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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。

設問3 下線部を和訳しない。(20)

設問4 段落全体を抽象文と具体文と分けるとき、その境目にスラッシュを入れなさい。(10)

設問5 最も適当なものを1つ選んで○で囲みなさい。(20)

Which of the following best fits in ()?

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- (B) Indeed
- (C) However
- (D) On the one hand

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- (D) a soldier in the English army

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Which of the following best fits in ()?

- (A) Instead (逆) = それどころか、その逆に
 (●) Indeed (順) = 実際に、確かに、事実、
 (C) However (逆) = しかし
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