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Recently, an announcement posted outside a restaurant circulated widely on Japanese Twitter. (1) A TV variety show producer was curious about this, so he decided to undertake an investigation by interviewing the restaurant owner. (2) Feeling disrespected, he requested that the photos be deleted. Instead of deleting the uploaded information, the diner changed the original 4-star review to one star. The diner claimed that it was just a response to the restaurant owner's "betrayal of his / her good intentions." (3) What's worse, some of the food reviewers even demanded bribes from the owner on the grounds of providing a positive evaluation. The behavior was disgusting and not any different from running a protection racket.

In addition, some reviewers also took advantage of the situation and shared their past experiences on Twitter. (4) The store review was originally 3.8, but in just a few days, the customer reviews dropped to 3.6. Soon after, the owner received a phone call from the website. The manager said that the owner could become a member by paying a fee. After that, he could restore the earlier evaluation and change his bad image online. (5) The program revealed that both customers and food APP managers can interfere and manipulate how a restaurant is reviewed, causing an uproar among Japanese netizens.

- (A) TV producers should report these disgusting behaviors to the police in order to stop such criminal misbehaving on the Internet.
- (B) It not only prohibited customers using restaurant searching APPs in the restaurant but also criticized people who put reviews on the website.
- (C) The owner said that when the store opened eight years ago, a diner uploaded the restaurant's information and posted food photos without his consent.
- (D) They left messages saying, "I wrote a negative review for this restaurant after I found worms in my soup, but later on the message was deleted!"
- (E) These dark inside stories were kicked out after the TV producer made a special program about food evaluation websites.
- (F) The owner was then attacked on the food APP for his appearance instead of his food.

(2)

Why do people write poems? Believe it or not, poetry can help you know others as well as yourself. Living in a confusing world where miscommunication and misunderstandings abound, people often find it hard to understand each other and experience varying amounts of frustration as a result. (1) This means you have to figure out what you want your readers to understand, to feel, and to consider after reading. If you are a reader, on the other hand, you need patience and passion to look into someone else's mind and cultivate appreciation for his or her poem. (2) But a good poem can't be created if the writer doesn't even understand what is going through his or her mind. (3) It makes you question yourself and forces you to logically and methodically answer. No matter what your message is, a poem gives you an opportunity to present it to others. (4) After all, jotting down words on a piece of paper can make sense of the world around you.

- (A) Writing a poem transforms your thoughts and messages into short, direct sentences.
- (B) Whether you are a writer or a reader, the ability to empathize with others is cultivated, and so is interpersonal communication.
- (C) If you are a poet, you will need to convey the true nature of your writing to an unknown reader by being observant and putting details into your poem.
- (D) There is no greater sadness than not knowing your own worth, but there is great strength in understanding your true identity.

(3)

Many students like to listen to music when they study because they believe music helps them improve their mental focus and even become more intelligent. (1) Scientists at the University of California, Irvine, tested the effect of Mozart's music on college students' brain capacity. The findings showed the students' IQ levels were temporarily raised by up to 9 points after listening to Mozart piano sonatas for 10 minutes. (2) All kinds of products like collections of classical music and music players for expectant women to wear on their bellies hit the market. However, other people doubted the Mozart effect for various reasons. The college students involved in the study were asked to fold a paper or solve a maze merely to test their spatial intelligence, which is just one type of general intelligence. What's more, little evidence that classical music can increase IQ levels was found from almost 40 studies several years after the theory became popular. (3) One thing is for sure, though. Listening to music triggers the release of dopamine (多巴胺), which promotes feelings of happiness. (4) In summary, if

listening to music is a possible way for you to be a better student, why not give it a try?

- (A) Feeling less anxious, students are better at answering questions in a positive mood.
- (B) As a result, it might seem inadvisable to claim that listening to classical music can boost brainpower.
- (C) The idea that music, classical music especially, improves people's intelligence was first proposed in the early 1990s.
- (D) The media quickly reported on the amazing "Mozart Effect", claiming that classical music made kids more intelligent.

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People often wish away certain difficulties so they can enjoy life more. (1) Instead, they would do better to focus on the desirable things in life. Within each of us, there is the power to bring into existence the events we wish for. That inner power is constantly being reinforced by our deepest beliefs and expectations. The only thing that can stop our wishes is fear. (2) That is because fear is a limiting action that makes you fearful of life's experiences. Basically, there is nothing wrong with human wishes. (3) Each belief, emotion, and expectation people generate has a power unknown to human beings who are not at the right stage of inner development. (4) It will be its pleasure to grant them.

- (A) Whether people are aware of it or not, only fear can hold them back.
- (B) They only go wrong when people try to fulfill them in the wrong way.
- (C) So, don't hesitate to make wishes to the universe.
- (D) However, by wishing away the negative side of life, they are actually focusing on it and increasing its influence.

(5)

Water shortages are a growing problem. (1) For one in nine, the problem of water stress is already here. The World Health Organization estimates that around 850 million people lack basic drinking water. (2)

Water problems can be divided into categories. First, there are issues of infrastructure. (3) Second are the problems of water resources. In dry areas, not enough water is available. (4)

In many areas, the challenge of providing water is a huge one. But it can be overcome with effort. (5) But the authorities invested heavily in infrastructure to provide clean water. Now, there is a thousand times more farmland than there used to be in the 1990s. Tigray was once the poorest part of Ethiopia. Since 2007, it has been producing all the food it needs.

- (A) As many as two billion may be relying on polluted sources.
- (B) In other words, there are not enough reservoirs, pipes, and equipment to store water and give people access to it.
- (C) In the 1980s, the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia suffered a terrible drought and famine.
- (D) By 2025, half the world's people will be living with water issues.
- (E) And climate change is making the issue of water resources more difficult.