

令和5年度 奈良県立大学 地域創造学部 一般選抜（前期日程）小論文問題（その1）

第1問 次の英文を読み、以下の問1と問2に答えなさい。

A friend of mine recently took his teenage daughter on vacation to San Francisco, where he'd once lived but she'd never been. As they drove to the tourist mecca of Fisherman's Wharf¹⁾, he made a few detours²⁾, taking in some of the old sights to brighten his fading memories³⁾. Every time he departed from the route Google Maps offered, though, he noticed that his daughter grew anxious. He pondered⁴⁾ her reactions and realized then that when they were driving in a strange place, she normally saw her parents dutifully⁵⁾ following the directions offered up by the app. Disobeying it in what were to her unfamiliar surroundings⁶⁾ clearly made her uncomfortable.

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We regularly hear about people getting lost in the wilderness because they believe their smartphone will show them the way back to civilization. After more than a decade of using smartphones, we have been conditioned to expect that we will always know where we are. When we lose that information, we feel as though the floor has dropped away. The aversion⁷⁾ to such discomfort keeps us on the straight and narrow⁸⁾, unthinkingly obeying directions offered up by machines.

This kind of de facto⁹⁾ behavioral management applies pressure at so many points—the routes we are told to take, the videos we are led to watch, the books we're advised to read, the friends who are automatically kept informed, and much else—that our entire culture now operates within a set of velvet restraints¹⁰⁾. We hardly notice the many systems that work tirelessly¹¹⁾ to keep us well managed and well behaved.

But our brave new world¹²⁾ doesn't have to be one dictated¹³⁾ to us by machines. Instead, we can take the road less traveled, veering¹⁴⁾ from the path laid down by so many algorithms¹⁵⁾ and seek out the universe that exists beyond them. There we can encounter the new and unknown—and recover the joy of surprise.

（The Joy of Disobeying Your Phone by Mark Pesce. IEEE Spectrum. 24 Aug 2021.

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1) Fisherman's Wharf : サンフランシスコの有名な観光漁港, 2) detours : 寄り道, 3) fading memories : 薄れゆく記憶, 4) ponder : 思いを巡らせる, 5) dutifully : 忠実に, 6) unfamiliar surroundings : 慣れない土地, 7) aversion : 嫌悪, 8) the straight and narrow : 正道, 9) de facto : 事実上の, 10) velvet restraints : ビロードのような（柔らかな）制約, 11) tirelessly : たゆまず, 12) brave new world : すばらしい新世界, 13) dictate : 指示する・命令する, 14) veer : 方向転換する, 15) algorithms : アルゴリズム・問題の解決手順

問1 スマートフォンによる事実上の行動管理に該当する本文内の事例をすべて挙げなさい。

問2 スマートフォンによる事実上の行動管理に関する筆者の考えを説明しなさい。