

令和5（2023）年度 第5・6学年4月編入学選抜検査

Spring Entrance Examination 2023 for 5th and 6th Grade Applicants

外国語作文（英語）

Foreign Language Essay (English)

令和5（2023）年2月3日（金）実施

Friday, February 3, 2023

Attention

- 1 Keep your test booklet closed until you are instructed to open this booklet.
- 2 You may freely use the 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 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.
- 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.

Many people in Japan wear masks on a daily basis when influenza spreads in the winter. Ever since the novel coronavirus began to spread, more and more people outside of Japan wear masks in public places. However, many people abroad may find it curious to know that Japanese people have had a culture of wearing masks on a daily basis even before the novel coronavirus spread. Why do many Japanese people wear masks without worrying about how they look to other people?

Demand for masks increased rapidly in Japan following the spread of influenza in the country starting in 1918. Apparently, informative posters were put up in the streets to encourage people to wear masks at that time. Later, influenza spread again in 1934, and masks grew hugely popular in Japan as a means to prevent infection. From then on, masks became more and more widespread in Japan each time influenza spread. In this way, the practice of wearing a mask if one has a cold or is unwell gradually took root among Japanese people.

Since ancient times, Japan is home to a culture of being considerate of other people around oneself and placing importance on cooperation. These defining characteristics of the Japanese people reinforced their awareness so as to avoid causing trouble to others around them, and this may have made it easier for masks to come into extensive use.

Modified from: *Web Japan*.

QUESTION

This is an article written by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan targeted towards foreigners. Taking this into consideration, analyze the article about why Japanese people wear masks. Support and develop your analysis with reasons based on your knowledge.

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外国語作文（英語） 解答用紙 / Foreign Language Essay (English) Answer Sheet

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