

Graduate School of Medicine Akita University
Entrance Examination (Master Course)
(Second time)

English

10:00~11:40

December 21, 2023

You have two QUESTION SHEETs and three ANSWER SHEETs.

Write all your answers on your ANSWER SHEETs.

Submit only your ANSWER SHEETs.

Do not open the questions until the supervisor gives instructions.

I Read the following passage and answer the questions.

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<Michael A. Little. 2023. "Is the Loch Ness monster real?" THE CONVERSATION.
Published: February 27, 2023>

- Q1 In the text, what is "Nessie" described as resembling? Please provide three answers in English.
- Q2 Why does the author argue that "Nessie" is an imaginary creature? Explain in English, within 100 words each, for four reasons based on the text.
- Q3 Referring to the text, why do mythical creatures like dragons and centaurs captivate humans? Explain in English, within 30 words.

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Q2 Why does the author argue that "Nessie" is an imaginary creature? Explain in English, within 100 words each, for four reasons based on the text.

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Q3 Referring to the text, why do mythical creatures like dragons and centaurs captivate humans? Explain in English, within 30 words.

【修士 英語】

Q1 In the text, what is "Nessie" described as resembling? Please provide three answers in English. (15 点)

☞ salamander, whale, seal

Q2 Why does the author argue that "Nessie" is an imaginary creature? Explain in English, within 100 words each, for four reasons based on the text.

(各 15 点 計 60 点)

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1. **Visibility and Frequency of Sightings:** The author notes that for a large, air-breathing creature described in the Loch Ness legend to be frequently sighted, it would need to surface often, making it more likely to be seen by the general public. However, considering the reported number of sightings, these frequencies do not align with what would be expected if such a creature existed.
2. **Lack of Substantiated Evidence:** Despite various extensive investigations utilizing advanced technologies such as scuba divers, sonar, and DNA sample analysis, no substantial evidence supporting the existence of the Loch Ness Monster has been found.
3. **Contradictions with Historical Timeline:** The author points out that Loch Ness was formed at the end of the last glacial period, only about 10,000 years ago, which contradicts the evidence of prehistoric dinosaurs that became extinct approximately 65 million years ago.
4. **Mismatch in Reproduction and Lifespan:** The author argues that for the legend of the Loch Ness Monster to persist over an extended period, there would need to be a population of reproductive individuals. Additionally, the lifespan of a single creature wouldn't extend to several hundred years, as suggested for the mythical creature in the legend.

Q3 Referring to the text, why do mythical creatures like dragons and centaurs captivate humans? Explain in English, within 30 words. (25 点)

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Mythical creatures like dragons and centaurs are intriguing, magical, and sometimes terrifying, appealing to the entirety of human imagination.