

令和8年度京都府立医科大学大学院医学研究科博士課程入学試験（前期日程）

総合試験問題

General Examination

Read the provided essay carefully. Then, answer the following five questions in English.

Euthanasia and assisted dying: the illusion of autonomy—an essay by Ole Hartling

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Question 1. According to the author, why is the concept of autonomy problematic when applied to decisions about assisted dying?

Question 2. What does the author mean by the phrase “the prison of freedom” in the context of assisted dying?

Question 3. How does the essay address the issue of internalised external pressure in the context of a patient’s desire to die?

Question 4. What distinction does the author draw between autonomy and autocracy, and why is this distinction important in the debate on assisted dying?

Question 5. Why does the author argue that relieving suffering should not be the sole justification for assisted dying?