

英檢 1 級

英作文予想問題

Topic: Why do you think the use of illegal drugs is spreading among young people?

(1-A) Points:

1. The Internet
2. Stress
3. Peer pressure
4. Celebrities
5. Drug dealers
6. Education in schools

Illegal drugs cause physical and mental damage to today's youth. Although there are a number of reasons why illegal drugs are spreading among the youth population, I believe that the Internet, stress, and a lack of education in schools are three main reasons causing this phenomenon.

Firstly, the Internet has allowed individuals to access any information they desire. When this ability is abused, however, people may seek out dangerous information like drug production. For example, there are websites that show you how to produce drugs and where to find their ingredients.

In addition, stress may be a prime reason for drugs to be spreading. When the youth feel a lot of stress due to overbearing parents or bullying from classmates, they may seek out ways to escape from reality. Drugs are a dangerous temptation that is extremely attractive to risk-seeking young people.

Finally, schools need to be more active in informing students about the dangers of drugs. Without proper education about these dangers, students may consume drugs without knowledge of their effects. With proper education, students may learn to reject drugs and pursue alternative means of alleviating stress.

In conclusion, the Internet, stressful environments, and a lack of education are the reasons behind the growing use of illegal drugs

among youth.

1. Why do you think the use of illegal drugs is spreading among young people? (違法薬物が若者の間に広がる理由は何か)

- 1.その理由としてインターネットによる有害な情報提供、若者のストレス、薬物に関する教育の不徹底が挙げられる。
- 2.インターネットの普及により個人が望めば簡単に薬物の買い方、マリファナの栽培の仕方等に関する情報が得られる。
- 3.受験戦争、いじめ等のストレスをかかえる若者が現実からの逃避として薬物を使用し中毒になってしまう。
- 4.学校教育で薬物の危険性を教える機会が少ない。学校教育が不徹底であるため麻薬中毒が自分の人生を崩壊することを知らないで若者が薬物の誘惑に負けることが多々ある。
- 5.違法薬物が若者の間に広がる理由は、インターネットの悪影響、ストレスの多い環境、薬物に対する学校教育の不徹底が挙げられる。

Topic: Why do you think the use of illegal drugs is spreading among young people?

(1-B) Points:

1. The Internet
2. Stress
3. Peer pressure
4. Celebrities
5. Drug dealers
6. Education in schools

Today, many parents are concerned about the increase of illegal drug use among young people. This spread of illegal drugs among young people can be attributed to celebrities, peer pressure, and drug dealers.

First of all, youth are inspired by and try to emulate celebrities¹. When celebrities glamorize the usage of illegal drugs, it signals to young people that such behavior is acceptable. This may, unfortunately, motivate young people to copy their favorite actors or singers in order to experience their lifestyle.

Secondly, peer pressure is one of the strongest influences in many young people's lives. If a child's friends believe it is acceptable to do drugs and actively advocate its usage, this child may not have the self-confidence to resist such encouragement.

Thirdly, the increasing influence of drug dealers has allowed young people greater access to illegal drugs than ever before. Recently, drug dealers have become smarter, allowing them to subvert antidrug measures by national governments and police.

In conclusion, there are a number of factors increasing the spread of drugs among young people.

- 1.若者の間に広がる薬物の問題は深刻な状況である。メディア報道による有名人の麻薬事件、仲間からの誘惑、麻薬売人による若者への巧妙な接触などが薬物蔓延の理由として挙げられる。
- 2.有名歌手、タレントの麻薬事件が連日報道される昨今、マスコミにあおられて真似することがある。
- 3.仲間が強引に薬物使用を勧めた時強い意志を持って断ることができない若者はずるずると仲間引き込まれるケースがある。
- 4.日常的に路上で薬物の売買が行われている。売人による巧妙な売買方法によって一般の人が簡単に買うことができる。
- 5.以上の要因によって若者間に薬物が広がっている。

1.日本語ではお金持ちのことを「セレブ」と言いますが、英語ではお金持ち = “Celebrities”ではないので注意が必要です。映画俳優や歌手が“Celebrities”と表現されることが多いようです。