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- (1) 仮想現実の研究者が、人々が現実とどのように相互に関わるかについて述べる段になると、名詞よりも動詞の方を好むのは、仮想現実のあらゆる要素が人間の体の動きを密に反映したものでなくてはならないからである、ということ。
- (2) 他の人を見る際に、注意深く観察していると、頭の小さな動きによる無限に多様なメッセージが、言葉を発さなくても、自分と自分が見ている人との間で行き交うのが見て取れるということ。
- (3) 神経系はその活動の仕方が科学者集団のそれと少し似ている。食欲なまでに好奇心旺盛で、世界に現にあるものについての考えを常に検証しているのだ。一時的にその「集団」を説き伏せて別の仮説を支持させるならば、仮想現実システムは成功したことになる。神経系が、予測の基礎となる世界として、仮想世界を扱うに足る手掛かりを与えられると、仮想現実が現実のものと感じられ始めうるのだ。
- (4) (ア) make            (イ) benefits            (ウ) surpass            (エ) forgetting

II

- (1) 続く 10 年の間に、デジタルカメラは写真家と写真学の研究者に多大な懸念を生んだ。なかには、この変化の結果、写真は死んだのだと断言しさえする者もいたのだ。
- (2) 追加の費用なしでどんなものでも何十枚も写真を撮影し、あとで整理できるようになり、実際にそうすることによって、私たちがかつて個々の写真を取っておくことと捨ててしまうことにあると考えていた情緒的な意味合いが変わった、つまり、かつてはどのような写真であれ最愛の人の写真は保存されたものだったが、大量に撮影されるデジタル画像の時代では、写真を修整し、整理し、タグ付けし、分類し、削除するといった作業を好んでやるようになった、ということ。
- (3) さらに、カメラ付き携帯電話は、旅行者が自分の家族と連絡を取り続けるのに、あるいは趣味に熱中する人が他の人に美術品や収集物を見せるのにいいかもしれないと考えた人もいた。私が個人的に気に入ったなかには、公園で出会う人懐こい犬の写真を撮ることができるように、その機器が自分の国で手ごろな値段で手に入れられるようになるのが待ちきれないとコメントを書いた人が含まれる。ある人は、携帯電話のカメラはビデオ通話を考慮に入れて画面側につける必要があると示唆したが、これは 2003 年になってようやく実現したのである。

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[解答例 1]

For me, the main function of the camera phone is to capture memories. For example, last year my family and I made a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. We took many photos of the beautiful water and colorful fish, some of which are now the wallpaper on our devices. Every time we turn on our phones or tablets we see the images and are immediately transported back to those idyllic days in the sun. This is an especially lovely memory when we wake up on a cold winter day in Japan. (95 words)

[解答例 2]

I put great emphasis on maintaining relationships. I used to take photos on special occasions in order to capture what I saw, and I would enjoy them afterwards by myself. But now that I can connect to the world on the web, taking photos has started to mean more to me. For example, when I upload photos which I took with a friend of mine on a trip, some other friends see them on the Internet and send me messages. In this way, I can share with others what I experience, which helps me maintain relationships with people, however distant they are. (102 words)

[解答例 3]

I use my camera phone to express myself. Every day I take photos of myself, my dog, and also cats which come to my house to feed though they are not mine, and post these photos to SNS sites. Many people see my photos and respond to me, giving me Likes or even sending me messages. Alas, few people seem to appreciate photos of myself, but those of my dog and cats are rather highly rated! In the past, I used my digital camera and transferred the photos into my PC. That was rather troublesome and time-consuming. However, with my camera phone, I can easily contribute to SNS sites. (109 words)

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[解答例 1]

When you hear the word “minority” you may first think of people who belong to a small group in society. However, it can cause misunderstanding if you reduce the concept of minority to mere numbers. Groups of people which are defined by such attributes as race or religion are, if they are in socially weak positions due to historical or cultural factors, also called minorities. Because of this, groups consisting of relatively many people can be minorities. For example, in societies where most of the managerial posts of organizations are occupied by men, women are considered to be a minority.

[解答例 2]

Hearing the word “minority” may bring to mind members of a relatively small group in society. However, if you think of the concept of minority only in terms of how many members are in it, you are mistaken. When a group whose members are of the same race or believe in the same religion is disadvantaged because of social or cultural history, this group is also called a minority. As a result, even if a certain group has a rather large number of members, it is sometimes referred to as a minority. For example, women overall are regarded as a minority in a business world where mainly men are in control.