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英文解釈

- 1 Pirates are not a thing of the past. There are probably as many pirates on the seas today as there were a hundred or more years ago.
- 2 Indian and Chinese tea trees are the same species, but they look very different. The Chinese tea trees are much shorter than the Indian trees. They are usually about a meter tall. The Indian tea trees, on the other hand, grow about six meters tall. And their leaves become as big as a human hand if they are not picked early.
- 3 Today more and more people work in factories that makes automobiles, clothes, and thousand of other products. Fewer people work on farms or make products at home. More people work in industry. The ownership of land in an industrial society is not as important as it was when people lived in villages.
- 4 How much do you know about Australia? First, Australia is big — 7,686,848 square kilometers, the biggest island in the world. It is the only continent that has only one country in it. In size, it is about twenty times as large as Japan. The journey across the continent — from Perth in the west to Sydney in the east — takes about five hours by plane.
- 5 While many problems might arise in a child's study of foreign language, most experts agree on one thing: The earlier a child begins to study a foreign language, the greater the chance of mastering that language.

〈語注〉

pirate: 海賊 species: 種類 ownership: 所有 industrial: 産業の continent: 大陸
square kilometer: 平方キロメートル arise: 起こる expert: 専門家