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The Irish are said to be blessed with the gift of *blarney*. This means that they are supposed to be skillful with speech. That is, they have a talent for using spoken language to charm people with witty conversation, exaggerated compliments, and sometimes, misleading nonsense — but always without being offensive. *Blarney* differs from flattery in that flattery is obviously insincere and rarely inspires trust, agreement, or cooperation in the listener.

設問1 この段落で扱われているテーマを本文中から抜き出さない。(20)

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設問2 そのテーマに関する著者の主張を表現している部分に下線を引かない。(20)

設問3 下線部を和訳さない。(20)

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設問4 最も適当なものを1つ選んで○で囲みなさい。(20)

According to the passage, one of the benefits of *blarney* is that it can ( ).

- (A) help gain the cooperation of the listener
- (B) make flattery more insincere to the listener
- (C) indicate a speaker's level of self-confidence
- (D) clearly demonstrate the sincerity of the speaker

設問5 設問4の根拠文に下線を引かない。(20)