

(A) あなたにとって暮らしやすい街の、最も重要な条件とは何か。理由を添えて、60～80語の英語で述べよ。(2021年 東大 第二問)

\*コロナ禍に配慮したのか、かなり書き易いテーマだった。

**【阿佐谷英語塾・解答例】**

In my opinion, the essential condition of comfortable city life is stimulation. It motivates or inspires people to do something new in daily life. To be sure, peace is also necessary for town life, but many young people have moved from rural communities to urban areas, seeking a big city's excitement. At least for the young, stimulation is the essence of pleasant city life.

(64 words)

\*a rural community → rural communities    an urban area → urban areas

**【A予備校・解答例1】**

For me, the most comfortable city to live in is one which is safe. Unless a city is safe, you will always have to stay on the alert whatever you do, which is physically and mentally tiring. Living in a safe city, on the other hand, is relaxing. We can freely jog outside and probably even sleep better, because we feel less worried and anxious about our neighborhood. (68 words)

**【A予備校・解答例2】**

What is most important for a town to be a good place to live is that there be many different shops. In the case of rural towns, often there are only one or two convenience stores near the station and one big shopping mall that is so far away that you can only go there by car. Such towns can hardly be considered good places to live. It is necessary that shops be within walking distance of my place. (80 words)

**【B予備校・解答例1】**

In my opinion, the most important factor when considering the livability of a town is the efficiency of the public transport system. The town would need to have a well-developed system of trains and buses that would enable me to commute to college or work in a short amount of time. It would also make it easy for me to do any of my other daily activities such as shopping. (70 words)

**【B予備校・解答例2】**

I think that the most important thing that makes a town easy to live in is safety. If a town is safe, people will spend more time walking around. When they spend time walking around, they will probably visit a cafe or restaurant,

and go shopping. This will create a thriving community. On top of that, because the residents are walking around, everyone will be healthier. This will increase the level of happiness in the whole community. (77 words)

**【C予備校・解答例1】**

I think that the most important feature an ideal city should have is the color green. This means that there should be parks and trees everywhere. This is because it has been proven that people can relax when there is a lot of greenery. If many species of trees are planted in cities, birds and insects will increase and nature will once again become a part of our lives. People can live with less stress if our cities become greener. (80 words)

**【C予備校・解答例2】**

The ideal city for me would have a convenience store on every corner, so that all people could easily walk to the store nearest their home to buy all the things they need. Today convenience stores sell almost everything we need, making cars and other forms of transportation unnecessary. Many elderly people cannot drive or travel far to go shopping, so convenience stores are the most important feature of city life. (71 words)

(A) 「芸術は社会の役に立つべきだ」という主張について、あなたはどうか考えるか。理由を添えて、60～80語の英語で述べよ。(2022年 東大 第二問)

**【阿佐谷英語塾・解答例】**

Arguing that art should be helpful to society is to say that art does not naturally serve the community. Art is an outcome of human intelligence, knowledge, and technique. However, these qualities do not always work positively. Art sometimes has helped make propaganda for war and created hatred for other people and other nations in history. Therefore, it would be undesirable and dangerous to require art to be helpful to society without recognizing the precise meaning of the word "helpful." (80 words)

\*大手予備校が多様な解答を掲載しているので、少し視点を変えた上限 80 words の解答例を提示した。ただし語数を減らすのは簡単である。

is to say → means    other people and other nations → other nations

**【A予備校・解答例 1】**

I agree with this opinion. Whether it is a painting, or music, or whatever it is, there is no point in creating something that does not contribute to society. Only when works of art help make our society a better place to live can they have any value. If art exists only for its own sake, it is just entertainment and nothing more. (63 words)

**【A予備校・解答例 2】**

I disagree. One of the good points of art is that artists can express themselves as they like. If we accept the idea that art should be helpful to society, it follows that art should be controlled so that it serves society, in which case artists cannot express what they want to. Art might be useful to society in the end, but that doesn't mean we can restrict freedom of expression. (71 words)

**【A予備校・解答例 3】**

The idea that art should be helpful to human society is in itself absurd. Whether it is painting, writing a song or dancing, every artistic activity comes out of our natural desire for self-expression. Therefore, except for people involved in commercial art, artists basically do not think about whether what they are producing helps other people in any obvious way. Art is, and should be, independent from social needs and demands. (71 words)

**【B予備校・解答例1】**

Art should not necessarily be useful to society. People often produce art as an expression of themselves or of their own feelings and ideas and it is more important for them to do that than to produce art that is in some way useful to society. If artists have to think of art as something that should be useful, it will just suppress their creativity. (65words)

**【B予備校・解答例2】**

It goes without saying that art is something that should be useful to our society. It has the power to influence people in many ways and so artists have an obligation to use their talents to make society a better place. For example, they should produce beautiful works to make urban areas more attractive for the people who live there or produce thought provoking pieces that encourage people to discuss social issues. (72 words)

**【C予備校・解答例】**

I agree that art should benefit and contribute to society. Art adds something difficult to explain in words to people living busy lives, running around chasing deadlines and trying to make ends meet. Sometimes visiting a museum and sitting in front of a painting or sculpture or listening to a musical concert, we can be healed of our stress and our imaginations are free to wander and dream. The healing effect of art should be used more. (77words)

(A) 今から30年後、移動（例えば、通勤や通学、旅行）の手段はどうなっていると考えるか。理由を添えて、60～80語の英語で述べよ。(2023年 東大 第二問)

\*15年前の2008年に類似のテーマが出題されていた。ただし指定の語数が異なる。参考のため、15年前の問題と解答例を掲載する。

[今から50年の間に起こる交通手段の変化と、それが人々の生活に与える影響を想像し、50～60語の英語で具体的に記せ。(2008年 東大・前期 第二問 B)]

**【阿佐谷英語塾・解答例】**

While recent traffic congestion in city centers has changed people's attitude toward cars, it is unlikely that in 50 years cars will be unnecessary. Instead, much smaller and environmentally friendlier ones will be developed. This means cars will become like bicycles in our lives; they will let us get around freely whether in city centers or in the suburbs. (59 words)

[2023年の解答例]

**【阿佐谷英語塾・解答例】**

All aspects of our lives are changing fast, so it is unlikely that transportation means will remain the same as it is thirty years from now. Environmentally friendlier systems will develop, and traffic accidents by cars, trains, or airplanes will decrease. However, we should not expect a drastic change in transportation because it is very unlikely that new power replacing electricity will be discovered or invented in thirty years or so. (70 words)

**【A予備校・解答例1】**

In thirty years, people all over the world will be even more environmentally sensitive than they are now, and drastic measures will have been taken by governments by then against using environmentally harmful means of transportation. Conventional airplanes, trains and cars will have virtually disappeared, and new transportation that consumes no fossil fuels or electricity and emits no greenhouse gases will be used instead. (64 words)

**【A予備校・解答例2】**

In my opinion, transportation thirty years from now will not be vastly different from what we have today. What we currently depend on for getting around, such as bicycles, trains, or buses, are so essential to our society that it is hard to imagine what else could possibly be invented to replace them. New types of fuels might be introduced soon, but our daily travel is unlikely to change. (69 words)

**【B 予備校・解答例】**

In thirty years' time the main means of transport in everyday life will be unmanned electric public transportation vehicles. Such vehicles will become popular in response to the growing problems of pollution and a declining labor force. First, they do not burn fossil fuels so will have less of a negative effect on the environment. Second, fewer workers will be needed with such forms of transportation which will compensate for the shrinking labor force that results from the declining birthrate. (80 words)

**【C 予備校・解答例 1】**

I think that because the earth's environment can no longer put up with any more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, in 30 years' time we will have to have moved away totally from using fossil fuels. This will mean a great transformation in how goods and people move around the world. We will have to return to a simpler means of moving around: on foot and cycling. Also, we will use the power of the sun for electric vehicles. (76 words)

**【C 予備校・解答例 2】**

I think that 30 years from now we will no longer be able to depend on fossil fuels as our main means of energy for transportation, so we will be using a combination of solar, hydro and wind-powered engines to move around. New and more efficient batteries are being rapidly developed and batteries are becoming smaller and smaller and more powerful. Mass transportation on trains and battery-powered buses will become more important and perhaps even mandatory. (76 words)