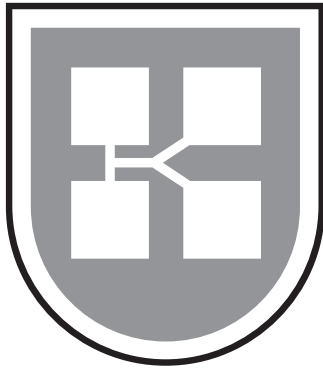


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# Honors Course Senior Entrance Exam

## Honors 選考 高校入試 (英作文)

**Writing Exam: 40 minutes**



### Information for candidates

#### Time allowed

- 40 minutes

#### Instructions

- Use a pencil or a black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the box at the top of this page.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided. Answers written in margins or on blank pages will not be marked.
- Read the instructions carefully.

**DO NOT OPEN THE TEST PAPER UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THE TEACHER**

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Read the introduction then plan and write an essay in response to the question 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 assigned page for planning, and the lined pages for your essay. Write neatly, because handwriting that's hard to read will decrease your score.

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

## Essay Question:

### Introduction:

*“The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal.”*

— Aristotle

The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we live and profoundly affected the world economy. Much of the effect has been negative. For example:

- ◆ 40 million jobs have been lost in the U.S.
- ◆ 3 million jobs have been lost in Japan.
- ◆ Over 100,000 small businesses have gone bankrupt in the U.S.
- ◆ Between April and June, the GDP of Japan shrunk by an annualized 27.8%, the biggest reduction in 40 years.

Nevertheless, although many businesses failed and many people lost their jobs, one surprising consequence of the pandemic is that the richest people in the world have become even richer. For example, during the pandemic between March 2020 and August 2020:

- ◆ Elon Musk (Tesla) increased his wealth from US\$24.6 billion to US\$73 billion.
- ◆ Jeff Bezos increased his wealth from US\$113.4 to US\$189.4 billion.
- ◆ Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook) increased his wealth from US\$54.7 billion to US\$95.5 billion.

### Writing Task:

Using these facts and your own ideas and examples, write a reasoned response to the following question:

**Is it ok to profit from tragedy?**

*\* Do all rough work and essay planning on this page.*  
*\* Any work on this page will not affect your final grade.*







