

# 令和 7（2025）年度 第 1 学年入学・第 2 学年 4 月編入学選抜検査

Spring Entrance Examination 2025 for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Applicants

## 外国語作文（英語）

## Foreign Language Essay (English)

令和 7（2025）年 2 月 3 日（月）実施

Monday, February 3, 2025

### Attention

- 1 Keep your test booklet closed until you are instructed to open this booklet.
- 2 Remain silent during test time.
- 3 You will be given 45 minutes to complete the Foreign Language Essay.
- 4 Write your name and registration number on the test booklet, and write your registration number on your answer sheet.
- 5 There is a separate answer sheet. The essay should be written within the space provided on the answer sheet **in English**.
- 6 You may freely use the blank space in the booklet. Any marks in this booklet will not be scored.
- 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 write an essay answering the following question.**

Shirakawa-go was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1995. Currently, the village's Ogimachi district contains 59 "gassho-zukuri" houses, which feature large distinctive thatched roofs, and some are around 300 years old. About 300 such houses were believed to be in the village before World War II, but the number had dropped to about 130 by 1971.

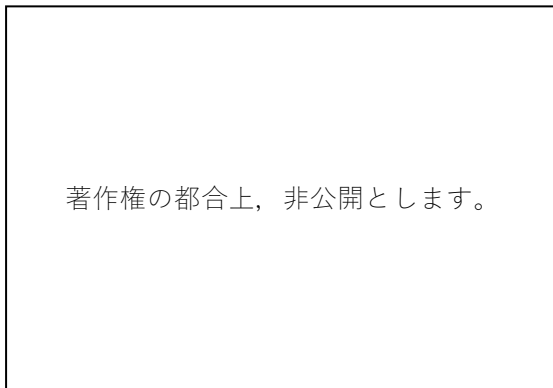
Increasingly alarmed by the situation, the residents in the same year established an association for protecting the district's natural environment and buildings. To preserve the site's traditional appearance, which is closely tied to its "gassho-zukuri" style farmhouses, the association wrote up a residents' charter incorporating the three principles of "not selling, not leasing and not demolishing 'gassho-zukuri' houses." Since then, local residents have continued to protect the houses with the help of community ties and relatives.

However, more than 30% of the roughly 500 people living in the district are now 65 years old or older. The village's population peaked in 1960 and has since decreased by 80% to about 1,500.

Under such circumstances, it is becoming increasingly difficult for locals to maintain patrols to prevent fires — a major problem with "gassho-zukuri" houses.

To improve the situation, the association has decided for the first time to ease one of the three principles and allow the leasing of properties to third parties, which means accepting people from outside the site as tenants.

The association will begin surveying the district's residents for their opinions to devise new rules.



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"Gassho-zukuri" houses in Shirakawa-go

Modified from: *The Japan News*, March 7, 2023

## QUESTION

**Do you agree or disagree with people's decision to allow the leasing of "gassho-zukuri" houses in Shirakawa-go to third parties? Considering the value as the World Heritage site, state your opinion.**

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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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**【採点基準】**

**A 理解と解釈**

問題文・資料・設問を的確に理解し、それに対応した答えになっている。

**B 論理**

論理展開が理にかなっている。

意見の発展に、想像力や洞察力がみられる。

**C 構成**

文や段落のつながりや流れを効果的に展開し、論点が絞られている。

**D 言語**

正確な語法、豊かな語彙を、課題に適した表現方法で使用している。