オンラインTOEIC講座

- PART 7 読解問題　中級編 -

★今日のポイント

「内容把握問題」に挑戦しよう！

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「内容把握問題」あるある

▶Part 7で最も難易度が高い問題
▶全体的な内容に関する質問
　例1：「手紙から何がわかりますか」
　例2：「Eメールで何が示されていますか」
▶必要スキル
　1. 本文の正確に理解する 読解力 →『内容把握問題』対策
　2. 選択肢で大きく言い換えられた語句と照合する 語彙力
　　→『同義語問題』対策

Brush Up　『記事』の読み方を確認しよう

記事はレイアウトによって読みにくいことが多いのに加え、単語のレベルもやや高くなります。
その為苦手とする学習者も多くいますが、情報の流れと基本はEメールや手紙と同じです。

●Eメール・手紙

情報の流れ&基本
①目的を伝える
②詳細を述べる
③追加情報

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街の大きな変化

市の西側のラッシュアワーの渋滞に嫌気がさしている通勤者は、代替え手段が利用できるようになりました。地下鉄です。イエローラインは昨日開業し、この地域で運行しています。新路線には全26駅あり、通勤者はレッドライン、ブルーライン、ホワイトラインへ乗り換えも可能になっています。何より良いことに、この線路の終着駅がデクスター国際空港なのです。これはこの線路の乗客は、混雑している空港への道路や高い空港の駐車料金を避けることができることを意味しています。

この新しい地下鉄路線は完成まで4年近い歳月と、総額71億ドルかかりましたが、市の歴史上最も大きなプロジェクトの1つとなりました。しかし、ほとんどの専門家は、新路線は住民にとって重要な交通機関となり、道路の交通量の大幅な減少につながるために必要であるという見方で一致しています。このプロジェクトは、ジリアン・ダガンの選挙公約で、市長に選ばれたあとすぐに同紙が地下鉄線の建設の開始を監督しました。

運行初日は、通勤者は新路線の利用にまったく問題を感じなかったようで、メトロポリタン交通局のウェブサイトには、車を運転することから新路線を使うことに変更するつもりだという、いくつかの投稿もありました。空港まで定期的に運転をしていたというウォーレン・ガリスソンさんは、新路線は快適で、道路の渋滞に巻き込まれる心配をすることなく朝の時間を節約するのに役立ったと語りました。

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●左の文章の内容を要約したものです。空所に入れるのに適切な単語または語句を本文から抜き出して書いてください。

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2. People parking at the airport currently must pay high _____.

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1.The city has introduced an alternative transportation.

(市は代わりとなる交通機関サービスを導入した)

解説：市がどのような交通サービスを導入したかを読み取る。1文目にhave an alternative: the subwayとあるので、交通手段の選択に地下鉄が追加されたのがわかる。よって、alternative「別の」が適切。

2.People parking at the airport currently must pay high (airport parking)fees.

(空港に駐車する人々は、現在高い（空港駐車）料金を払わなければならない)

解説：空港に車を停める人の話がポイント。最後の文にhigh airport parking feesとある。現在は高い駐車料金を払う必要がある為、(airport parking)feesが、適切。

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【terminal / brief stop / last station】

2.第2段落1行目 **nearly**

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解説：final stopは「終点」のことを言い、同義語はterminal と last station。
brief stopは、「短い停車」のこと。

2.第2段落1行目 **nearly**

【over / almost / more than 】

解説：nearlyは数字などに用いて「～近く」のこと。同義語はalmost「ほぼ」。over/more than four yearsは4年を超えてしまうため不可。

Exercise 3　本文の内容と関連づけよう

それぞれの文書の内容を正しく言い換えているものに○を、そうでないものに×をつけてください

- E-mail

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Mr. Wang wants to know the status of Mr. Smith's work.
(ワンさんはスミスさんの仕事の状況を知りたがっている)

解説：
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(スミスさんは記事の締め切りを逃した。)

解説：
締め切りを逃したという内容は書かれていない。よって、has missed deadlineの部分が間違っている。

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3. (○)
The magazine is published every month.
(雑誌は毎月発行されている。)

解説：
雑誌にMonthly(月1回の)とあり、２文目にlast month's issue「先月号」とある。これらのことから、毎月発行されていると考えられる。

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3. What is suggested about the production facilities?
   (A)They have recently been renovated.
   (B)One of them has serious problem.
   (C)They do not have extra space.
   (D)They have located closer to one another.

4. What is indicated in the e-mail?
   (A)Approval from some parties must be processed.
   (B)Some supplies arrived late in the past.
   (C)The supplier did not agree with Mr. Long.
   (D)Ms. Maharaj has sent the contract to the board of directors.

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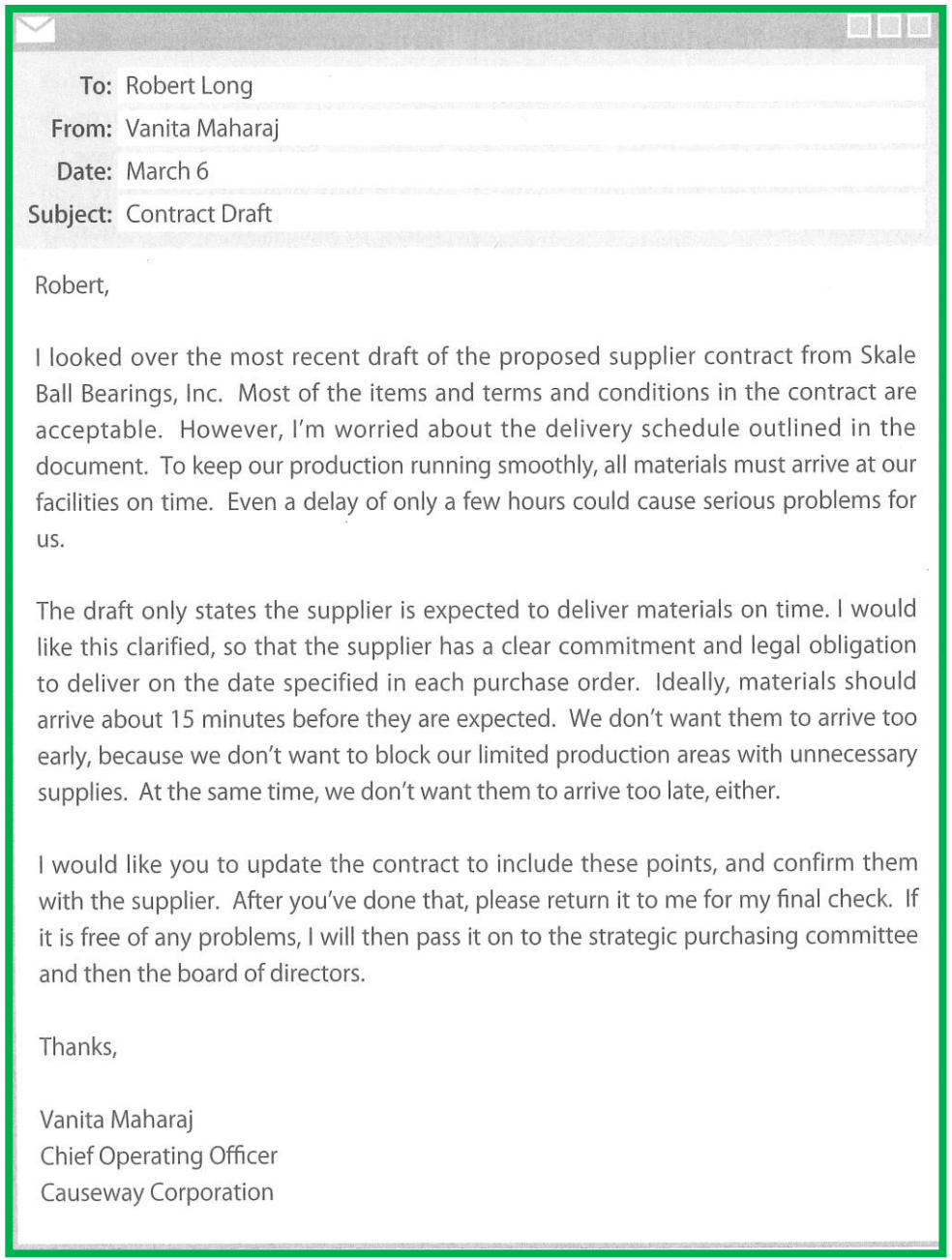

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宛先：ロバート・ロング
送信者：ヴァニータ・マハラジ
日付：3月6日
件名：契約書の草稿

ロバート

スケールボールベアリング者との提案された供給業者契約書の最新の草稿に目を通しました。契約書のほとんどの項目と契約条件は問題ありません。しかし、書類に概略が書かれている配達のスケジュールについて不安があります。製造をスムーズに進めるために、全ての材料は予定通りに施設に到着しなければなりません。数時間だけの遅れであっても、我々にとって深刻な問題を引き起こす可能性があります。

草稿は、供給業者は予定通りに材料を配達することを求められているとしか述べていません。この点を明確にすることで、供給業者が各発注に対して指定日に配達をするように、明確な責任と法的な義務を持たせたいと思います。理想的には、材料は予定されている時間の約15分前に到着してほしいです。到着が早すぎて、不要な在庫によって限られた製造エリアをふさぎたくありません。同時に、到着が遅すぎるのもよくありません。

これらのポイントを含むように契約書を変更し、供給業者と確認してください。それが終わった後、最終確認のために契約書を私に送り返してください。問題がなければ、戦略購買委員会に回し、さらに取締役会へと送ります。よろしくお願いします。

ヴァニータ・マハラジ
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(今度のイベントの予定を変更すること)

解説：
Eメールの目的は冒頭または全体の流れから判断する。冒頭に「契約書の最新の草稿を確認した」とあるが、3文目のHowever以降で「時間通りに配達してもらえるか心配だ」という不安を伝えている。第2段落で草稿の問題点や理想の状態を述べた上で、最終の段落で、ここまで伝えたポイントを含めるために契約書を更新してほしいと伝えている。この依頼がEメールの目的であるため、正解は（A）。このように、依頼や報告・苦情などは現状を伝えてから目的を伝えるため、全体の流れから判断するものが多い。

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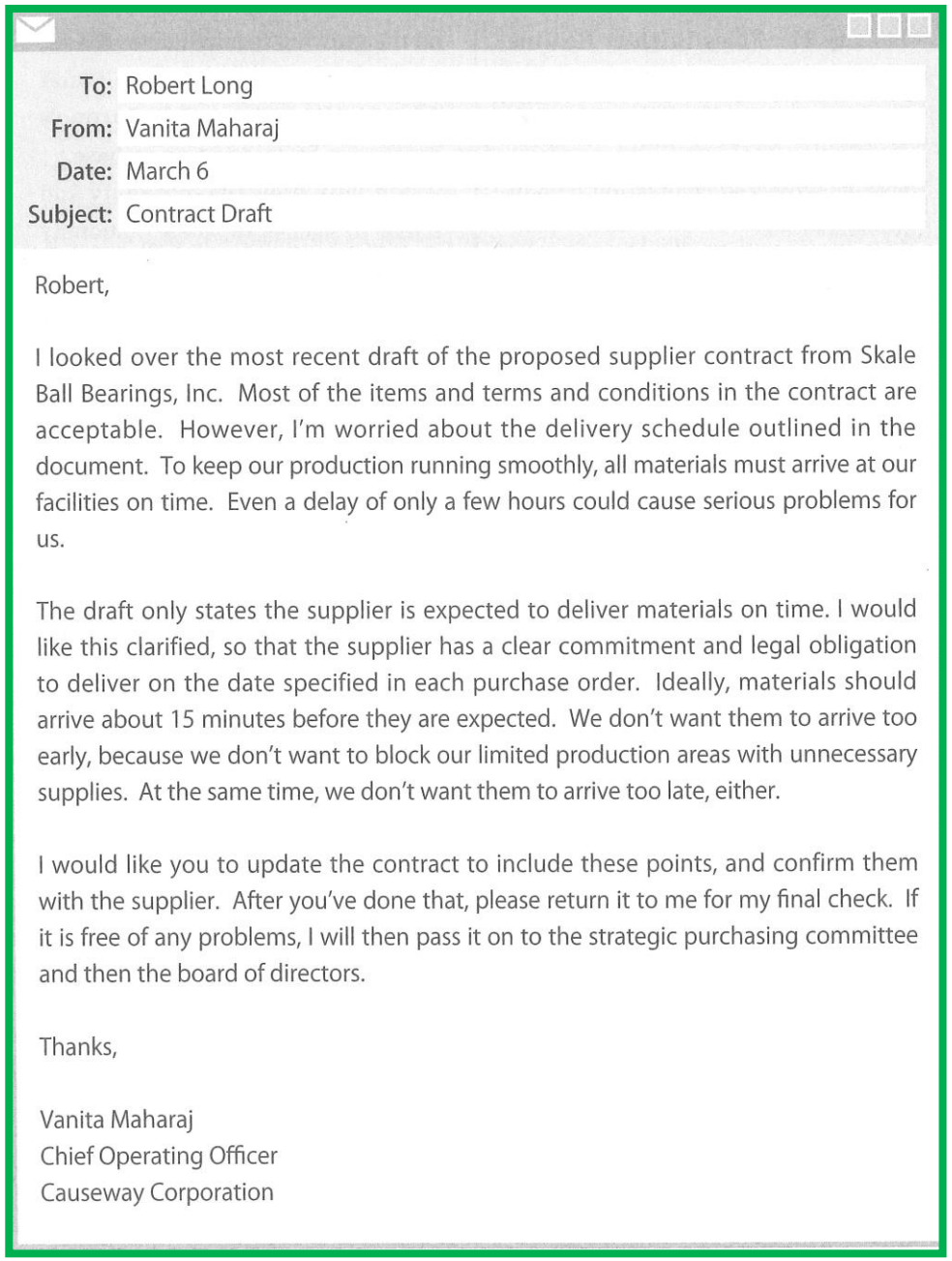

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2. What problem is mentioned in the email?
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(供給物の配達が遅れそうである)

(B) The board of directors did not give its approval.
(取締役会からの承認をもらえなかった)

(C) Terms and conditions were not agreeable.
(条件が同意できるものではなかった)

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(契約書の記述が十分に明確ではない)

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Eメールに書かれた問題点を読み取る。時間通りに配達されないと問題が起きることを伝えられたうえで、この点を契約書に明示したいというのが書き手の希望である。よって、契約書の記述が明確ではないことを示す（D）が正解。大きく言い換えられているため、本文だけでなく選択肢の理解も求められる。

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3.What is suggested about the production facilities?
(製造施設について何と述べていますか。)

(A)They have recently been renovated.
(最近改修された)

(B)One of them has serious problem.
(1つの施設に深刻な問題がある)

(C)They do not have extra space.
(余分なスペースがない)

(D)They have located closer to one another.
(それぞれ近くに位置している)

解説：
製造施設に関する記述がポイントとなる、やや抽象的な質問。第2段落の4文目にwe don't want to block our limited production areas with unnecessary supplies「不要な備品によって限られた製造エリアをふさぎたくない」とある。これを言い換えているのが（C）。production areasがproduction facilitiesと言い換えられている。限られた製造エリアとは、スペースに余裕がないことを指している。抽象的な質問は、本文と選択肢が大きく言い換えられている多いため注意が必要だ。

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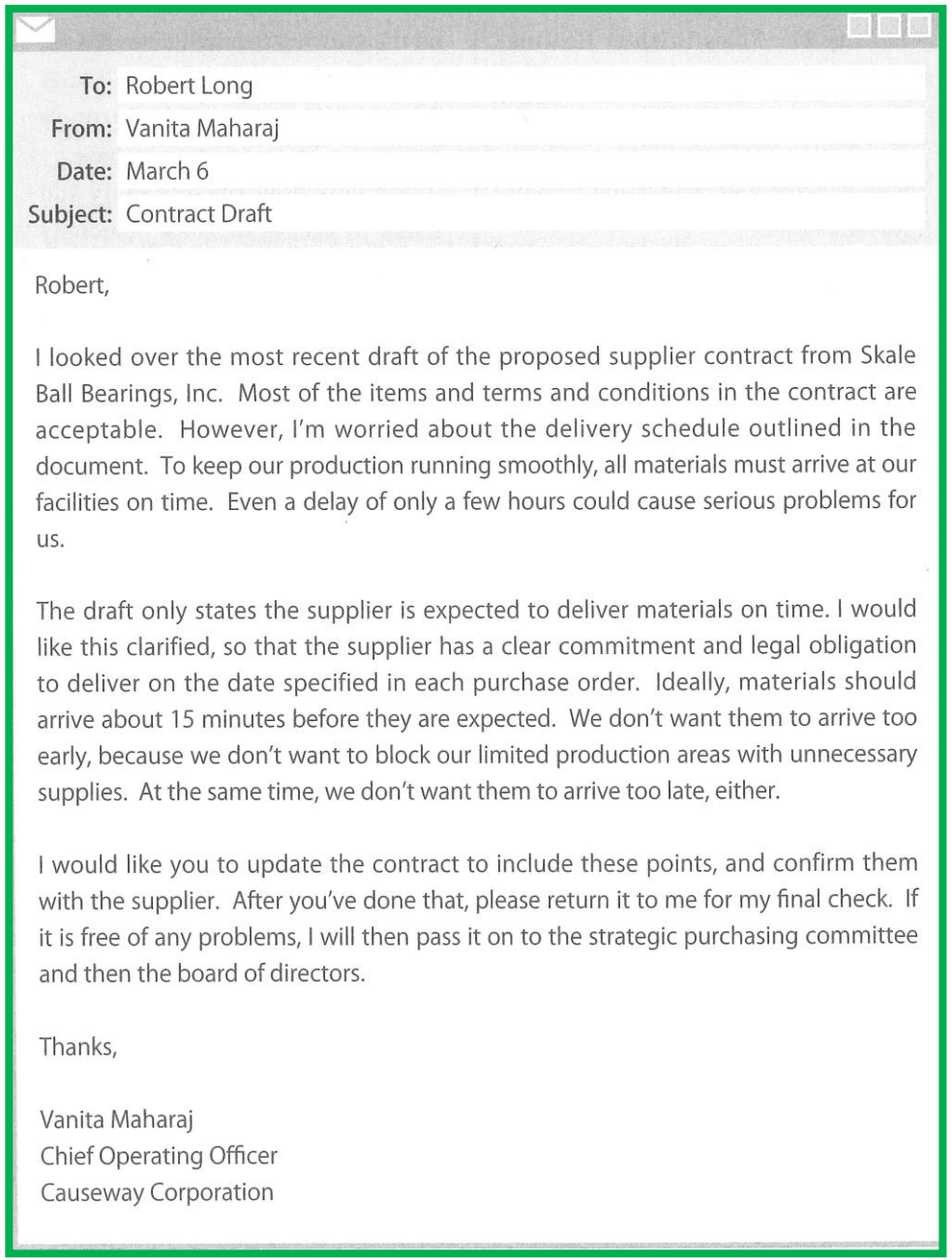

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4.What is indicated in the e-mail?
(Eメールには何が示されていますか。)

(A)Approval from some parties must be processed.
(いくつかのグループからの承認を得なくてはならない)

(B)Some supplies arrived late in the past.
(過去に備品が遅れて到着した)

(C)The supplier did not agree with Mr. Long.
(供給業者はロングさんに同意しなかった)

(D)Ms. Maharaj has sent the contract to the board of directors.
(マハラジさんが取締役会に契約書を送った)

解説：
3.よりも更に漠然とした設問のため、本文と選択肢の照合が求められる。基本的には設問の順番に答えが登場するため、後半にヒントがあると推測できる。最後の段落で、契約書の修正について「問題がなければ、戦略購買委員に渡し、さらに取締役会に回す」と説明されている。この流れから、複数の承認が必要であることがわかるため、正解は（A）。partiesとはgroupsのこと。

★今日のポイント

「内容把握問題」あるある

▶Part 7で最も難易度が高い問題
▶全体的な内容関する質問
　例1：「手紙から何がわかりますか」
　例2：「Eメールで何が示されていますか」
▶必要スキル
　1. 本文の正確に理解する 読解力 →『内容把握問題』対策
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