

令和4年度 奈良県立大学 地域創造学部 学校推薦型選抜 小論文問題 (その1)

第1問 次の英文を読み、以下の問1と問2に答えなさい。

(1)Time does go by¹⁾ or, more accurately²⁾, it feels as if time goes by more quickly the older we get. In the first few years of our lives, everything we sense or do is brand-new³⁾, and a lot of our experiences are unique—so they leave a strong impression, and remain firmly grounded in our memories. But as the years go by, we encounter fewer and fewer new experiences. One reason for this is that by the time we reach maturity⁴⁾ we have already encountered and accomplished⁵⁾ a lot. Another, much less happy reason is that over time we become slaves to our daily routines and we try fewer and fewer new experiences.

To see if this is indeed the case for you, just try to remember what happened to you every day during the last week. Chances are that nothing extraordinary happened, and that you are hard-pressed⁶⁾ to recall the specific things you did on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday . . .

Given the importance that remembering our experiences has on our life-satisfaction⁷⁾ and happiness, what can we do about this worrisome⁸⁾ trend? Maybe we need (2)a memory/experience app⁹⁾ that will encourage us to try new experiences, point out things we've never done, recommend dishes we've never tasted, and suggest places we've never been. Such an app could make our lives more varied¹⁰⁾, prod¹¹⁾ us to try new things, slow down the passage of time, and increase our happiness. And until such an app arrives, how about trying to do at least one new thing every week?

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1) go by: 経過する 2) accurately: 正確に 3) brand-new: 真新しい 4) maturity: 成熟 5) accomplish: 成し遂げる 6) hard-pressed: 困る・苦勞する 7) life-satisfaction: 人生に対する満足感 8) worrisome: やっかいな 9) app: アプリ 10) varied: 変化に富んだ 11) prod: 刺激して～させる。

問1 下線部(1)について、筆者はどのような理由をあげているか、**100字以内**で答えなさい。

問2 下線部(2)のようなアプリが、なぜ必要になるかもしれないのか、その理由を**70字以内**で答えなさい。