Petition against Tokyo Olympics submitted to organizers

１　An online petition calling for the cancellation of the [Tokyo Olympics](https://cnn.com/sport/olympics) was submitted to the IOC as well as Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike on Friday(May 14th), reflecting [growing public opposition](https://cnn.com/2021/05/07/sport/anti-olympics-2020-campaign-online-japan-spt-intl/index.html)（※） to the event as the fourth wave of [Covid-19](https://cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-pandemic-vaccine-updates-05-14-21/h_7f67d34ea696e6e3b5fd46b3825f6543) infections sweeps Japan. The petition garnered 350,000 signatures in nine days. (※More than 80 percent of Japanese has opposed hosting the Olympics this year, a new survey showed on May 17th.)

２　The “Stop Tokyo Olympics” campaign was drafted by well-known lawyer Kenji Utsunomiya, who has also run for governor of Tokyo. Utsunomiya said at the news conference, "We are not in that situation, (①　　　　　), the Games should be canceled.” The Olympics are scheduled to open on July 23 in the midst of a pandemic, with Tokyo and other 8 areas under a state of emergency until the end of May.

３　More than two months after it began its vaccine rollout, only 1.3% of Japan’s population have received at least ②one of two doses(※), compared with 40% in the US, 49% in the UK and 20% in France, according to [NHK Data](https://ourworldindata.org/covid-vaccinations). Neighboring South Korea, which has also been criticized for a slow vaccine uptake, has inoculated more than 4% of its people. Japan has ( ③　) 10,500 deaths to the virus, good by global standards but not as good as many Asian neighbors. (※Pfizer's vaccine requires two shots.  You need to receive your second dose three weeks after your first dose.)

petition嘆願書　　submit提出する call for~：~を要求する　sweep一気に広まる(自動詞)　 garner得る

draft起草する　 run for~：~に立候補する in the midst of~：~の真っ只中で　state of emergency緊急事態

rollout市場への投入　lag behind遅れをとる　to date今まで　dose一服・服用量の一回分　uptake取り込み

inoculate~：~に予防接種をさせる　require必要とする　shot注射

★新しく覚えた語（　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　）

Q1 What did the lawyer Kenji Utsunomiya call for with the petition?

Q2 How many signatures did the petition garner? \*signatureは署名(名詞)、signは署名する(動詞)

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with hosting Tokyo Olympics this year? Why do you think so?

Q4 空欄①に入る接続詞を選びましょう。

1. however (b) in addition (c) therefore (d) nonetheless

Q5 Which prefectures are under the state of emergency until the end of May? Is your prefecture included?

Q6 What percentage of people have been vaccinated so far in Japan, the UK, the US, France and Korea?

Q7　What can you say about the COVID-19 vaccination in Japan compared to other developed nations?

Q8　下線②とはどういうことですか。ファイザーのワクチン摂取の仕組みを詳しく説明しましょう。

Q9　空欄③に当てはまる動詞を選びましょう。

1. contributed (b) attributed (c) distributed (d) retributed

４　The petition says, "In order to host the Tokyo Olympics in July, we must devote a large number of medical professionals, and valuable resources such as ①medical facilities and medical equipment. The Olympics would divert ②precious medical services from the general public, which has been a rising concern as the hospitals in Tokyo are already under increasing strains.” Organizers said they need 10,000 medical workers for the Olympics, but Ibaraki and Chiba, the two prefectures near Tokyo, say ③they cannot treat Olympic participants who fall ill.

５　When Olympics volunteers asked officials how they'll be protected from COVID-19, the answer was simple. They'll be given a bottle of hand sanitizer and two masks each. They didn’t even talk about vaccines.

devote捧げる・充てる　resource資源　　facility施設　equipment設備　　divert回す・転換させる　precious貴重な　under strain負担がかかっている　sanitizer消毒剤　★vaccineの発音：【væksíːn】(米),【væˈksi:n】(英)

Q10　下線①とほぼ同じ意味の単語を同じ段落から書き抜きましょう。

Q11 下線②を具体的に言い換えた部分を、本文中から全て抜き出しましょう。

Q12　下線③の英文を、未来形を用いて書き換えましょう。

Q13　What will the organizers do to protect Tokyo Olympics volunteers from COVID-19?

６　Public opinion surveys show that 80% of the Japanese population do not want the Olympics to go ahead, ( ① ) the IOC remains steadfast that the spectacle will take place.

７　According to the [contract between the IOC and host city Tokyo](https://www.2020games.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/hostcitycontract-EN.pdf), there's one article regarding cancellation, and it only gives the option for the IOC to cancel, not for the host city, which means only the IOC can terminate the event.

８　On May 5th, Washington Post accused IOC President Thomas Bach, calling him ②“Von Ripper-off”,

who have a bad habit of ruining their hosts. On May 11th, New York Times also said, “It's time to listen to science and halt the dangerous charade: The Tokyo Olympics must be canceled.”

９　Meanwhile, on May 6th, the IOC said it will provide athletes attending the Olympics and Paralympics with free doses of the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech.

steadfast固定した・不動の spectacle荘厳な見世物・ショー　 ( )契約　　article条項

regarding ～：~についての　　option選択肢　　terminate終わらせる　　Von：ドイツで貴族に使われる敬称

（IOCのバッハ会長はドイツ人）　　rip-offボッタクリ行為・詐欺　 ( )破壊する

halt停止させる　charade滑稽な茶番　★新しく覚えた語(　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　)

★rip-offは「ぼったくり、不当に高い値段を要求する詐欺」以外に「パクリ、盗用」の意味もあります。

例：The song is a rip-off. ハイフンをなくして、 “rip off”を動詞として使うこともあります。

Q14　空欄①に適切な接続詞を入れましょう。

Q15　Who has the right to cancel the Olympics?

Q16 ワシントン・ポスト紙がバッハ会長を「ボッタクリ男爵」と呼んで非難したことは、日本のマスメディアでも大きく報じられました。このあだ名には、どんな意味が込められていますか。

Q17　What is the IOC going to do to protect athletes from COVID-19?

Q18 Washington Post has called Thomas Bach “Von Ripper-off”. Do you think this nickname appropriate?

Q19 What do you think about today’s news?

★次の日本語を英語に直しましょう。

１　東京オリンピックの中止を求めるオンラインの嘆願書が、IOCに提出されました。

２　今の所、日本人口の1.3％だけしかワクチンを摂取していません。

★次の文を３回ずつ読んで、暗唱しましょう。

１　In order to host the Tokyo Olympics in July, we must devote a large number of medical professionals,

which has been a rising concern.

２　The IOC remains steadfast that the Olympics will take place.

３　Japan has attributed 10,500 deaths to the coronavirus.

４　According to the [contract,](https://www.2020games.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/hostcitycontract-EN.pdf) only the IOC can terminate the event, not the host city.

５　The IOC will provide athletes with free doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

１　７月に東京オリンピックを開催するためには、多くの医療スタッフを当てなければなりませんが、

　　それが不安を高めています。

　　　★in order to＋動詞の原形：～するために

　　　★whichは関係代名詞の非制限用法

２　IOCは、オリンピックを開催するという強固な姿勢を崩していません。

３　日本は10,500人がコロナウィルスで亡くなったとみなしています。

　　　★attribute A to B：Aの原因をBだと考える

４　契約によれば、IOCが行事を中止できるのであって、開催市ではありません。

　　　★according to ～：～によれば

　　　★terminate：終わらせる（映画のTerminatorは「終わらせる者」）

　　　　terminal：末期の・終わりの／終点

５　IOCはアスリート達に、無料のコロナウィルスのワクチンを提供する予定です。

　　　★provide A with B：AにBを提供する