleaned up, and otters are (3) there for the first time in years. Other waterways have been widened; pine trees have been planted; meadows and beaches have been added. Carmen Muñoz, who lives along one of Madrid's many rivers, told a reporter that she "no longer wakes to the noise of honking cars, but rather to the sound of birds singing in the trees." She and her neighbors are also breathing in a lot less carbon dioxide—over 30,000 metric tons less, according to studies. And the (4) isn't done yet. Leaders are working on plans to encircle the city with a green belt, or, as city council member Mariano Fuentes calls it, a 47-mile-long "metropolitan (5)."

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| 1 a. internal | b. physical | c. civilized | d. concrete |
| 2 a. looked | b. turned | c. let | d. tore |
| 3 a. filling in | b. showing up | c. touching on | d. driving away |
| 4 a. transformation | b. transmission | c. transaction | d. transplant |
| 5 a. vein | b. survey | c. forest | d. peer |

II. 以下の英文を 160～200 字の日本語で要約しなさい。

Happiness is incredibly important. That's why August is National Happiness Month. It is not just a fleeting emotion or a byproduct of success. It is a state of mind that can significantly influence both your personal and professional lives. I often say that happiness is not a spectator sport — you must actively participate in the pursuit of your own joy. It is a powerful force that can shape your outlook on life, your interactions with others and your overall well-being.

"Happiness is an inside job," said New York Times best-selling author Mandy Hale. "Don't assign anyone else that much power over your life."

The pursuit of happiness is a personal journey, and what brings joy to one person may differ for another. However, there are several universal strategies that can help you obtain happiness.

Some of the insights that I've found to be effective include:

Choose to be positive. Cultivate a positive outlook and focus on the good in your life. Develop an attitude of gratitude. Regularly reflect on and appreciate the things and people you're thankful for. With a positive attitude, you are better equipped to bounce back from setbacks and maintain a hopeful perspective. Also, a positive mindset can lead to greater productivity and success. When you are happy, you are more engaged, creative and motivated to achieve your goals.

Incorporate humor into your life. Life is too short to be serious all the time. Look for humor in everyday situations and allow yourself to laugh. Use humor as a tool for hope, signaling that better times are ahead and that you can handle life's challenges.

Be helpful and kind. Volunteer and help others. Engaging in acts of kindness and volunteering can boost your mood and lead to a happier life. Compliment and thank others. Recognizing the value in others can enhance your relationships and bring joy to both you and them.

Choose joy. Every day, you have the choice to seek out and embrace joy. Make the conscious decision to pursue activities and thoughts that make you happy. At the same time, avoid self-pity, worry and complaining. These negative tendencies can sap your happiness. Work on eliminating them to make room for more joy in your life.

Follow your enthusiasm. Be open to taking detours on your roadmap to happiness. Your enthusiasm may lead you to unexpected and fulfilling places. Enthusiasm is the spark that ignites our lives.

Happiness also has been linked to better health outcomes. When you are happy, you are likely to experience less stress, which can contribute to a stronger immune system and a lower risk of chronic diseases.

Happiness is not a destination; it is a way of life. It is about enjoying the journey and making the most of the moments you have. By actively engaging in these practices, you can create a happier and more fulfilling life for yourself.

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Should more be done to protect and preserve endangered animals?

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