

以下の英文を読み、下線部 (ア), (イ), (ウ) を和訳せよ。

The advance of the information society shows no sign of slowing. When we open a video application today, we find that everything has already been optimized for us, and that videos apparently suited to our tastes have been arranged in advance. When we visit an online shopping site, the screen is often filled with discounted *diapers, as though the system had somehow anticipated that the time had come for us to buy them for our children. In such circumstances, it may seem that we are no longer required to think about what we should do and decide it for ourselves. Artificial intelligence has already optimized countless possibilities and selected only those options that allow us to act efficiently and comfortably.

(ア) Yet the situation may not be as innocent as merely making it easier for us to choose what is best for ourselves. By the mere act of using smartphones and similar devices, a vast amount of personal information about us becomes accessible to others. That information is then skillfully exploited and converted into profit. Surrounded by a constant stream of recommendations, we may believe that we are simply being presented with the most suitable options. (イ) In reality, however, this may be nothing more than an illusion: the same process may also function as a subtle mechanism through which someone gradually reshapes our preferences, tastes, and even our ways of thinking in directions convenient for them. (ウ) In a society where information technologies continue to develop at a remarkable pace, the more we cease to think for ourselves and go on using these applications absent-mindedly, the more readily we may turn into convenient objects of exploitation.

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