

Q & A

Make an Opinion!

(まず、質問を繰り返して...)

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| ① (I think that) _____ | -Opinion- | ← Thesis Statement (主張) |
| ② because _____ | - Reason- | ← Body 1 (理由) |
| ③ For example, _____ | - Example or Explanation- | ← Body 2 (具体例 or 説明) |
| ④ (So my opinion is that) _____ | -Opinion- | ← Conclusion (結論/主張) |

① : I think (that)...
I feel (that)...
In my opinion...
In my view...

④ : So, my opinion is that...
That's why I feel /think that...
Therefore, I would say...
In conclusion, I think...

②③ :

○○ is important/ necessary/ useful/ helpful/ interesting/ entertaining/ exciting/
effective/ efficient / convenient / inexpensive / economical / fantastic

○○ is getting **more (and more)** important

It is important for us to develop / use ○○

It is definitely good for the environment/ our health/ children/ people/
perfectly OK our lives / our daily life / a good society / good relationships

social mobility/ human right(s)/ communication/ information (society)

So we need ○○

should develop ○○

to have/make a better society

to make our society **much better**

to address disparity/ disparities

to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)

Q 1 :

"If you could change the colors of traffic lights or signals, which color would you prefer?"

A:

If I could change the color of the signals?

① I would prefer purple—deep purple.

②-1 Not because it looks cool, but because it sounds cool. I just like the sound of 'deep purple.'

③ For example, the light would show 'go,' blinking would mean 'caution,' and no light would mean 'stop.'

②-2 And using just one light would save energy. Moreover, It would be efficient and effective.

④ Yes, If I could change the color of traffic lights, I'd go with just one color, 'deep purple.' (83 words)

Q 2 :

Agree or Disagree:

“Mihama is a cozy countryside town in Japan.”

A:

Is Mihama a cozy countryside town?

- ① Yes, I think so, and I agree with that statement. In fact, I would say the entire Kinan area is cozy countryside.
- ② First of all, the sun shines brightly in the clear blue sky over the beautiful blue ocean, the Pacific Ocean.
- ③ We're also excited about the new high school, Seiran High, whose name means “blue and blue”—perfectly matching the natural beauty around here.
- ④ Yes, that's why I strongly feel that Mihama-town is one of the coziest countryside towns in Japan. (89 words)

Q 3 :

“Why do you think Christmas is so popular in Japan, even though most people here are not Christians?”

①:

I think (that)...

I feel (that)...

In my opinion, ...

In my view, ...

④:

So, my opinion is that...

That's why I feel /think that...

Therefore, I would say (that)...

In conclusion, I think (that)...

A:

Oh, why do I think Christmas is so popular here in Japan, even though almost all of us are Buddhists or Shintoists?

① Mmm... that's because it fits well with Japanese culture.

②-1 First of all, it's entertaining and even romantic. For example, we have a famous song by Yamashita Tatsuro, where he sings, “I'm sure you're not coming to see me, only to leave me alone tonight...”

②-2 Second, Christmas in Japan can even feel spiritual in its own way. On December 24th or 25th, it might snow, creating a calm and quiet atmosphere. During this time, people often think deeply about the coming new year, which is a much more important event in Japanese culture.

④ So, in my opinion, Christmas has become popular because it fits well with Japanese values, even from the time when it was first introduced here. (138 words)