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1 Winston Churchill declared that, "Democracy is the worst form of government except  
for all those others that have been tried." Today, many countries have democratic forms  
of government, but that does not mean that they are all the same. The United States of  
America and the People's Republic of China both call themselves democratic countries, but  
5 nobody would ever put them together in the same category. Surprisingly, the word  
"democracy" does not appear in either the U.S. Constitution or the Declaration of  
Independence.

( 1 ) It is the opposite of totalitarian government, where the leaders are chosen  
by a small group of people, and are imposed on the rest. The difference between the two  
10 is something that even small children can understand: it is the difference between playing  
the game that the majority of children in the group want to play, and playing the game  
that the biggest, meanest child wants to play. This does not mean that democracy is  
"good," however. Since the majority rules, the minority can often be sacrificed. (a) This  
was something that worried James Madison when the Constitution of the United States  
15 was being debated. Indeed, even in the most advanced democracies, women have only  
been able to vote for less than 100 years, and minority groups have had protection for less  
than 40 years.

Democracy was first introduced in Athens in the fifth century B.C., although most  
modern democracies are based to a lesser or greater extent on the parliamentary system  
20 of the United Kingdom. There are many different forms of democracy. ( 2 )

In the socialist democracies of Soviet Russia and China, only members of the  
Communist Party were allowed to vote. (b) This meant that there were no challenges to  
the power of the Communist Party, which could impose any policy that it chose. This is in  
complete contrast to the western democracies, where nearly everybody can vote. But it is  
25 very difficult (and expensive) to get elected. ( 3 )

( 4 ) Many democracies guarantee the rights of free speech and of  
resistance against a tyrannical government, but then make it illegal, or at least difficult,  
to exercise these rights. An infamous example is the oppression of the democracy  
movement in Tiananmen Square in 1989. But similar acts of oppression have occurred  
30 elsewhere, for example, when the United States imprisoned Japanese-Americans during  
the Second World War.

( 5 ) However, democracy develops from the history of a nation, and it is very  
difficult to suddenly change systems of government. Often, the introduction of democracy  
can lead to instability in a country, as Russia discovered in the 1990s after the collapse of  
35 the Soviet Union.

( 6 ) In many cases, the worst abuses of the democratic system have taken  
place in countries where democracy is new. The most common abuse is electoral fraud,  
where one or other of the competitors cheats. The controversy that surrounded the

U.S. Presidential Election of 2000 shows us that even the most advanced democracies  
40 must take great care to show that an election is fair.

It has taken 400 years for democracy to mature in Europe, 250 years for the same to happen in America, and nearly 50 years for it to become the usual form of government in Asia, although it is beset by many difficulties. © The former Soviet states are still getting used to democracy after 10 years, and now attempts are being made to make Iraq a  
45 democracy in a relatively short time. This effort will fail unless the culture and the different ethnic groups in Iraq are carefully considered. ( 7 )

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*Knowledge is Power*

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- (1) 空所 1～7 を埋めるのに最も適切なものを、次の a～g よりそれぞれ 1 つずつ選び、その記号を記せ。(各 3 点)
- a At its best, it allows people to live in freedom and prosperity, but at its worst, it can lead to oppression and terror: Adolf Hitler gained power in Germany by manipulating the democratic process.
  - b Democracy is a form of government in which the leaders of a country or organization are elected by the people of that country or members of the organization.
  - c Even if democracy is successfully introduced, it is open to abuse unless there are sufficient safeguards in place, for example, the rule of law and a strong, independent judicial system.
  - d Freedom and democracy are often said in the same breath, but as we have seen, they do not necessarily go together.
  - e Indeed, nowadays only people with access to millions of dollars can become the President of the United States.
  - f Many of the western democracies, especially the United States, encourage other countries to adopt similar democratic systems to their own.
  - g With this knowledge, a suitable system of democracy can be chosen which will give the new system a higher chance of succeeding.
- (2) 下線部①の指す内容を 30 字以内の日本語で説明せよ (句読点も字数に含む)。(8 点)
- (3) 下線部②を和訳せよ。(9 点)
- (4) 下線部③を和訳せよ。(12 点)

⇒この問題のヒントは、この回の添削問題の最後に掲載しています。

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