

2026年度 奨学生入学試験

英 語

(試験時間 60 分)

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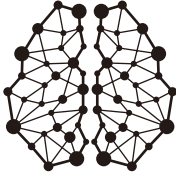
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第 1 問

You are looking at the chart below on a website to learn about the development of artificial intelligence.

Three Types of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Stage	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Type	ANI (Artificial Narrow Intelligence)	AGI (Artificial General Intelligence)	ASI (Artificial Super Intelligence)
Image			
Description	ANI can perform specific tasks within a focused area.	AGI is as smart as humans in every field.	ASI is smarter than humans in every field.
Current status	Available	Not available	Not available
Timeline	—	AGI will probably be realized between 2030 and 2040.	ASI may be realized around 2050 or later.
Need for human direction and monitoring	High	Low	None (in theory)

問 1 According to the chart, both AGI and ASI

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- ① are future possibilities
- ② are widely used today
- ③ will be realized by 2035
- ④ will be smarter than humans

問 2 You learn that

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- ① AGI is as smart as ANI
- ② ANI doesn't require human instructions
- ③ ANI is currently unavailable
- ④ more advanced AI will become less dependent on humans

第 2 問

Your teacher has asked you to write a report related to education. To prepare, you are reading a social media post written by a specialist on the topic.

Homework: Is it beneficial or not?

Yesterday, I attended an online education forum where three guest speakers discussed homework in elementary schools. They each shared their opinions and research on whether homework is helpful or harmful for young children.

All the speakers agreed on three points. First, homework helps children build time-management skills and get used to working independently. Good homework habits will help them in the future when they have a lot of schoolwork to do outside of class time. Second, it gives children the chance to practice and memorize the things they have just learned. Finally, the speakers agreed that too much homework could be harmful. Elementary-aged children need enough time to relax, play, and spend time with their families after school as well.

At the end of the forum, the speakers discussed the ideal amount of homework. They shared a variety of ideas, including the “no more than 10 minutes a day per grade” rule. This means a second-grade student should only have 20 minutes of homework each day. Another idea was that students should have only one to three assignments per week, with each taking between 15 and 30 minutes to complete. Then, someone in the audience asked whether the speakers personally thought homework was beneficial for young kids. The first speaker said she thought a small amount of meaningful homework was usually very helpful but that too much repetitive work could make children dislike learning. The second speaker had nothing to add, as he agreed completely with the first. The third speaker argued that homework can increase stress and reduce motivation to learn. Her view was that teachers should continue to give students homework, but completing it should be optional.

Audience Comments

- *In my opinion, children need more free time. When I was young, I often felt stressed because of too much homework. I think schools should limit it.* (Jason)
- *I agree with the first speaker. Giving students just a little homework every week helps them develop good study habits without making them too tired.* (Maria)
- *The “10 minutes per grade” rule sounds reasonable. It’s easy to remember and helps teachers keep the homework amount under control.* (Emily)

問 1 Which of the following did all the guest speakers agree on?

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- ① Children should only be required to do a small amount of homework daily.
- ② Too much homework can negatively affect a child's relationship with learning.
- ③ Teachers should give first-grade students 10 minutes a day of homework.
- ④ Whether homework is beneficial or not depends on the child.

問 2 According to Maria, what is a benefit of giving only a small amount of homework?

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- ① It helps children build good study habits.
- ② It helps children learn how to balance homework and sleep time.
- ③ It keeps children from becoming too tired to enjoy their free time.
- ④ It reduces the stress caused by other schoolwork.

問 3 Which of the following best shows the difference between Jason and Emily's opinions?

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- ① Jason believes homework motivates children, while Emily thinks it only helps when kids enjoy doing it.
- ② Jason believes students should do homework in groups, while Emily thinks it should be done alone.
- ③ Jason supports giving no homework, while Emily thinks students should get so much homework that they have no time to play.
- ④ Jason thinks too much homework is harmful, but Emily believes a clear rule helps.

第 3 問

You live in Conifer City and are reading an announcement posted on social media, shown below.

Conifer City 2026 Christmas Market

Organized by Conifer City
@ Central Riverside Park

November 28 (Sat) — December 10 (Thu): 11 am — 8 pm

December 11 (Fri) — December 24 (Thu): 11 am — 10 pm

FREE PARKING and FREE ENTRY

- Tree lights switch on at 5 pm daily
- Live music performance and kids' entertainment show start at 3 pm
(on Saturdays and Sundays only)

Over 30 vendors in Section A

- Wreaths
- Candles
- Jewelry
- Handmade arts and crafts and more
Christmas decorations and gifts

Over 20 vendors in Section B

- Cakes
- Pies
- Pastries
- Hot chocolate and more foods and
drinks

Purchase a 2027 Official Calendar of Conifer City (£7) at the Park Office in support of charities for low-income families and people with disabilities.
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From the organizer:

It's our pleasure to invite you all to this year's Conifer City Christmas Market. This annual event showcases everything you need at this time of the year – from Christmas decorations and gifts made by local creators and artisans to gourmet food prepared by local stores. We hope you'll enjoy shopping around and talking with the vendors as I do with my family every year.*

(Warren Steiner, Executive Director, Conifer City Christmas Market)

From a resident of Conifer City:

I'm looking forward to visiting the Christmas Market and shopping around for good deals with my family again this year. I recommend coming to Central Riverside Park after 5 p.m. to see the colorful twinkling lights on the tall tree and all around the vendors. You should also try a cup of the hot chocolate served there. I'm sure it's exactly what you need on a cold winter day.

(Stephanie Wilson)

*artisan : 職人

問 1 Which is the best combination that describes the Christmas Market shown above?

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A : It is organized by Conifer City.

B : It will be canceled if it snows heavily.

C : It will be held at City Convention Center.

D : It will be open for about a month.

E : It will end on Thursday, December 10.

① A and B

② A and D

③ B and D

④ C and D

⑤ C and E

問 2 You plan to visit the Christmas Market on Friday, December 18. You 7 .

- ① need to buy an admission ticket in advance
- ② should use public transportation to go there
- ③ will be allowed to enjoy shopping until 10 pm
- ④ will have a chance to see the live music performance

問 3 If you buy a 2027 Calendar at the Park Office, you can 8 .

- ① contribute to the park's greening campaign
- ② help support charities for people in need
- ③ make a donation to help homeless people
- ④ support small businesses in Conifer City

問 4 One fact stated by Warren Steiner is that 9 .

- ① Central Riverside Park is divided into three sections during the Christmas Market
- ② Conifer City has not organized an outdoor event before
- ③ Conifer City is very modern and beautiful
- ④ local delicacies and Christmas items are on offer at the Christmas Market

問 5 Both Warren Steiner and Stephanie Wilson

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- ① live alone in Conifer City, away from their families
- ② plan to travel overseas during the holiday season
- ③ recommend you come to Central Riverside Park after 5 pm
- ④ visit Conifer City Christmas Market with their families

第 4 問

You are the editor of your school's English newspaper. Marco, an exchange student from the U.S., has written an article for the paper.

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These days, many companies have started letting employees work “remotely,” or from home. Although the share of people working remotely in the U.S. has gone down a little recently, the U.S. remains one of the leading countries in remote work. Remote workers in Canada tend to spend more days per week working remotely, but the overall share of remote workers is lower than in the U.S. In Japan, the percentage of remote workers is growing, yet it is still much lower than in the U.S. and Canada.

A recent survey in Canada asked 5000 full-time employees about their experiences working from home. The results were as follows:

- They enjoyed the flexibility (95%)
- They saved time by not commuting (88%)
- They got more work done (75%)
- They had trouble focusing on work (46%)
- They felt lonely during the day (20%)

In addition, about 70% said they preferred working from home. The main reason was that they didn't feel as much stress or pressure. However, the rest liked going into the office every day. One reason was that they liked to keep their work and personal lives separate.

Based on these results, hybrid work might be the best option. Hybrid workers work from home on some days and go into the office on others. They get the benefits of both work styles. Some reports have thus shown that these workers have the highest productivity levels!

問 1 In terms of the share of remote workers mentioned in the article, which shows the countries' ranking from highest to lowest? 11

- ① Canada — Japan — the U.S.
- ② Canada — the U.S. — Japan
- ③ Japan — the U.S. — Canada
- ④ Japan — Canada — the U.S.
- ⑤ the U.S. — Japan — Canada
- ⑥ the U.S. — Canada — Japan

問 2 According to the survey results, one disadvantage of working remotely is that 12.

- ① it can sometimes be hard to avoid distractions
- ② it makes it difficult to have a personal life
- ③ most people are not able to be productive
- ④ you don't have as much time to commute

問 3 Which of the following statements best reflects one finding from the survey? 13

- ① 'Going into the office every day makes workers feel lonely.'
- ② 'Hybrid workers are likely to hate the daily commute.'
- ③ 'People wish they didn't have to work from home.'
- ④ 'Working from home is better for mental health.'

問 4 Which of the following best summarizes Marco's opinion expressed in the last paragraph? 14

- ① Going to the office every day is the best way to reduce stress.
- ② Hybrid work combines the strengths of working from home and working in an office.
- ③ Hybrid work reduces the amount of commuting time the most.
- ④ Remote work is more productive than office work.

問 5 Which of the following is the most suitable title for the article? 15

- ① How to Find a Job That Lets You Work from Home
- ② The Benefits of Hybrid Work for Students
- ③ Working from Home or Office: What's Best for You?
- ④ Why Remote Work Is a Thing of the Past

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第 5 問

You are reading an English blog post a student from your school wrote about volunteering at a preschool.

Rainbow Star Preschool

Last week, I had the chance to volunteer at a local preschool for a day. The school was looking for student volunteers who want to be teachers one day, so I decided to apply. I was a little worried that I wouldn't know what to do, but the teachers guided me throughout the day.

First, I helped the children take off their coats and put away their bags. Then, the children had some free time. I played with blocks with a little girl, and I helped a little boy do a puzzle. The kids were so cute. During craft time, I helped the teachers hand out bottles of glue, small pieces of colored paper, and other supplies. After that, I ate lunch with the children, played with them at the park, and read them a story book. It was a fun but tiring day.

Being a preschool teacher is a hard job. Every day is busy with many activities. The teachers also must show children how to share, be kind, and help others. And even though they are tired, they are always smiling. They don't get angry when the children make mistakes. I admire them! I hope I can do the job well someday!

Sato Yuki (February 15, 2025)

問 1 At Rainbow Star Preschool,

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- ① the children do a wide variety of things
- ② the children play with blocks and puzzles all day
- ③ the teachers' faces often look tired and angry
- ④ the volunteers cook lunch for all the children

問 2 You learned that the writer of this blog post

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- ① didn't enjoy volunteering as much as she thought she would
- ② finally got her dream job working at a preschool
- ③ hopes to become some kind of teacher in the future
- ④ knew exactly what she needed to do at the school

第6問

*Amelia, your friend from the geology department, is writing a blog about the time you both went on a fossiling^{*1} expedition to Whitby, England. This post is about the day you spent searching for fossils and learning about paleontology^{*2} with her.*

It was a gray morning when we set out for Whitby Beach. Despite its name, the beach had little sand and was too cold for swimming, which was fine because we were there for a different reason: fossil hunting. Whitby is famous for its fossils, which are hard rocks that contain the remains of animals and shells from millions of years ago!

Our first step was acquiring the right equipment. We needed a pick axe, a tool that looks like a hammer crossed with a sharp ice pick. This was for cracking the rocks open to find the fossils without damaging them. We rented everything we needed from a local shop, including helmets to protect against loose rocks falling from the cliffs. The shop owner gave us a quick lesson on how important fossil hunting has been to understanding the Earth's history. It made us feel like real archaeologists^{*3}!

Next, we had a brief course about which rocks to look for, as not all rocks contain fossils. Our instructor showed us his best finds, including big spiral shellfish called ammonites, prehistoric plant prints, and ancient bone fragments. These fossils can range from fitting in your palm to being so large they need two people to carry them!

Throughout the morning, we explored various sites, uncovering an array of fossils, including ancient plant imprints, shells, and even potential dinosaur bones. Although none of us had found anything that guides hadn't seen before, the thrill of the hunt kept us engaged. After several hours of digging, we took a break for a packed lunch on the edge of the harbor with the waves crashing beneath our feet. This was a great opportunity to share our discoveries with our classmates.

As the day drew to a close, we had already uncovered numerous fossil fragments, filled our notebooks with sketches, and even discovered a rare dinosaur print. Everyone was still searching for the last great find when I stumbled over a rock that seemed too big to crack open. With some help from my classmates, we finally split it open to reveal an incredible sight: a giant shellfish like the one we were shown by the guide, but mine was almost as wide as my head!

Though we cracked it open together, my classmates saw me as the great archaeologist who discovered it! We got to keep all the fossils we found, and as we left Whitby Beach with our fossils in hand, we felt inspired and committed to keep digging up our planet's incredible history.

*1 fossiling : 化石探し

*2 paleontology : 古生物学

*3 archaeologist : 考古学者

問 1 Put the following events (①～④) in the order they happened.

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- ① Amelia found a big shell fossil.
- ② Amelia had lunch near the harbor.
- ③ Amelia listened to the guide explain how to find fossils.
- ④ Amelia rented the tools she needed.

問 2 From Amelia's experience on the fossiling expedition, you learned that

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- ① fossil hunting does not require careful extraction techniques
- ② fossil hunting helps researchers to understand the Earth's history
- ③ fossil hunting is mostly about finding dinosaur bones
- ④ fossil hunting is primarily for collecting valuable artifacts

問 3 Based on Amelia's blog, the fossil she found at the end was most likely

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- ① a new dinosaur bone
- ② a prehistoric plant imprint
- ③ an ancient ammonite
- ④ an undiscovered shellfish

第7問

Your friend Vanessa wants to be a professional writer. She has written the following story for a writing contest and is asking you for feedback.

Changing Yourself for Others

By Vanessa Matsui

Some people just naturally stand out. And Lola was one of them. In high school, she was known for her high energy and bright personality. She was always smiling, laughing, and joking around. Her best friend, Claire, often said, "You make school so much more enjoyable!" Most of her classmates, and even her teachers, agreed.



But after graduation, the responses changed. "You're an adult now. Act like it," her mom told her. "People won't take you seriously," her teacher warned. Even Claire, who had always loved her big personality, said, "Try not to be so loud at university. I want us to make lots of friends."

Lola decided to take their advice. She tried to speak more quietly and act more mature. And she stopped telling jokes all the time. Before long, she was just like everyone else. Claire was happy she didn't have to worry about Lola embarrassing her, especially around their new classmates and Claire's boyfriend, Johnny. Lola was happy, too; she felt like she finally fit in. But inside, she also felt like she was pretending to be someone else.

One time, at Johnny's birthday party, Lola came up with a hilarious* joke, but she couldn't bring herself to say it. She sat there quietly instead, thinking that it was more important to be accepted. Having to control her actions all the time was exhausting and took all the fun away from hanging out with friends. But Lola felt like she had no choice.



Ten years later, Claire and Johnny got married. At the wedding, someone was talking about birds. Without even thinking, Lola made a funny comment. Everyone around her laughed. So she told a really good bird joke she knew. She laughed so loudly at her own joke that she surprised even herself. "You have such a great laugh!" Johnny said. "I didn't know you were this funny," another friend said. In that moment, Lola felt more like herself than she had in years.



That night, Lola thought about what she used to be like in high school. She remembered that everyone always praised her for being so positive. “Maybe my personality isn’t ‘too much’ after all,” she thought.

From then on, Lola decided to just be herself. Surprisingly, most people found her very interesting and refreshing. Some people found her annoying, of course, but she didn’t care what they thought. She didn’t need to be friends with everyone. Lola regretted changing who she was to make other people more comfortable. But she also felt proud of herself for finding her way back.

Your feedback:

Hey Vanessa,

What a great story! I loved Lola’s journey to accept herself. (See below.)

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I thought it was great that Lola learned a lot of important life lessons.

She discovered that .

Also, I thought the part where Lola didn’t tell the joke at the birthday party was so sad. This moment showed that . It was very well-written.

However, I think adding some details could really improve the story. You could write about and , which are not mentioned in the story. I think they would add depth to Claire’s character and make the story a bit more interesting.

Good luck!

*hilarious : 面白い

問 1 Choose **four** out of the five options (①～⑤) and rearrange them in the order they happened.

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- ① Lola decided to try to fit in.
- ② Lola didn't enjoy having to stay quiet around others.
- ③ Lola embarrassed Claire in front of their new classmates.
- ④ Lola felt free to be herself.
- ⑤ Lola was celebrated for her positivity.

問 2 Choose the correct combination of what Lola discovered.

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- A : being yourself is the only way to get everyone to like you
- B : fitting in can make your life more enjoyable
- C : it can be tiring to act the way other people want you to
- D : you feel much better when you are free to be yourself

- ① A and B
- ② A and C
- ③ A and D
- ④ B and C
- ⑤ B and D
- ⑥ C and D

問 3 Choose the best option for 29 .

- ① it was hard for Lola to be friends with people who didn't like jokes
- ② Lola truly believed people wouldn't like her for who she was
- ③ no one cared that Lola was different from her classmates
- ④ the way Lola was acting now made her life much better

問 4 Choose the best options for 30 and 31 .

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- ① how Lola and Claire first became friends in high school
- ② how Lola changed her behavior at university
- ③ how Lola felt when people laughed at her joke at the wedding
- ④ what Lola thought about pretending to be someone else

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- ① how Lola's mother told her to behave more like an adult at university
- ② what Claire thought about Lola in high school
- ③ whether Claire regretted telling Lola to change her personality
- ④ why Claire wanted Lola to be more quiet

第 8 問

You and your classmates are preparing for a group presentation and making a poster based on the following article.

Assertive Communication **— How It Works in Real-life Situations —**

In order to build and maintain healthy relationships with others at school, at work, and in other social contexts, you need to communicate with them effectively. Although a wide variety of communication tools – both online and offline – are readily available today, it can be difficult to convey your thoughts or feelings to others and make yourself understood. In fact, it can be even more difficult to do so when you or others adopt certain styles of communication — in particular “aggressive communication” and “passive communication.”

Aggressive communicators prioritize their own needs over others’ and express their opinions too directly. They tend to raise their voice when they criticize others or dismiss their ideas. If anyone in a team behaves aggressively and looks rude, arrogant, demanding, and hostile, the other team members will be intimidated and stay away from the aggressive person.

By contrast, passive communicators put the needs of others before their own. They tend to avoid expressing their opinions and would rather rely on non-verbal cues. By being quiet, hesitant, and indirect, they can help their team avoid conflict and maintain harmony. However, with their own needs being sacrificed consistently, passive communicators may end up feeling frustrated, undervalued, or even depressed.

Instead of being aggressive or passive, you might want to be “assertive” when communicating with people around you. Assertive communicators can strike a balance between their own needs and the needs of others. They express their opinions clearly and directly and look confident while listening to others and respecting their opinions. Even if a conflict arises and they are confronted by a team member, they respond calmly, encourage open dialogue, and accept constructive criticism. As a result, their team is likely to find a mutually satisfying way to bridge the difference in opinions.

Assertive communication is a practical skill that you can learn in real-life situations. For example, when you speak with one of your team members who behaves in a way that you think has a negative impact on the team, you should first describe the situation you are in as objectively as you can. At this point, you should focus on the facts and provide concrete data rather than blaming, accusing or judging the person. The next step is to express how the situation makes you feel. State clearly and directly what you think about the way he or she behaves. Then, you should specify what you want the person to do and suggest what he or she can do to meet your expectation. As you follow these steps, you should encourage the person to speak out and you should listen attentively to what he or she is saying.

However, you should also be aware that assertiveness can be mistaken for aggression. Especially when you are in a multi-cultural environment, you have to keep in mind that direct expression of opinions is considered impolite or offensive in some cultures. With each practical experience, you'll learn how to adjust your approach so that you can be assertive without being aggressive.

Assertive communication is a balanced approach that offers many benefits. First, by shifting to assertive communication, you can better regulate your emotions and feel less stressed and more confident of yourself. Second, when you practice assertive communication and encourage your team members to do the same, you can build and maintain good relationships with each of them and promote mutual respect and understanding. Moreover, assertive communicators are likely to work more productively and achieve more challenging goals as a team. Considering all these benefits, you can be assured that assertive communication is a valuable skill that you should learn as a member or a leader of any group you belong to in both personal and professional settings.

Your presentation poster draft:

● Comparison of three types of communicators

	Passive Communicators	Assertive Communicators	Aggressive Communicators
Priority	others' needs	others' needs and their own needs	their own needs
Expression of opinions	indirect	(A)	(B)
Attitude	hesitant	confident and respectful	rude, arrogant, demanding and hostile
How they speak	quiet	calm	loud

● How to learn the skill of assertive communication

Step 1: Describe the situation

Step 2: Express your opinion

Step 3: Suggest what the other person can do

As you follow these steps, you should ...

1) listen attentively to the other person

2) 33

● Conclusion

Assertive communication is ...

1) a balanced approach that offers numerous benefits

2) a valuable skill that you should learn to play a role in a group you belong to

問 1 Choose one of the following combinations to fill in the blank (A) and (B) in the table in your poster draft. 32

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| ① (A) clear and direct | (B) indirect |
| ② (A) clear and direct | (B) too direct |
| ③ (A) indirect | (B) clear and direct |
| ④ (A) indirect | (B) too direct |

問 2 Choose the best option for 33 in your poster draft.

- ① adjust your approach so that you can prove your flexibility
- ② avoid expressing your opinions in order not to offend older people
- ③ behave aggressively to deal with a multi-cultural environment
- ④ stop short of becoming aggressive and stick to assertiveness

問 3 According to the fourth paragraph, assertive communicators can 34 .

- ① argue with their team members during a conflict
- ② prove their excellence to their team members
- ③ resolve a conflict through honest discussion
- ④ strike a balance between clarity and directness

問 4 In the article, which of the following is not mentioned as a benefit of assertive communication?

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- ① Better work-life balance
- ② Enhanced self-confidence
- ③ Improved inter-personal relationships
- ④ Increased productivity

問 5 According to the article, which two of the following are true? (The order does not matter.)

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- ① Aggressive communication is a valuable skill that you should learn at an early stage of your life.
- ② Despite the easy access to various communication tools, it can be difficult to communicate with others and get your point across.
- ③ If anyone in a team is an aggressive communicator, the other team members will be intimidated and keep distance from the person.
- ④ Passive communicators tend to raise their voice when they feel frustrated or can't stand being undervalued.
- ⑤ When you describe the situation you are in, you should be as subjective as you can.