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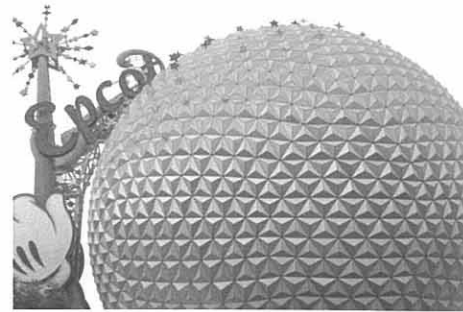
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The Secret of Success

Unit
1

Walt Disney World



Reading



Disneyland originating in the United States has been established in Tokyo, Paris, Hong Kong and Shanghai (scheduled to open in 2015). Disneyland is familiar to people all over the world. It is Walt Disney that came up with the original idea for Disneyland. He dreamed of theme parks where adults and children could enjoy themselves together. One of his mottos in life is: "We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." Even after he completed Disneyland in Los Angeles in 1955, he continued to build on his dreams.



He drew up a by far larger-scale project in the State of Florida than Disneyland; that was, Walt Disney World. Florida has large marshy areas, and was generally regarded as disadvantageous in carrying out such a project. However, Disney noted that he could make good use of water in the marshy areas for his project. Then, he thought up the idea of EPCOT (Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow) which only the State of Florida would have, and tried to create a new world that was beyond the concept of conventional theme parks. Although he passed away without seeing the completion of this project, his vision was embraced by his successors who brought it to successful completion. Walt Disney World still enjoys the largest attendance in the world.



Anyone who visits EPCOT will be overwhelmed by its large scale. Especially when we enter Spaceship Earth, a symbolic building in EPCOT, we can personally experience the historical transition of human communication over 30,000 years in a time machine. The invention of letters and printing greatly changed the communication style of people living in the past, and the invention of the Internet has greatly changed the communication style of people living in the present. The Internet has

made it possible to gain easy access to information, but it has decreased people's ability to think and judge on their own.



In the future, we will be able to measure the condition of our health by connecting a machine to our body, and sending the data to our doctor by computer. Such an advance causes some worries that we will be controlled by machines, and may not have any room to pay attention to our innate healing powers. However, EPCOT is an attractive paradise that provides us with food for thought while enjoying ourselves.

Notes

- (L.7) **curiosity** 好奇心 (L.11) **marshy areas** 湿地帯 (L.12) **disadvantageous** 不利な
- (L.15) **EPCOT** 未来社会の実験的モデル (L.17) **conventional** 従来の
- (L.20) **attendance** 入場者数 (L.21) **be overwhelmed** 圧倒される
- (L.23) **transition** 変遷 (L.34) **innate healing powers** 自然治癒力
- (L.35) **food for thought** 思考の糧

東京スカイツリーの威容

ウォルト・ディズニー・ワールドが従来のテーマ・パークの枠組みを超えたものであるように、東京スカイツリーも日本の伝統文化と最先端技術を融合させた時空を超えた塔です。法隆寺五重塔の中央の柱が揺れに強いことに着目し、最先端技術と融合させて震度6強以上の地震に耐えられるように設計され、外観にも伝統的な造形美が採り入れられています。また、照明は江戸時代の浮世絵や美人画を参考にして、「粹」と「雅」を現在の光の技術で表現しています。日本の高度な技術を結集させた東京スカイツリーの威容は、日本の技術の質の高さが世界に誇るものであることを再認識させてくれます。



Exercises

I Reading Comprehension

Questions are based on the content of the text. Choose the best answer.

1. What did Walt Disney have in mind when he came up with the idea of theme parks?
(A) He thought about various ways of entertaining children because he loved children.
(B) He pictured adults and children having a good time together.
(C) He visualized a lot of movies that would be smash hits.
(D) He thought of day-care centers to which parents could leave their children.
2. How did Disney regard the State of Florida?
(A) He regarded it as too marshy to carry out the project.
(B) He considered it to be unsuitable for development.
(C) He thought that he could utilize water that the state had.
(D) He recognized that he would have to wait and see.
3. Which statement is true of Walt Disney World?
(A) The construction was interrupted because of Disney's death.
(B) The construction was completed by his successors.
(C) His successors revised Disney's original ideas.
(D) Disney was able to see the completion of Walt Disney World.
4. What does Spaceship Earth provide us?
(A) We can learn in detail about space.
(B) We can learn about both space and earth.
(C) We can experience the changes in space travel.
(D) We can experience the changes in human communication.
5. How can we predict our future through EPCOT?
(A) We wonder if the power of machines to control our health will make us happy.
(B) We can be sure that we will be happier as machines become more advanced.
(C) We won't have to worry about our health in the future.
(D) We will depend more on our innate healing powers in the future.

II Sentence Completion ▶▶▶▶ Verbs (動詞)

Choose the best answer as a synonym of the word(s) given in the bracket.

1. Disney _____ the project for Disneyland. (came up with)
(A) conceived (B) convinced (C) concerned (D) corrected
2. He _____ moving forward. (went on)
(A) continued (B) conveyed (C) kept (D) held
3. He tried to _____ a new world in the State of Florida. (set up)
(A) elect (B) erect (C) establish (D) esteem
4. He thought up the idea of EPCOT which only the State of Florida would _____. (own)
(A) have (B) get (C) take (D) give
5. We can _____ our future at EPCOT. (predict)
(A) foresee (B) forward (C) form (D) forgive

● 日米人の発想の相違に注意 ●

日本語が否定形であっても、英語は肯定形になることがあります。例えば、上記の「彼はフロリダ州にしかない EPCOT を考案した」は、英語では「フロリダ州にのみある」となり、しかも英語独特の表現 “only the State of Florida would have” (フロリダ州のみがもっている) となるので注意を要します。別の例では、「海外旅行は1度しか行ったことはありません」は、英語では “I have traveled abroad just once.” (1度のみ行ったことがあります) となります。



III Sentence Word Order Exercise

Make a complete sentence by putting the given words in the correct order.

1. ディズニーの好奇心が新しいテーマパークのアイデアを考案するのに役立ちました。

[come up with, a novel theme park, Disney's curiosity, the idea of, helped him]

_____.

2. そのテーマパークは楽しいだけでなく、刺激的でもあります。

[not only, is, the theme park, but also, entertaining, stimulating]

_____.

3. EPCOTは、未来社会の実験的なモデルを意味しています。

[EPCOT, Tomorrow, stands for, Prototype Community of, Experimental]

_____.

4. EPCOTは未来について深く考えさせてくれます。

[EPCOT, makes it, think deeply about, possible, to, the future]

_____.

5. つまり、EPCOTは私達に思考の糧を与えてくれているのです。

[EPCOT, gives, food, us, for thought, in other words]

_____.

IV Listening

The following is a summary of the text. Fill in the blanks.



1. Walt Disney's motto in life is to _____ and push on.
2. Even after the completion of Disneyland in Los Angeles, he _____ his dreams.
3. Walt Disney World is a theme park which is _____ conventional ones.
4. At Spaceship Earth, we _____ the changes of human communication.
5. When we go to EPCOT, we _____.

V Conversation

Listen to the following conversation while considering both merits and demerits of an invention.

(A: American, J: Japanese)



- A: Nobel Prize winners for this year were announced the other day, weren't they?
- J: The Nobel Prize was named after Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, right?
- A: Dynamite was used in mining, and made the work more efficient, to be sure, but it served to kill many people on battlefields as well.
- J: Have human beings progressed or regressed by such inventions: that is the question.

VI Further Activity

Referring to the above conversation, give another specific example on both merits and demerits of an invention.