

**Interpretive Task Comprehension Guide**

1) Using the information from the reading, provide two main reasons why the concept of barrier-free should be developed and underline directly in the text where these two main reasons are indicated. Provide the answer **in English**. (underline CLEARLY so that the lines are VISIBLE!) (4pts.)

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2) Using the words in the reading, find the Japanese word that best expresses the meaning of each of the following English words. Write down the **equivalent Japanese words** found in the reading next to each English word (2 pts each):

<u>Safe</u>	<u>Wheel chair</u>
<u>Elders</u>	<u>Blind people</u>
<u>Crutch</u>	<u>Street signs</u>
<u>People with disabilities</u>	<u>People (adults) without</u>
<u>(1) – physically –</u>	<u>disabilities</u>
<u>(2) – in general –</u>	

3) Circle the letter of each detail that is mentioned in the reading (Note: Be careful! Not all the information is mentioned in the article!!) As for the information that IS mentioned in the reading, locate the information in the text and CIRCLE the sentence(s) IN THE TEXT. Make sure to write down the letter which corresponds with each circle you draw in the text! (you can find an example in the page 1 of the reading.) If any of the information below is not mentioned in the reading, find the correct information from the reading and write it down in the space next to the incorrect information provided below in English (3 pts each).

A. Among people with disabilities in Japan, the largest population consists of people with disabilities with walking and using hands.

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B. Among people with disabilities in Japan, the second largest population consists of people who are blind.

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C. Elders cannot walk due to the pain in their hip.

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D. Foreign people cannot read street signs in Japanese.

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E. Small children cannot walk fast and fall easily.

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F. Among blind people, one out of ten people can see slightly and the rest of the people are completely blind.

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G. Elders have difficulties seeing and hearing.

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4) Answer the following question by providing as many reasons as you can. Your responses may be **in English**. (2pts each)

a) In the first paragraph, you find a word 「やさしいまち」. What does this mean? Using the information in the text, explain as many details as possible as well as providing **two** examples.

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b) Why do you think creating a “barrier-free” environment is important?

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**Bonus!** (1 pt) Write your answer in Japanese IN ADDITION TO the answer in English for **b**.

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**Total (33 +1 possible)**