

第1回パソコン入カスピード認定試験問題 (19.2.10)

英 語 部 門

(制限時間10分)

試験委員の指示があるまで、下の事項を読みなさい。

[書 式 設 定]

1. A4縦長用紙
2. 1行の文字数を半角76字(全角38字)、1ページの行数を29行に設定しなさい。
3. ヘッダーに試験実施校名、受験番号を入力しなさい。
4. ページ番号を答案用紙の下に入れること。
5. フォントの種類は明朝体、フォントのサイズは12ポイントに設定すること。(問題のフォントはCourier Newで作成している。)
6. プロポーショナルフォントは使用しないこと。

[注 意 事 項]

1. 問題のとおり、すべて半角英数文字で入力しなさい。
2. 入力したものの訂正などの操作は制限時間内に行いなさい。

試験終了後

1. 答案用紙が2枚以上になった場合、左端上をステープラー(ホッチキス)でとめなさい。
2. 答案用紙、試験問題を提出しなさい。

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The Kyoto Protocol aimed to slow global warming, but I have a 62
better way of dealing with global warming in Japan. It requires each 132
person to go outside their house with a jackhammer and remove a 1-meter 204
slab of concrete. 223

Imagine how much cooler Japan would be if we got rid of 120 million 291
sq. meters of unnecessary concrete! Concrete retains huge amounts of 361
heat. See for yourself: The next time you are walking on a sidewalk, 432
just reach down and touch the pavement. Everyone knows that pavement 502
gets hot enough that you cannot walk on it in bare feet. Although shoes 575
protect our feet from the heat, it is still there, rising up from the 645
ground. It is like having an entire city resting on an electric burner. 719
This is like playing with fire. If forest fires can break out naturally 792
from heat and dry weather, I suspect our cities could burst into flames 864
at any moment. 880

Even at night, you will find the concrete is still warm, hours 943
after the sun has set. Many people point out that Japan does not have 1014
enough trees in its cities. Trees? There is not even a blade of grass 1086
to be found in the city. Not even a weed! Everything from parks to 1155
rivers has been paved. In my country, the U. S., we also use concrete 1226
for roads and sidewalks. But we only use it in parts that have people 1297
walking or driving on them. Untrodden ground is left as is. This 1364
results in a strip of unpaved ground between the road and the sidewalk 1435
that sometimes has grass on it, but usually has weeds, cigarette butts 1506
and trash, as no one maintains it. But I would like to hug that strip 1577
of dirt! At least it is not concrete. 1617

On really hot days in Japan, I ride my bicycle with extra care, 1681
because if I have an accident and fall onto the pavement, I will be 1749
instantly burned. The heat from the concrete can be intense. Do not 1819
ever walk barefoot in the summer on a concrete sidewalk. The soles 1887

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of your feet will be fried. The heat from the concrete is the reason 1957
the temperature in the city is several degrees higher than in the 2023
surrounding countryside. The combination of the heat from the concrete 2095
and the heat from the large buildings create an oven-like effect. 2162

If McDonald's has to have a warning that says, "Caution: The 2224
contents of this apple pie may be extremely hot," you wonder why 2289
sidewalks do not have to carry a similar warning, "Caution: Instant 2358
burn to bare skin possible." 2388

Based on my experience living on a small island in the Seto Inland 2455
Sea, I think that if we had more green space in Japan, we would not even 2528
need air conditioning. When I go to the mainland, I cannot help but 2597
feel there is a great fire-breathing dragon lurking among the buildings. 2671
You seek the closest air-conditioned building. On our island, however, 2743
the sea breeze IS the air conditioner. We do not even use a fan at 2811
night to sleep, and we still occasionally use a blanket. But most 2878
Japanese people say, "Why would you want to live on an island? It is 2948
so inconvenient!" 2967

But surely Japan is not in favor of using less concrete, perhaps 3032
because the construction companies need the work. So let them 3095
continue to lay concrete, and then employ even more people to take 3162
out the concrete after them. At least we would not have to live 3227
with the effects of the concrete. 3262

But instead, after having completely paved over the cities, 3322
the construction companies are now coming out to the islands to 3386
lay concrete. Last week on our island, they started building a cement 3457
sea wall around the port because a few years ago we had a big typhoon. 3529
It flooded the houses near the port, but there was no damage even 3595
approaching what hurricanes do in the U. S. And there is no chance 3663
of a tsunami occurring in the Inland Sea. It seems the islanders have 3734

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given up on their ancient traditions of willing away typhoons by	3799
appeasing the Shinto gods. Nowadays, concrete is considered stronger	3869
than faith.	3882
With the new sea wall, the views of the sea from the first floor	3947
of my house will be gone. Personally, I would prefer to leave my fate	4018
with the Shinto gods and let the insurance company take care of the	4086
rest.	4091