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Spring Entrance Examination 2012 for 3rd and 4th Grade Applicants

外国語作文（英語）
Foreign Language Essay (English)

平成 24 年（2012 年）2 月 3 日（金）実施
Friday, February 3, 2012

Attention

1. Keep your test booklet closed until you are instructed to open this booklet.
2. You may freely use blank space in the booklet. Any marks in this booklet will not be scored.
3. There is a separate answer sheet. All answers should be written within the space provided on the answer sheet **in English**.
4. You will be given 45 minutes to complete Foreign Language Essay.
5. Remain silent during test time.
6. Write your name and registration number on the test booklet, and write your registration number on your answer sheet.
7. No questions concerning the test content will be answered.
8. Both your test booklet and your answer sheet will be collected after the test.

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Read the passage below and answer the following question.

The year was 2081, and everybody was finally equal. They weren't only equal before God and the law. They were equal every which way. Nobody was smarter than anybody else. Nobody was better-looking than anybody else. Nobody was stronger or quicker than anybody else. All this equality was due to the 211th, 212th, and 213th Amendments to the Constitution, and to the nonstop patrol by agents of the United States Handicapper General.

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George, while his intelligence was way above normal, had a little mental handicap radio in his ear. He was required by law to wear it at all times. It was tuned to a government transmitter. Every twenty seconds or so, the transmitter would send out some sharp noise to keep people like George from taking unfair advantage of their brains.

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The dancer must have been extraordinary beautiful, because the mask she wore was ugly. And it was easy to see that she was the strongest and most graceful of all the dancers, for her handicap bags were as big as those worn by two-hundred-pound* men.

* 200 pounds = approximately 90 kilograms

(Modified from Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Harrison Bergeron)

QUESTION

Explain the characteristic(s) of the society described in the passage, analyze why the author wrote about a society with such a plot and write your thoughts.

