

小論文 問題

Essay: 60 minutes

Choose any *one* of the following three essay topics.

- (1) Telecommuting is a work arrangement in which employees do not have to commute to a place for work, and often allows them to do their job from home. Some people argue that telecommuting decreases concentration and productivity and employers should not offer this option to their employees. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain.
- (2) Since 2014, the consumption of coffee in Japan has been increasing. This is in part due to chains of convenience stores offering brewed coffee at lower prices, usually also providing plastic lids. Meanwhile, Japan is also believed to be a leading producer of plastic waste found around remote islands of the South Pacific Ocean. Considering the merits and demerits of plastic packaging in Japan, should Japanese think more about where and how they consume coffee? Explain.
- (3) Social media is a powerful tool to communicate with friends and stay up-to-date with current events. Requiring no fee when signing up, users usually receive services from social media companies in exchange for providing personal information. Such data is then sold to larger companies for research or advertising purposes. Who do you think is more responsible if personal data is used inappropriately, the social media companies or the user? Explain.

Write in English in the space provided on the separate answer sheet.

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