

# 小論文 問題

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Essay: 60 minutes

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

- (1) Increasingly, smartphones are being used to record horrific acts of violence in zones of conflict. Once shared on social media, the resulting videos invoke widespread empathy and even action. However, it is also possible that they are staged in order to meet specific political or ethnic agendas. To what extent, if any, is it the video creator's responsibility to present the truth, and to what extent, if any, is it the viewer's responsibility to infer it? Explain.
  
- (2) The World Economic Forum (WEF) recently stated that the 'political empowerment' of women was particularly low in Japan: 123rd out of the 144 nations studied. WEF calculates political empowerment from three ratios: the number of female legislators compared to males; the number of female members of the cabinet compared to males; and, during the last 50 years, the length of time with a female head of government compared to that with a male head. What, if anything, should be done about Japan's low ranking? Explain.
  
- (3) A simple blood test can be used to learn whether a fetus is at risk of developing a serious genetic disorder. Although the test cannot confirm for certain that a baby will be affected, it is said to be 97 or 98 per cent accurate. There remains a small margin for error, and parents are advised to consider this before deciding whether to keep or terminate a pregnancy. We can expect further advances in science, but do you think these will make decisions easier? Explain.

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

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