
第 1 講

① 次の英文を読んで、空所 [1] ~ [5] に最も適当な英文を下の a ~ e の中から 1 つずつ選べ。なお文頭にくる語も小文字で示してある。

A few years ago, organ transplantation was legalized in Japan. However, [1].
The following is the opposing argument to regarding brain death as human death.

First of all, [2]. People feel this way because brain-dead patients can still breathe with respirators and are still warm; they seem to be just sleeping.

5 Furthermore, in a foreign country, [3], so we must question the *validity of standards which are used to judge if a person is brain dead.

Third, [4]. This is simply politicians “playing with words” so that doctors can take organs from a body without feeling guilty.

Finally, a doctor’s responsibility is to do everything possible to save a patient’s life
10 up to the very last moment. [5].

(注) validity of standards: 基準の妥当性

- a. there was a case in which a patient had actually recovered consciousness after having been judged brain dead
- b. once brain death is legal death, doctors will be too eager to take organs from live patients
- c. it is immoral to look upon brain death as “legal” death only when organs are needed
- d. the debate still goes on whether brain death is truly human death
- e. brain death is totally different from the traditionally-accepted concept of death in Japan, which regards heart stoppage as human death