Challenges of Multiculturalism 1



The following questions are based on the contents of the session. Watch the session and answer each question.

[1] Explain what multiculturalism is.

Multiculturalism is a way of life in which people from diverse cultur	a
backgrounds recognize their differences, strive to build equ	al
relationships, and live together as members of the same community.	

[2] What do you think we can do to build a good community among people with different cultural backgrounds?

- I think it is important to shift our mindset to accept foreign residents as our neighbors, not as outsiders.
- In our daily life, holding events that allow us to interact with foreign residents is helpful for building a good community.
- I think we should get used to having people with different backgrounds in the workplace.

[3] What academic approaches can be used to promote multiculturalism?

- Sociologists are studying concrete problems with multiculturalism throughout the world. Sociologists survey the actual state of affairs for foreign residents, and compare their current situations with situations in other countries to get new ideas.
- Educators try to make students aware of multicultural situations and train them to adapt to new circumstances.
- Legal experts give us suggestions about how we can protect the rights of foreign residents.
- Japanese language education helps foreign residents learn Japanese.
 Japanese teachers have made suggestions to make life easier for foreign residents, such as changing our signboards to easy Japanese and producing public documents in which the number of kanji is limited.

[4] How can political science contribute to multiculturalism?

- I think political science gives us a platform or an opportunity to analyze actions we can take.
- We can learn a lot about multiculturalism from political history. We can find out about various countries' experiences with multiculturalism, and how we can deal with multiculturalism in the future.
- We can study the political decision-making process and create an opportunity for foreign residents to be members of the political community.

It exists in order to make our policies persuasive and logical. Theories and ideals taken from political philosophy are a good measure for evaluating and criticizing actual laws and policies. Political philosophy plays the important role of forming the framework or the backbone of the social system. We can make concrete policies and laws based on political philosophy.

[6]	Give an exam	ple of multicu	ılturalism in	your	community	and ex	plain it.
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N/A (There are no fixed answers to this question, because everyone's opinion matters.)



[1] The following is a summary of the session. Write down the appropriate words in the blanks in the passage. You may use the same words for several blanks.

Today, the number of (foreign) (residents) in Japan is increasing.
Since it is necessary to (build) a good community of people with
(diverse) (cultural) (backgrounds), the idea of multiculturalism is
attracting increasing attention. Multiculturalism is a way of life in which people
with diverse cultural backgrounds live together (as) (equals) in
a community. There are many academic approaches to (promoting)
(multiculturalism). Sociologists study the concrete problems of multiculturalism,
(comparing) their countries (with) (foreign) (countries).
Educators make students (aware) (of) multicultural situations
and train them to adapt to (new) (circumstances). Japanese language
teachers claim that the number of kanji in signboards and (public)
(documents) should be (limited) (to) ones even beginners in
Japanese can understand. Political scientists give us suggestions about how to
protect the (rights) of foreign residents. Political philosophy is also very
important for us for making (policies) and (laws) in this rapidly
changing society.