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◎47~50 題為題組

Natural is a messy place. It's always changing and often unfriendly. Homes mean shelter to most people. Could homes adjust to the ever-changing environment, as humans do? People take off or put on clothes according to the weather or their activities; why shouldn't their homes? The house that Glenn Murcutt designs can mirror the environment.

Murcutt, 66, this year's Pritzker prizewinner for architecture, moved to Australia with his family when he was 5. Before he builds a house, he studies the winds, the water drainage and the plants and animals of each building spot. Then he uses what nature offers to create a comfortable home. His house usually have a long, multilayered side that faces north. Moving glass panels, insect screens, and blinds can be opened to catch light mid winds or closed to keep warm. He used iron to catch and reflect light and create shadows according to the time or type of day.

Murcutt's homes protect but don't alienate inhabitants from their surroundings. He says, "There are psychological benefits in feeling sun in winter, shade in summer— knowing seasons and feeling real air." In adjusting their shelter to the season or day or weather, people can understand and work with nature better. It's a relationship crucial to preservation of all species.

() 47. Murcutt is **NOT** _____.

- (A) an environmentalist (B) an architect
(C) a native Australian (D) a nature lover

() 48. What does the sentence "The house can mirror the environment" really mean?

- (A) Inside the house, we can still feel very close to nature.
(B) The house commands a good view of its surrounding.
(C) We can see our reflections in this house.
(D) The environment can be seen in the mirror.

- () 49. From this article, we can infer that _____.
- (A) Murcutt holds the belief that man should live closer to nature.
 - (B) if we want to preserve all lives on earth, we should live in harmony with our environment
 - (C) man should maintain a good relationship with nature
 - (D) all of the above
- () 50. What does the word “alienate” in paragraph 3 mean?
- (A) Involve. (B) Isolate. (C) Improve. (D) Include.

◎51~55 題為題組

Vandana Shiva will never forget a lesson she learned at the age of 13. Her parents insisted that she should wear clothing made only of homespun cotton. One day, Vandana, having returned from a boarding school to her home, demanded a nylon dress, the fashion followed by her rich friends. Her mother agreed. “If that is what you want, of course you shall have it,” she said, “But remember, your nylon dress will help a rich man buy a bigger car. And the cotton that you wear will buy a poor family at least one meal.” Did she buy the nylon dress? Of course not! Maybe this experience led to her resolution to fight for social justice in her later years.

Now 50, Vandana’s main concern these days is how to preserve Indian traditional crops. This is severely attacked by many global companies. They encourage farmers to grow so-called high-yielding crops; many farmers, therefore, turn to high-tech methods and depend on bioengineered seeds, chemical fertilizers and pesticides. As a result, hundreds of traditional crops are disappearing. Contrary to expectation, high-tech agriculture can not rescue Indians from starvation. Bioengineered seeds are expensive and cannot adapt to local conditions. Hundreds of Indian farmers have committed suicide during the past five years because of failed harvests.

But there is hope. Many farmers are returning to traditional methods promoted by Navdanya, an organization based in New Delhi that Vandana helped found 11 years ago. Navdanya encourages farmers to produce native varieties of crops that can be grown with natural fertilizer and no artificial chemicals. It also helps local farmers form their own self-supporting organization and seed bank.

Navdanya has shown that in some areas, organic farmers can achieve



high yields at little cost to the environment. Navdanya provides an alternative approach to modern farming. Vandana advises us to be more humble in the care of our environment. “You are not Atlas carrying the world on your shoulder,” she says. “It is good to remember that the planet is carrying you.”

- () **51.** Which is the main idea of this article?
- (A) Vandana takes the lead in bioengineering.
 - (B) Vandana works hard to preserve Indian traditional crops.
 - (C) Navdanya helps farmers form their organization and seed bank.
 - (D) Farmers use high-tech skills to increase crop production.
- () **52.** What attitude did Vandana’s mother take toward her demand for a nylon dress?
- (A) Negative but in a soft way.
 - (B) Firm and positive.
 - (C) Liberal.
 - (D) Dogmatic.
- () **53.** Which of the following statements is NOT true?
- (A) Many Indian traditional crops are disappearing because farmers grow non-organic crops.
 - (B) Navdanya helps farmers form their organization and seed bank.
 - (C) High-tech agriculture is not a solution to the problem that Indian farmers face.
 - (D) Organic farming is a cure-all for the poor condition in India.
- () **54.** From this article, we can infer that Vandana can’t be ____.
- (A) a teacher
 - (B) an ecologist
 - (C) a chemical fertilizer maker
 - (D) an organic farmer
- () **55.** When Vandana says it’s good to remember that the planet is carrying us, she implies that ____.
- (A) we should make use of natural resources of the earth
 - (B) we should support the old-fashioned farming method
 - (C) we are tiny and short-lived compared with the universe
 - (D) we should love our land, and protect our environmen