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Kaetsu Ariake Junior & Senior High School
Senior Entrance Examination

Timed Essay Paper: December 15th 2013

For this examination you must have:

- Writing equipment (black ink or black ball-point pen)

Time allowed

- 40 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or a black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the box at the top of this page.
- Write your answer in the space provided. Answers written in margins or on blank pages will not be marked.
- Do all rough work and essay planning on page 3 of this book. Cross through this planning at the end, to show that you do not want it to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.

Please turn over the page to begin

Plan and write an essay in response to the prompt below. Use the essay as a chance to show how clearly and effectively you can express and develop ideas. Present your thoughts logically and precisely. Include evidence or examples to support your point of view. A plain and natural writing style is recommended. The number of words is up to you, but quantity is less important than quality

Use page 3 for planning, and pages 4 and 5 for your essay. You'll have enough space if you write on every line. Write neatly, because handwriting that's hard or impossible to read will decrease your score.

If you finish in less than 40 minutes, check your work.

Essay Question

Think carefully about the issue presented in the following statement:

Modern society values convenience. From disposable napkins to the personal computer, from fast-food restaurants to cell phones, it seems that nearly everything we buy or use has been designed to maximize convenience. Unfortunately, instead of saving time and energy and minimizing frustration, many of the so-called conveniences in our lives turn out to be nuisances or have a negative impact on our health, the environment, or our emotional well-being.

Question: Does society place too much value on convenience? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

(Maximum mark: 60)

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