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Kaetsu Ariake Junior & Senior High School
Senior Entrance Examination

Timed Essay Paper: December 8th, 2019

For this examination you must have:

- Writing equipment

Time allowed

- 50 minutes

Instructions

- Use a pencil 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.

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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 the next page for planning, and the lined pages for your essay. Write neatly, because handwriting that's hard or impossible to read will decrease your score.

If you finish in less than 50 minutes, check your work.

Essay Question

Introduction:

According to neuroscientist Sam Harris, we are not the conscious author of our own thoughts. Our sense of having free will — of being in control of our thoughts and actions — is completely illusory. Instead, we are like puppets with invisible strings.



QUESTION:

To what extent do you agree with Harris?

Note: In answering this question, you are free to utilize any information you may have connected with the topic of free will, determinism, or other related areas of study, but we are not looking for this in the answer. Instead, we are looking for you to explain in your own words what you think, and support that idea the best you can.

Use this page to plan your essay.

