

令和8（2026）年度 第1・2学年9月編入学選抜検査

Fall Entrance Examination 2026 for 1st and 2nd Grade Applicants

外国語作文（英語）

Foreign Language Essay (English)

令和8（2026）年7月2日（木）実施

Thursday, July 2, 2026

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.

受検番号

Registration number

氏名

Name

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Read the passage below and write an essay answering the following question.

Cutting in front of someone who's been waiting patiently in line used to be unethical, bad manners, taboo. Now, businesses are letting people pay for the privilege of skipping the line. Across everything from ski lifts to airport security or music festivals, there's been an explosion of options and services that let certain people pay to go first. This trend is accelerating and reflects a shift in the idea of the concept of time itself, which becomes a commodity available to those who can afford it.

There have always been VIP perks for wealthier customers: boxes at stadiums and first class seats are obvious examples. But now people are paying not simply for extra comfort, but for priority over others. This trend, according to Edward Tenner, author of "The Efficiency Paradox", makes such systems increasingly look like auctions.

Yet others defend priority access. Behavioral scientist Ayelet Fishbach says priority lines allow people to choose which resource to use — time or money. For many people, time is more precious than money. She also argues that, in many situations, the act of queuing increases the perceived value of a product or service.

But the issue remains when people can simply pay a fee to move faster through the system. Does this create a two-tiered society? Some say yes. Others argue that such inequality has always existed.

The gap between the rich and the poor has widened in recent decades, and dividing consumers based on how much they can pay to skip a line raises concerns about fairness and service quality for people who do not have the means to pay extra fees.

Adapted from:

BBC Worklife, 2019

CNN Business, February 8, 2024

QUESTION

Do you agree or disagree with the idea of paying to skip the line? Write your opinion with reasons.

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

This area is a writing sheet for the Foreign Language Essay (English) section. It is bounded by a solid black line and contains 20 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

【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。