

個別学力検査問題 (C日程/編入学・転入学Ⅱ)

英語小論文

令和7年3月14日 11時00分～12時30分

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Entrance Examination (General Selection Type C, Transfer II)

For 2025 Enrollment, Akita International University

English Essay Test

Test date and time: March 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

〈Notes〉

1. Do not open this question booklet until directed.
2. There should be four pages in this question booklet. In case of missing pages, or improper or unclear printing, raise your hand and inform the proctor.
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Please read the following paragraph:

The issue of banned books has become increasingly heated in the United States, with more than 700 books removed from libraries in Florida during 2024. While book-banning has not been taking place widely in Japan, the classic 1973 anti-war manga by Keiji Nakazawa *Barefoot Gen* (Hadashi no Gen) was removed from the curriculum of Hiroshima public schools in 2023 over concerns that it might lead to misunderstandings about morality among today's youth. *Barefoot Gen* has been a popular anti-war book for youth in Japan to learn about the horrors of the atomic bomb through the eyes of six-year-old Gen as he struggles to survive the Hiroshima blast. The manga recently drew criticism from a panel of experts who were concerned about Gen's willingness to steal to find food or lie to earn money to feed his pregnant, malnourished mother. In one scene Gen pretended to be an orphan performer of *rokyoku*, a traditional form of street music, in order to earn money; in another, he steals a koi from a neighbor's pond to feed his mother. The experts were concerned that the manga might send the wrong message to today's youth about lying and stealing.

Write an essay to the following prompt:

Write an essay in which you give your views about the removal of *Barefoot Gen* from the curriculum in Hiroshima schools, and more broadly about the issue of removing books from schools. Do you think the panel of experts were correct in their concerns or do the larger lessons of the book outweigh those concerns? You may also discuss other examples of controversial books to address the value of protecting youth from morally questionable scenes in books versus allowing more access to literature.

A successful essay will contain the following:

1. at least four paragraphs including an introduction and a conclusion
2. a clearly stated position
3. relevant examples from your own knowledge and/or experience
4. clear references to the text without directly quoting it

Your essay will be graded on content, vocabulary, organization, and grammar usage. Though there is no strict word limit, your essay is expected to be approximately 300 words in length.

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