

Although boxing has a history of over a hundred years as an Olympic sport, some people argue that boxing and other sports based on physical violence should have no place in the Olympics. Do you agree with this statement? Write a paragraph giving one or more convincing reasons to support your position.

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【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例】

I disagree. Why are sports based on physical violence inappropriate for the Olympic Games? This view is based on the idea [The supporting idea of this view is] that the Olympic Games are festivals for world peace, but that is just an illusion. In reality, the history of the Olympics has shown that they were no more than events for athletes to display their physical powers or states to enhance their economic, political or military prestige. For this purpose, fighting sports including boxing are the most effective. (80 words)

\*prestige: uncountable

※2010年 早稲田・政経の 'The Olympic Games should be abolished' を参照。

【A予備校 解答例1】

I agree. Sports based on physical violence may have a bad influence on the spectators, especially children. Boxing matches in the Olympics are usually broadcast worldwide on TV, and there are many children who watch them. Do they really understand that hurting others by hitting them is only allowed because it is a sport? I'm afraid there are some who imitate boxers and hurt their friends. (66 words)

【A予備校 解答例2】

I think sports based on physical violence should be excluded from the Olympics. In boxing matches, players never stop punching each other, even if they bleed or their faces swell, until one of them falls down. I hear there are even some who go insane by being hit too often. Everybody calls it a sport, but to me, it is nothing but an uncivilized, barbarous activity. (66 words)

【B予備校 解答例1】

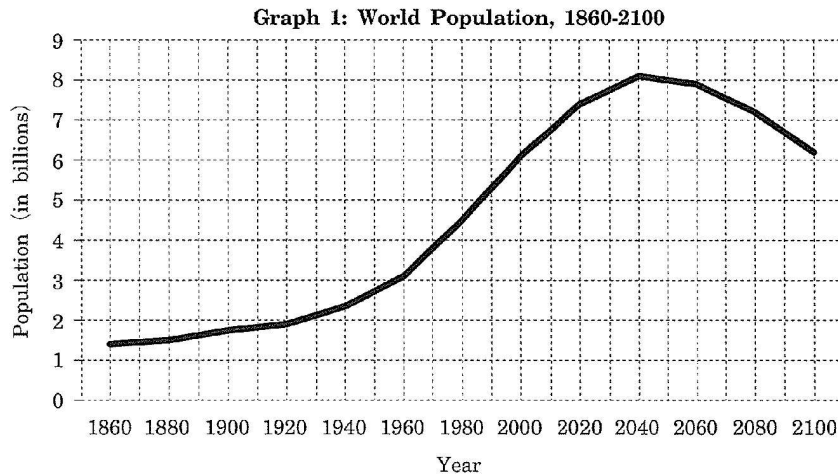
I disagree with this statement. All sports have some violent elements in them. There are people who say boxing should not be part of the Olympic Games because it is barbarous, but what would they say about judo, karate, soccer or rugby? Of course, it might be rather unusual in those sports for players to bleed, but they can't be called 'peaceful'. (62 words)

【B予備校 解答例2】

I disagree with this idea. It is something for viewers to enjoy; for athletes, it is a good chance to challenge themselves. Whether a sport is violent or not doesn't make any difference. In fact, many Olympic sports require athletes to push, tackle or even try to stab each other. If violence is not allowed, those sports cannot be allowed, either. (61 words)

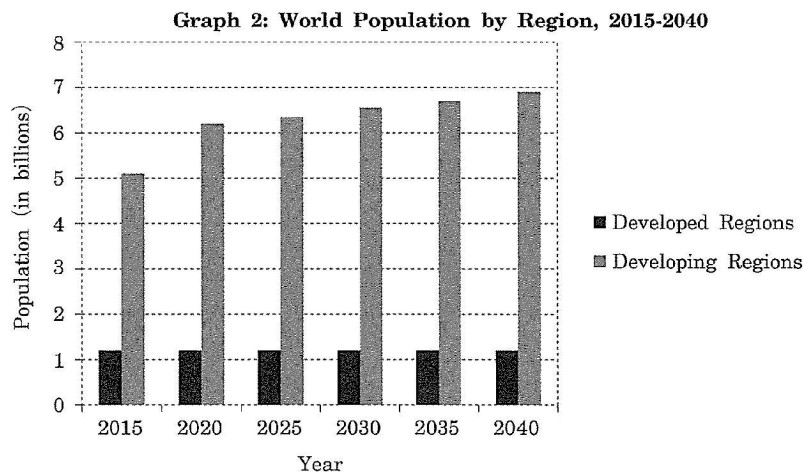
VI Examine the graphs below and follow the directions.

1 In ONE sentence, describe the trend shown in Graph 1.



(Source: UN Population Division, World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision)

2 In ONE sentence, describe the trend shown in Graph 2.



(Source: UN Population Division, World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision)

VII In a paragraph, describe two or more problems you think humanity faces in the future, given the data provided in the two graphs above in Question VI. Give specific reasons to support your opinion.

※ given≒considering, taking into account

グラフの読み取りを求める出題は予想の範囲内であり、著しく変化したわけではないが、VIとVIIが一体化したのは新傾向である。VIIには describe two or more problems という指定がつき、解答スペースが2行増えている。求められる語数も100語程度に増加したと考えられ、難化したと言える。従来どおりVIの短文の会話文を中心に英作文対策してきた人には、配点も含めて不利に働いたことは間違いない。ただし、2018年の出題形式の予測は難しい。

**【VI-1 A 予備校 解答例】**

It is expected that the world population will continue to increase until 2040 but after that, it will gradually decrease. (20 words)

The world population has increased rapidly since 1960 and is estimated to keep rising until 2040, after which it is expected to decline. (23 words)

**【VI-2 A 予備校 解答例】**

The population of developed regions won't change much, while that of developing regions will continue to increase. (17 words)

The increase in the world population is expected to occur mainly in developing regions. (14 words)

**【VI-1 B 予備校 解答例】**

The world's population has increased from 1860 until now; it is expected to reach a peak in 2040 and then to decline until 2100. (24 words)

**【VI-2 B 予備校 解答例】**

From now to 2040, it is predicted that the number of people in developing regions will increase from around five to around seven billion, while that in developed regions will remain constant at just over one billion. (37 words)

**【VI-1 C 予備校 解答例】**

World population has been growing since 1860, but it will peak in 2040 and then begin to fall.

World population will continue to grow until 2040, after which it will begin to fall.

**【VI-2 C 予備校 解答例】**

World population in developed regions will remain stable while it will gradually grow in developing regions.

(VI 阿佐谷英語塾 解答例 省略)

**【VII 阿佐谷英語塾 解答例】**

From the UN prospects, humanity will face some serious problems in the near future. First, the steady increase in the world population will make human beings suffer from food shortage, especially that of grain, resulting from abnormal global climate caused by global warming. It is true the population of the world will begin to reduce after 2040, but why will this occur? The reason is the decline in the birth rate in developing countries as well as developed countries. It means that the whole world will be an aging society. That is the second severe problem we will have to tackle as soon as possible. (105 words)

\*From the UN prospects=Judging from the UN prospects

**【VII B 予備校 解答例】**

In the future, humanity will face two related problems: how to feed the increasing number of people, and how to reduce pollution. Developing countries will want to strengthen their economies and pull their citizens out of poverty as quickly as possible. However, as the example of China shows, it will be difficult for them to do this without harming the environment. Pollution from their growing industries will make global warming worse. Droughts and floods caused by this will make it harder to grow enough food. Rising water temperatures will kill fish, and industrial pollution of lakes and rivers will reduce the amount of clean drinking water that is available. (109 words)

**【VII C 予備校 解答例】**

It is clear from the data provided in the two graphs that humanity will face several serious problems in the future. As the world's population reaches 8 billion people by 2040, the world will face a shortage of resources needed to feed all those people. Also, the greatest increase will happen in developing regions, and so the developed world will see increasing waves of refugees as well as more serious environmental destruction. (72 words)

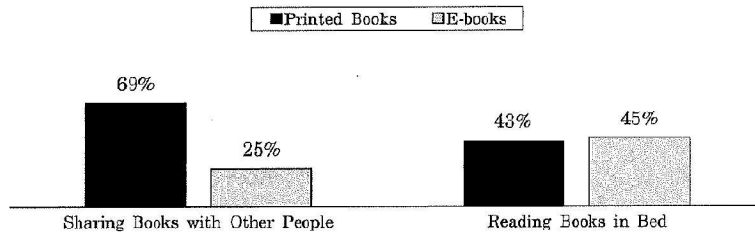
※VIIの解答例はA予備校のホームページに掲載されていません。

VI Examine the graph below and follow the directions.

- 1 In ONE sentence, describe what the graph says about sharing books with other people.
- 2 In ONE sentence, describe what the graph says about reading books in bed.

Which Is Better for These Purposes:  
A Printed Book or an E-book?

A Survey of Those Who Have Read Both Printed and E-books over  
the Past Year



Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Reading Habits Survey (Nov. 16–Dec. 21, 2011)

2017年に続き、VIでグラフの読み取りが出題されたが、比較表現が必要であり、昨年よりも答えにくい。VIIは独立した「自由英作文」であり、例年より平易である。

【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例】

- 1 Those who think printed books are better for sharing than e-books are almost three times as many as those who think the opposite. (23 words)
- 2 The proportion [percentage] of those who think printed books are good for reading in bed and those who think e-books are is almost the same. (24 words)

【A予備校 解答例1】

- 1 For the purpose of sharing books with other people, more than twice as many prefer printed books as prefer e-books. (20 words)
- 2 For reading books in bed, the proportion of people who prefer printed books and those who prefer e-books is almost the same. (22 words)

【A予備校 解答例2】

- 1 The survey shows that printed books were preferred much more than e-books when it came to sharing books with others. (20 words)
- 2 For reading books in bed, the proportion of people who prefer printed books and those who prefer e-books is almost the same. (22 words)

【B予備校 解答例】

- 1 According to the graph, 69% of people who have read both printed and e-books over the past year think the former are easier to share with other people, while 25% think the latter are. (36 words)
- 2 According to the graph, 45% of people who have read both printed and e-books over the past year think e-books are easier to read in bed, while 43% think printed ones are. (34 words)

**【C予備校 解答例】**

1 The graph shows that a greater number of people find it easier to share printed books than E-books with other people. (21 words)

2 The graph makes it very clear that most people do not see a difference or have a preference about reading a printed book or an E-book in bed. (28 words)

VII Do you prefer printed books or e-books? In a paragraph, explain your answer giving at least two specific reasons.

※下線部の条件つきではあるが、内容的には例年に比べると書きやすい。とはいえ短時間にミスをおかさずに書くのは容易ではない。最善の対策は様々なテーマで数をこなすことである。

**【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例】**

I prefer e-books to printed books. First, e-books take far less space than printed books. The larger my collection of books grows, the more significant this becomes. I could not afford to have large bookshelves in my room on which to arrange printed books, but I can store enormous numbers of e-books in a single small device. Second, this means that wherever I go, the handy device enables me to carry my whole collection of books with me and choose any book I want to read from them without difficulty. (90 words)

\*上記の二つの理由を、一つにまとめることも可能だが、短時間に平易な表現で二つの理由を挙げる書き方の参考にしてほしい。

**【A予備校 解答例1】**

I prefer printed books. When we read e-books and want to go back to another page, we have to scroll; it is quite a hassle to scroll page after page. When reading printed books, we can remember, if vaguely, which information or which photo was on which page, and can quickly go to where we want. In addition, seeing a lot of printed books on the bookshelf makes me happy; it makes me feel that I am a great reader. (80 words)

**【A予備校 解答例2】**

I prefer e-books. There are two reasons. First, printed books are very heavy, and when I move, it is quite tough to pack them. However, in the case of my e-books, all I have to do is carry my tablet; it's quite easy. Second, electronic devices can contain a great many books. Moreover, they are very convenient; not only can I easily find the book I want to read, but can also find words or phrases by using the search function. (81 words)

**【B予備校 解答例1】**

I prefer printed books. One reason is that they are cheaper. To read e-books, you need to buy a tablet or an e-reader like a Kindle, you need access to the internet and you need a credit card. I can't afford these. Another reason is that books that interest me are rarely available in electronic form. Most e-books are best-selling novels, analyses of American politics or self-help books for the middle-aged. I want to read works by emerging new authors, which only appear in print. (85 words)

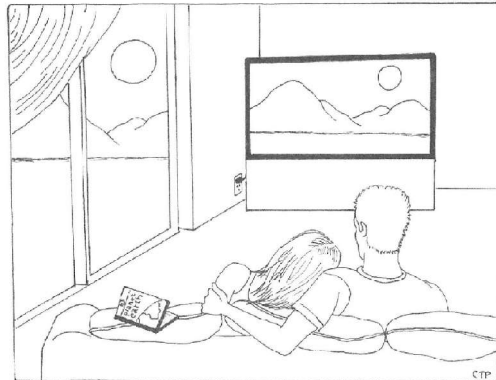
**【B予備校 解答例2】**

I prefer e-books. One reason is that they don't take up space. Between now and the time I leave home, I will read about 500 books. If these are printed on paper, they will fill my bedroom. If they are electronic, I will be able to store them in a single hand-held device. Another reason is that e-books often have links embedded in them. I can click on these to explore topics in more detail. You can do this with paper books, of course, but it takes longer. (88 words)

**【C予備校 解答例】**

I prefer reading E-books to reading printed books. Printed books are heavy to carry around and with all the other things I need to carry in my bag, books make the load much heavier. An E-book can be read on a simple electronic tablet, which is not very heavy and yet can contain hundreds or even thousands of books in its memory. In addition, E-books are much better for the environment and do not require the cutting down of trees to make the paper necessary for printed books. (88 words)

VII Think about the meaning of the picture below. Explain your thoughts in a paragraph in English.



早稲田法学部としては難問と言ってもよいだろう。シンプルなイラストだが、こうした出題を予想していなかった受験生は面食らったことだろう。短時間にアイデアが浮かんだ人がどれだけいるだろうか。

【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例 1】

This picture seems to present an odd and funny image. A young couple are watching beautiful scenery on television in the room. However, the view is precisely the same as what you can see through the window. That means the couple live in a place abundant in natural beauty. Nevertheless, they are paying no attention to the actual scenery but enjoying the image provided by the artificial device. Recently the virtual reality has been replacing reality more and more, and this picture is a typical example of the trend. (88 words)

【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例 2】

This picture shows a couple watching a video on television. They live in a place having beautiful natural scenery and have made its video. The couple feel satisfied to have achieved the desired result. However, what is the most satisfactory thing is to be able to live in the country surrounded by natural beauty. Many people wish to lead their lives in such a place, but few people can afford to. The reason is that to make a decent living in a rural area is no easy matter. (88 words)

\*a [the] couple は単数扱いになることもある

【A予備校 解答例 1】

The picture illustrates a common phenomenon. A couple are watching a DVD about the wonders of the natural world, while the same view can be seen through their window. Too many people nowadays are happy to experience the beauty of nature second-hand, instead of discovering it for themselves. Nature documentaries are useful when they show something that is inaccessible to ordinary people, but those who love nature should get off the couch and make their own discoveries whenever they can. (80 words)



**【A予備校 解答例2】**

The way I look at it, this picture shows the absurdity of one aspect of modern life: the pursuit of comfort in everything we do. The couple has come to a famous tourist site. However, since they think it is too hot outside and they don't want to sweat, they have decided to stay in their hotel room and watch a video of the same site! Sometimes, if you want to enjoy real beauty and feel real excitement, you have to forget about comfort, and experience things directly. (88 words)

\*the way I look at [see] it 「私の見るところでは」 the way が接続詞的に用いられている

**【B予備校 解答例】**

In this illustration, a young man and woman are relaxing on a sofa and watching a Planet Earth documentary on TV. The beautiful natural scenery shown on their screen is exactly the same as that which is visible through their living room window. We see a range of mountains and the sun in a cloudless sky. The artist who drew this picture is not trying to show reality. He is reminding us that to be physically and mentally healthy, we need to exercise more often and experience our natural surroundings directly. (91words)

**【C予備校 解答例】**

This picture shows a couple at home watching a travel program about some exotic place with a sun rising over some beautiful mountains. But the couple do not seem to realize that the sun rising over the beautiful mountains is the image of their own view from their window. Perhaps we modern people no longer appreciate the real things in life. (61 words)

VIII Think about the meaning of the picture below and explain your thoughts in a paragraph in English.



[Picture available at <http://www.cartoonistgroup.com/store/add.php?iid=125697>  
Gary Varvel's Editorial Cartoons—Child Comics and Cartoons / The Cartoonist Group.

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前年に続いて画像を基にした出題となったが、2019年に比べるとこちらのほうが書き易いはずだ。描かれている情景は一目瞭然、想像力を働かせる必要がないからだ。驚くべきは、画像と文章題の違いはあるものの、同じ2020年の早稲田政経のテーマとほぼ重なっていることだ。

さらには、漫画の趣旨は現状を憂うものであると解されるので当然と言えば当然だが、政経の場合と同様、大手予備校の解答例は、[A予備校の解答例2] 以外は、スマホ(やタブレット)が子供に及ぼす影響に対して否定的なものばかりである。それが担当講師の本音なのだろうか。

#### 【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例】

This picture expresses concern about the children who are absorbed in their smartphones or tablets, showing no interest in the playground equipment or the basket court. Young children of today prefer to look into the virtual world through digital devices rather than play exercising their bodies. Many think this has undesirable effects on children's physical and mental development. However, there is no longer stopping this trend completely. So we should try to find well-balanced use of these devices for children. (80 words)

\*playground equipment 「遊具」 → playground 「遊び場」

#### 【A予備校 解答例1】

This picture illustrates a very common scene today. The children in the playground have no interest at all in the playground; they are just looking at their smartphones or tablets. They are probably busy checking websites or

playing computer games. This is terrible. Children usually learn a lot of important things through play. Because of these kinds of electronic devices, fewer and fewer children will learn how to communicate, how to cooperate, and how to get along with others. (79 words)

**【A予備校 解答例2】**

This picture shows something many adults worry about: kids absorbed in their digital devices and not engaging in physical play. I don't think this is anything new, or that it is representative of most children. It's been said for quite a while now that kids do not play outside and play video games instead. Now, the internet has just replaced video games. Moreover, a lot of kids do play outside. It's just that some adults worry too much about the effects of these digital devices. (85 words)

\*It's been said for quite a while now that kids do not play outside and play video games instead. Now, the internet has just replaced video games. この箇所は前後の文脈とうまく繋がっていない。

**【B予備校 解答例】**

I think this picture expresses the cartoonist's concern about the effect of new technology on the health of young children. Instead of running, jumping and playing together on the swings, seesaw and basketball court in the background, the five children here are playing computer games on their smartphones and tablets. They are just sitting or standing in silence. The sign in the foreground is now sadly redundant. It tells drivers to slow down in case children suddenly run into the road, but the games these children play discourage them from moving at all. (93 words)

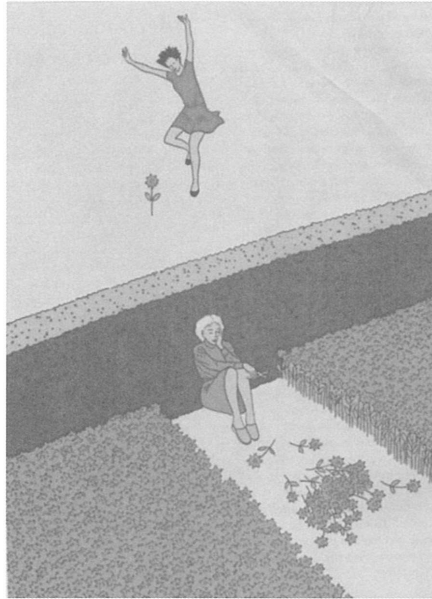
**【C予備校 解答例1】**

This picture is trying to illustrate the reality of the life of young children today, with their smartphones, tablets and other digital devices. Not so long ago, children would normally be playing on the swing and seesaw in the background, or perhaps playing a game of basketball together, talking, having fun, and getting some exercise. Now children are escaping or hiding inside the screens of their digital and lonely world. (71 words)

**【C予備校 解答例2】**

This picture paints a very true portrait of what it is to be young these days. Children no longer play on swings in parks or run around playing basketball. Instead, they may sit together, but they do not talk to each other and just stare into their digital screens, disappearing into a virtual world. More and more young people as a result are having problems communicating and getting along in society. (72 words)

VII Write a paragraph in English explaining what this image means to you.



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3年に続いて画像を基にした出題となった。2020年に比べるとこちらのほうが書きにくい。英語力以前に想像力を働かせる必要があるからだ。ただし、2022年以降もこうした出題傾向が続くとは限らない。背景知識が物を言うオーソドックスな文章題，図表・グラフの読み取り，想像力のテストのいずれにも対処するためには，相当な準備が必要である。

**【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例】**

On the upper side of the picture, a young woman is joyfully dancing, looking at a single flower. On the lower side, an elderly woman sits with a melancholy expression between the flowerbeds full of flowers. These two women are the image of the same person. When young, you have hopes and dreams though they have not yet come true. You might realize many of them as you get older and own many things. However, this could also imply that your life becomes empty or meaningless. Your best time is when young. (92 words)

**【A予備校 解答例1】**

This picture tells us what defines happiness. If you come across a flower when walking across a barren piece of land, you will be quite happy; in contrast, if you live every day in a place full of flowers, they won't make any impression on you. The same holds true of money: those who are very poor will certainly feel great happiness when they are paid a hundred dollars for their work, but millionaires won't find it gratifying at all. (80 words)

**【A予備校 解答例 2】**

I think this image means that happiness depends not on what we have but on how we feel. The girl in the top half of this image seems to be dancing happily even though she has only one flower to appreciate. On the other hand, the girl in the bottom half seems unhappy regardless of the number of flowers she has. People tend to think they will be happy if they have what they want, but that isn't true. (79 words)

**【B予備校 解答例】**

The top half of this picture shows a young woman in a sunny garden. She is dancing for joy because a flower has bloomed there. In the lower half of the picture, an older woman is sitting in the shadow of a hedge. Her body language suggests that she has failed to achieve a goal. Her garden is filled with flowers but she has uprooted many of them, perhaps to clear a path. This image reminds me that I should make the most of my youth because it will not be long before I encounter the frustrations and disappointments of middle age. (102 words)

**【C予備校 解答例】**

This image seems to express our world and how we are educated to want to have as much as we can. Here that is expressed by the girl on one side of the wall who is surrounded by thousands of flowers, but she seems a bit sad and empty. On the other side is a girl next to one single flower, and she seems to feel free and happy. Perhaps this is telling us that it is not what we have that matters, but how we feel about what we have. (91 words)

In a paragraph in English, explain what message you can read from the picture below.



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4年続いて画像を基にした想像力のテストになった。法学部受験生も、このタイプの自由英作文にある程度は慣れてきたのではないと思われる。それも含めて評価すると、2022年の問題はむしろ平易であったと言えるかもしれない。とはいえ、試験時間に比してとにかく問題量が多く、しかも読解問題の難度がきわめて高いことを考えると、自由英作文に割ける時間は限られている。平易な問題で確実に得点し、あえて自由英作文を捨てるという現実的な選択肢もあるだろう。ただし、それ相当のリスクを冒す覚悟があればの話である。

#### 【阿佐谷英語塾 解答例】

I can read the following message from this picture: we tend to give our all attention to what has just happened or what is just happening. Why? Because we do not know what will happen in a few minutes or even in one or two seconds. In our city life, something (or even somebody) might fall from the sky toward your head. If it is 100-dollar bills, God has smiled at you. However, if it is gold blocks, no matter how valuable they are, they no doubt crush your head. All I can do is wish you good luck. (99 words)

\*あくまでも想像力のテストであり、読み取れるメッセージや教訓はおおよそ見当がつくはずである。

#### 【A予備校 解答例1】

This picture teaches us an important lesson. We tend to pay attention only to what is happening in front of us, and don't expect that a true disaster might occur after that. The man in this picture is a good example. He is just looking at the broken chair on the ground, wondering what has happened, and doesn't realize that a big piano is about to hit him. There is no such thing as being too careful. (77 words)

**【A予備校 解答例 2】**

We can read from the picture that we are too anxious about trivial things to realize there are far bigger problems in the world. In this picture, a man concerned about a broken chair in front of him doesn't seem to notice a grand piano falling from the sky towards him. This picture reminds me that I should sometimes stop considering my immediate concerns and see things from a broader perspective. (71 words)

**【B予備校 解答例 1】**

In this picture, a man is standing in the street, looking at a broken piano stool. He is wondering how it got there, and we can guess that it was dropped from a balcony on one of the upper floors of the building behind him. He does not realize that the piano that goes with the stool has also been dropped and is about to fall on his head. Perhaps the message of this picture is that we should live each day as if it were our last, because we never know when life will end. (96 words)

**【B予備校 解答例 2】**

I don't think this picture has a particular message. I believe it was drawn simply to amuse the readers of the newspaper in which it appeared. It's funny to see that the man has focused all his attention on the broken stool and failed to see the piano that is about to crush him. If we attach a meaning to it that the artist did not intend, however, there are many possibilities. We could say, for example, that it shows the fragility of human existence, or the danger of having a narrow perspective. (93 words)

**【C予備校 解答例】**

What I read from this picture is that it is always a good idea to look up and down, left, and right and all around. Sometimes you might find a few coins on the street, but at other times, especially in large cities, things may fall from buildings or as in this case, somebody decided to make room in their apartment by throwing away an old piano. (67 words)