

英検1級二次試験 面接対策43トピック回答根拠リスト

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1. 国際・政治・グローバル課題 (International Relations & Global Issues)

Q1. Which is the greater threat to humankind, terrorism or world hunger?

Stance: World hunger

Reasons:

- World hunger has far-reaching effects on terrorism.
- World hunger is the root cause of terrorism.

Q2. Is world peace a remote possibility?

Stance: YES

Reasons:

- Religious and ethnic differences often cause diplomatic failure and often escalate into military confrontation.
- Human beings' uncontrollable desire to dominate others often leads to territorial expansionism and conflicts.

Q3. Should capital punishment be abolished?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- The risk of executing innocent people.
- It represents an inhumane and unethical penal system that devalues human life.

Q4. Do nuclear weapons make the world less secure?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- The possession of nuclear weapons threatens global security.
- The possibility of nuclear accidents can severely damage the environment.

Q5. What role should the United Nations play in international politics?

Stance: (Key Roles)

Reasons:

- To promote global peace and stability by taking the initiative in conflict resolution.
- To ensure the protection and promotion of human rights.
- To promote sustainable development in the world.

Q6. Should economic sanctions be used to achieve foreign policy objectives?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Avoiding the bloodshed of innocent civilians.
- Diluting the target countries' aggression.
- Maximizing pressure on leaders while minimizing citizens' suffering.

Q7. Is foreign aid an effective way to promote economic growth in developing countries?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- To build infrastructure and factories to develop their industries.
- To enhance the quality of education in developing countries.

2. 社会・経済・働き方 (Society, Economy & Workplace)

Q8. What are the social responsibilities of large corporations?

Stance: (Key Responsibilities)

Reasons:

- Protection of the environment by developing eco-friendly products and technologies.
- Practicing business ethics, such as fair trade, avoiding bribery, preventing the abuse of employees, and prohibiting insider trading.

Q9. Should the mandatory retirement system be abolished?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Alleviating labor shortages by utilizing the elderly workforce.
- Maintaining and sustaining the pension system.

Q10. Will the trend toward part-time employment negatively affect Japanese society?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Declining birthrates due to the increasing numbers of part-timers.
- Undermining Japanese domestic consumption due to their lower disposable income.

Q11. Should major companies in financial trouble receive government support?

Stance: No

Reasons:

- The unfairness of bailing out major companies.
- Creating a heavy financial burden on the government.
- Going against the principles of capitalism.

Q12. How can creativity be developed?

Stance: (Key Methods)

Reasons:

- Question traditions and remove perceptual blocks generated by your biases.
- Try to find a "Plan B," overcoming limited resources.
- Practice divergent and convergent thinking simultaneously.

Q13. Do the advantages of school uniforms outweigh the disadvantages?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Encouraging students' academic, athletic, and artistic achievements by saving time spent thinking about what to wear to school.
- Saving family expenses.
- Developing students' sense of pride in belonging to their schools.

Q14. Do the advantages of gifted students' grade skipping outweigh the disadvantages?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Enhancing teaching and learning effectiveness.
- Creating a cost-effective education system for gifted students.

Q15. What country has an ideal education system that can be a good model for other countries?

Stance: Finland

Reasons:

- Non-test-based educational models result in students' highest academic performance on international tests.
- Highly qualified teachers.

Q16. Should teachers be responsible for parenting their students?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Parents are too busy working and caring for both their children and elderly parents.
- The advantages of teachers teaching social rules and manners within the school educational environment.

Q17. What are the causes of juvenile delinquency?

Stance: (Key Causes)

Reasons:

- Lack of parental love and guidance.
- Harmful media influence on young people's minds.
- Exam-centric education with little emphasis on character development.

Q18. What are countermeasures for juvenile delinquency?

Stance: (Key Countermeasures)

Reasons:

- Parents disciplining their children more with love.
- Providing professional support for children receiving less parental guidance and love.
- Enhancing schools' moral education to build children's character.

Q19. What country has the best healthcare system in the world?

Stance: Japan

Reasons:

- An egalitarian universal healthcare system that provides world-class medical services to everyone at affordable costs.

Q20. What makes organ transplants so controversial?

Stance: (Key Issues)

Reasons:

- Lack of national consensus about the definitions of death.
- Degradation of the human body and human dignity.

Q21. What are the causes of mental illnesses?

Stance: (Key Causes)

Reasons:

- Traumatic, life-threatening experiences such as natural disasters.
- Business restructuring or bankruptcy due to economic recession.
- Lack of social support for women taking care of their children and elderly parents.

Q22. Should smoking be banned in public places?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Protecting nonsmokers from secondhand smoke.
- Decreasing environmental and fire hazards caused by cigarette littering and smoke.
- Saving the government budget required for creating designated smoking areas.

Q23. Do the benefits of genetic engineering outweigh the dangers?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Alleviating world hunger.
- Curing intractable and incurable diseases.

Q24. Has technology changed education for the better?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Interactive multimedia enhances students' learning effectiveness.
- Far more information is available online, which develops students' research skills.
- E-learning increases people's opportunities for study.

Q25. What is the future of robots in daily life?

Stance: (Key Trends)

Reasons:

- Popularization of housework robots and caregiver robots.
- Popularization of robot suits for the elderly and physically disabled people.
- Increased use of robot surgery and capsule endoscopy.

Q26. Will the use of solar energy become widespread in the future?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- It serves as a viable alternative to CO₂-emitting fossil fuels.
- It has the potential to solve resource shortage problems.

Q27. How should companies and individuals make efforts to protect the environment?

Stance: (Action Plans)

Reasons:

- **Companies:** Should promote energy saving and tackle environmental degradation by complying with strict regulations and producing eco-friendly products.
- **Individuals:** Should practice the 3Rs: reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Q28. Do the benefits of daylight saving time outweigh the disadvantages?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- A decrease in electricity consumption.
- Generating economic benefits.
- A decrease in the incidence of crime and traffic accidents.

Q29. Is the extinction of some plants and animal species inevitable? If so, how is it possible to protect them from extinction?

Stance: Yes (Protection is possible)

Reasons:

- Implementing tighter controls on smuggling and poaching.
- Creating more sanctuaries to preserve natural habitats.
- Promoting more ecotourism.

Q30. How serious are current environmental problems?

Stance: (Current Severity)

Reasons:

- Global warming, which is increasingly getting worse, causes deforestation, desertification, and weather abnormalities, and will eventually cause coastal flooding.
- Water shortage problems are becoming more and more serious globally.

Q31. Is multiculturalism beneficial to society?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Boosting the economy through increased job opportunities from overseas investment.
- Promoting cultural diversity.
- Developing tolerance for other cultures.
- Stimulating people's daily lives.

Q32. Is religion necessary to society?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Alleviating people's mental suffering.
- Contributing to social stability.

Q33. Is Japan making enough efforts to preserve its cultural heritage?

Stance: No

Reasons:

- Having an extremely low budget for the protection of cultural heritage.
- A decrease in support for historical structures and craftspeople.
- An acute shortage of successors for traditional craftwork.

Q34. Does art make an essential contribution to society?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Boosting the local and national economy.
- Enhancing the quality of our daily lives.
- Promoting mutual understanding between people of different cultures.
- Contributing to the preservation of cultural legacies.

Q35. How can we deal with a super-aging society?

Stance: (Key Countermeasures)

Reasons:

- Increasing the number of caregivers and building more facilities for the elderly.
- Increasing the female and foreign workforce.
- Making anti-aging efforts, including preventive medicine.

Q36. Is it necessary for couples to share household chores?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- In the case of a full-time homemaker: Sharing housework mostly on weekends.
- In the case of couples with an equal workload: Sharing housework every day.

Q37. Do the benefits of same-sex marriage outweigh the disadvantages?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Ensuring the equal right to marriage.
- Contributing to the elimination of various forms of discrimination.
- Contributing to social stability.
- Providing benefits to underprivileged orphans.

Q38. Should Japan make more efforts to achieve gender equality?

Stance: No (Japan is NOT making enough efforts yet)

Reasons:

- Falling behind other countries in female empowerment.
- A large gender difference in salary.
- Only 2% of fathers take paternity leave.

Q39. Do the benefits of the internet outweigh its disadvantages?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- It serves as a great source of information.
- It creates numerous business opportunities.
- It enables convenient online shopping.
- It facilitates distance learning.

Q40. Does individual privacy outweigh the public's right to know?

Stance: No (The public's right to know is more important in specific cases)

Reasons:

- In criminal investigations that affect the public's interest and safety.
- In matters involving celebrities' privacy.

Q41. Should playing free online games be discouraged?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Wasting valuable time.
- Undermining physical and mental health.

Q42. Do the advantages of advertising outweigh its disadvantages?

Stance: Yes

Reasons:

- Boosting the economy.
- Financing TV programs and athletic events.
- Facilitating consumers' product choices and purchases.

Q43. How objective or biased is current news coverage in the world?

Stance: Biased

Reasons:

- Media support for particular political parties and ideologies.
- The sensationalism practiced by media companies.
- Government censorship of media coverage.

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