

# 小論文 問題

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**60 minutes**

Write in English in the space provided on the separate answer sheet.

(This question sheet will *not* be collected. You may use it for notes.)

**I. Choose *two* of the following questions (15% x 2)**

**(Students are expected to answer in one paragraph for each question)**

(1) (Japanese literature)

What was proletarian literature (*proletaria bungaku*), which emerged during the Taisho Era? Include at least one author and his/her work in your explanation.

(2) (Japanese history)

What was the Seinan Senso (Satsuma Rebellion)? Explain the causes.

(3) (Biology)

Describe what DNA is and its structure. Explain a practical application of DNA technology.

(4) (Politics)

Describe major differences between presidential and parliamentary governments.

(5) (Economics)

According to Adam Smith, what is a free market? Explain the benefits to the economy.

(6) (World History)

What was the “Iron Curtain” and what caused it to fall?

**II. Choose any *one* of the following essay topics (70% x 1)**

(1) The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor recently reported that Japan was one of the lowest-ranked developed countries in terms of entrepreneurship. Only one in 10 adults is interested in starting their own business. Many university graduates prefer to work for someone else, rather than to work for themselves. Discuss the factors (social, economic, cultural etc.) which may contribute to a low level of entrepreneurship in Japan.

(2) Countries and large corporations both receive global exposure and benefit financially in hosting major sporting events, such as the Olympics and soccer World Cup. The events are enjoyed by millions around the globe, but have increasingly drawn strong criticism. What is your view? Discuss the pros and cons of these kinds of events, with examples.

(3) Euthanasia, or assisted suicide, allows terminally ill people to deliberately end their lives. The practice has been legally adopted by a growing number of countries, such as Belgium, the Netherlands, and Switzerland, yet many countries as well as religious bodies (most notably the Roman Catholic Church) still consider it as homicide. Explain your position on the practice of euthanasia, considering both sides of the argument.