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Fall Entrance Examination 2017 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Applicants

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

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- 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 <u>in English</u>.
- 4 You will be given 45 minutes to complete the 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.
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#### Read the passage below and answer the following question.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's dynamic remotely operated navigation equipment, more commonly known as a drone. These unmanned devices are everywhere and they can do everything - from saving lives to delivering pizza.

But as they have taken off in popularity, the number of problems associated with drones is also on the rise. Today drones are no longer only operated by the military, with smaller versions utilised by companies and individuals for a wide range of reasons. For example, recently, Amazon, said to be the world's largest online store, has showcased a drone aimed at getting packages to its customers within 30 minutes.

In the UK, the emergency services have started to use them to help people in danger, while the defence industry is exploring how drones can improve security. Around the world, wildlife conservationists are embracing the technology to monitor animals and any potential threats against them by using drones.

On the other hand, the number of reported near-misses between drones and planes is on the rise. In the first four months of 2016, there were 15 reported near-misses, according to a source. Furthermore, TV presenter Richard Madeley reported to the police two "peeping Toms" who were allegedly flying a drone over his garden to spy on him.

Modified from: *The Telegraph*. May 25, 2016.

#### QUESTION

State your opinion on the use of drones mentioned in this passage with reasoning in your own words.

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