

## 英語小論文

2024（令和6）年10月20日 10時00分～11時30分

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## English Essay Test

Test date and time: October 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1. Do not open this question booklet until directed.
2. There should be four pages in this question booklet. In case of missing pages, improper or unclear printing, raise your hand and inform the proctor.
3. Use a black pencil for answering (not a pen).
4. Write your registration number in the indicated entry space on the answer sheet. Do not write it in areas outside the indicated spaces.
5. You must answer in the answer space only.
6. In the answer space, do not write letters, marks or signs unrelated to your answer. Any answer sheet with these shall be regarded as invalid.
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**Read the following paragraphs:**

Since the invention of the Internet, technological innovations have brought about unprecedented social changes that operate much faster than those created by the Industrial Revolution. One example of these changes is the combination of increased automation and competition. Such a combination is changing societies to the point that humans see technology and competition as natural and inevitable.

The question of how well societies adapt to the combination of new technologies and competition has recently become a field within the social sciences and economics. Some psychologists argue that we are currently overwhelmed with the production of technological devices that make it difficult for people to keep up because those devices are becoming better at thinking and predicting outcomes than most humans. In addition, economists such as Noreena Hertz claim that the combination of technology and competition is creating more loneliness. One area that seems to be a great risk is communication. According to Hertz, with the introduction of social networks, face-to-face contact and ensuing opportunities to learn to interact with others are being reduced dramatically. As a result of this change in the way humans communicate, many people develop constant feelings of inadequacy and fear.

**Source:**

*Hertz, N. (2020). The Lonely Century: Coming Together in a World That's Pulling Apart. Sceptre.*

Write an essay in response to the following prompt:

**Explain whether you agree with the ideas presented in the text or not. Provide two examples to support your answer.**

A successful essay will contain the following:

1. at least 300 words total
2. at least four paragraphs including an introduction and a conclusion
3. a clearly stated position
4. relevant examples from your own knowledge and/or experience
5. clear references to the text without directly quoting it

Your essay will be graded on content, vocabulary, organization, and grammar.





