

1 Answer questions (1) ~ (4) in English.

(1) Read the following passage and answer the question below.

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- 注) \* the tropics: warm regions near the equator  
\* darker-hued: having a darker color  
\* yields: produces  
\* notorious: famous for something bad  
\* bristlecone pine: a type of pine tree that lives a very long time

**Question:** Why was the scientist's discovery in 1964 both important and unfortunate?

(2) Read the following passage and answer the question below.

African elephants are becoming more endangered, according to a March 25 report by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The group looks at animal populations to determine how likely they are to become extinct.

There are two species of African elephant. Savanna elephants roam\* open grasslands. Forest elephants live in wooded areas. Both are in trouble.

Over the past 50 years, the savanna\* elephant population has fallen by 60%. The IUCN lists the animal as endangered. The forest elephant population has declined by more than 86% over 31 years. The forest elephant is now listed as critically endangered. Today, Africa has about 415,000 elephants.

注) \* roam: move around freely

\* savanna: wide grassland with few trees

**Question:** What is the main idea of this passage?

(3) Read the following passage and answer the question below.

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注) \* Psychologists: people who study the mind and human behavior

**Question:** What three disadvantages of pet cloning are described in this passage?

(4) Read the following article and answer the question below.

The oldest person on record was Jeanne Louise Calment of France. She lived for 122 years. She was born the year before Alexander Graham Bell\* patented\* the telephone and died in 1997 — one year after the first flip phone\* came out. That’s a long life! As of 2019, the average human life expectancy was 73.1 years.

People have generally been living longer than they did just a few decades ago, thanks to greater access to medicines, clean water and other life-saving resources. A 2021 study found that humans could probably even live up to 150 years. It’s unlikely people will ever live longer than that, the scientists say, because our bodies must work to repair themselves. And by the time we reach 100 years old, it’s difficult for our cells to keep up.

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- (2) “Elephants at Risk”, Shay Maunz, April 9, 2021, TIME for Kids, <https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/elephants-at-risk-2/?rl=en-850>, © 2021 TIME USA LLC.. All rights reserved. Used under license.
- (3) “A lab in Spain can clone your pet -level2”, April 2, 2025, News in Levels, <https://www.newsinlevels.com/products/a-lab-in-spain-can-clone-your-pet-level-2/>
- (4) “Meet some of the longest-lived animals”, Alison Pearce Stevens, January 30, 2025, Science News Explores, <https://www.snexplores.org/article/long-lifespan-oldest-animals-aging>, Used with permission.

注) \* Alexander Graham Bell: the inventor of the telephone

\* patented: officially registered an invention

\* flip phone: an old-style mobile phone that folds in half

**Question:** According to the article, why do scientists believe humans will probably not live longer than 150 years?

2 次の英文を読んで、下の問いに答えなさい。

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- 注) \* pinnacle: the most successful point  
\* stitches: loops of thread to repair a cut in the body  
\* to the sidelines: to watch from the side  
\* a pulmonary embolism and hematoma: 肺の血管の閉塞と血腫  
\* a straight-set thrashing: a total loss  
\* stagnating: inactive and no longer developing  
\* bites: suddenly causes pain  
\* *Unlearn*: the title of the book from which this passage was taken  
\* inhibitor: something that prevents progress  
\* flawed: containing mistakes  
\* obsolete: outdated and no longer useful

- (1) あなたの pinnacle について語ってください。これまでに取り組んできたこと（学業、スポーツ、趣味など）のなかで、成功したと自信をもって言えることは何か。その内容と成功の要因をいくつかあげながら、句読点を含め 300 字以内の日本語で述べよ。
- (2) 筆者は unlearn とはどのような行為を指すと述べているか。句読点を含め 50 字以内の日本語で説明せよ。

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3 次の英文の要旨を、句読点も含め 100 字以内の日本語でまとめ、解答欄に書きなさい。

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“Me and my brain”, LearnEnglish Teens,

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/c1-reading/me-my-brain>

- 注) \* adolescence: the period of change between childhood and adulthood  
\* neurons: nerve cells  
\* axon: the long thin part of a nerve cell  
\* synapses: シナプス  
\* dendrites: branched extensions of a nerve cell  
\* tots: very young children  
\* puberty: the time of life when a child experiences physical and hormonal changes  
\* prune: cut and remove unwanted parts  
\* old adage: traditional saying or phrase  
\* grey matter: brain  
\* frontal cortex: the part of brain at the front of the head  
\* adept: skillful  
\* volatile: unstable

- 4 What do you think is the main message of this sequence of pictures? Explain your idea in English within 50 words.

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“Management’s role in DevOps: orchestrating the why”, coté, August 15, 2015, Côté’s Wunderkammer,  
<https://cote.io/2015/08/15/managements-role-in.html>

5 Answer the following question in English within 50 words.

There are many ways to pay for goods and services in Japan nowadays, including cash, electronic money and credit cards. Some people say that electronic money will replace cash in the future. What is your opinion about this idea?

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