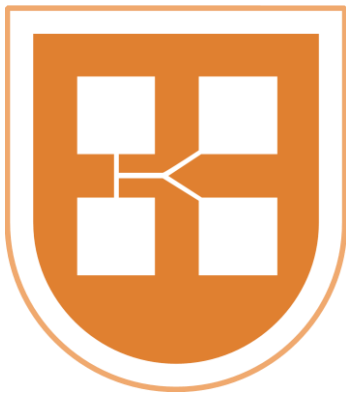


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Honors Course Entrance Exam

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入試(英作文)

Writing Exam: 50 minutes



Information for candidates

Time allowed

- 50 minutes

Instructions

- Use a pencil.
- Fill in the box at the top of this page.
- Write your answers in the space provided.
- Read the instructions carefully.

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Essay Question

Do you think it is necessary for us to know where our food comes from?

Read the article then look at the two opinions that follow. Which opinion do you agree with (or do you have a different opinion)?

Plan and write an essay discussing your point of view about this issue. Support your opinions with specific reasons, using examples from the article along with your own examples from other areas and contexts.

Supermarket Chicken



When you go to a supermarket and look for chicken, you might see them described as: free-range, organic, healthy-eating, woodland – or sometimes there's no description at all. However, there are generally two main kinds of chicken farming: standard and higher welfare. 'Standard' chickens make up more than 80% of what you find in supermarkets. But in the UK, about 13% of the

chickens sold come from higher welfare farms and there are higher welfare options available for most budgets.

STANDARD CHICKEN

The term standard is used for regular 'broiler' chicken. Growing up in low-lit barns, without natural light or enrichment and in very crowded conditions, their lives are not pleasant. They have no space to move, flap, or peck around the way you would imagine chickens should. These chickens became commonplace in the 1950s and were specifically bred for meat production. Over time, they have been bred to grow faster and faster. Nowadays, it takes about 35 days for one of these chickens to go from an egg to an average roasting chicken – in the 1980s it was 45 days. Growing at this speed causes various health problems.

HIGHER WELFARE CHICKEN

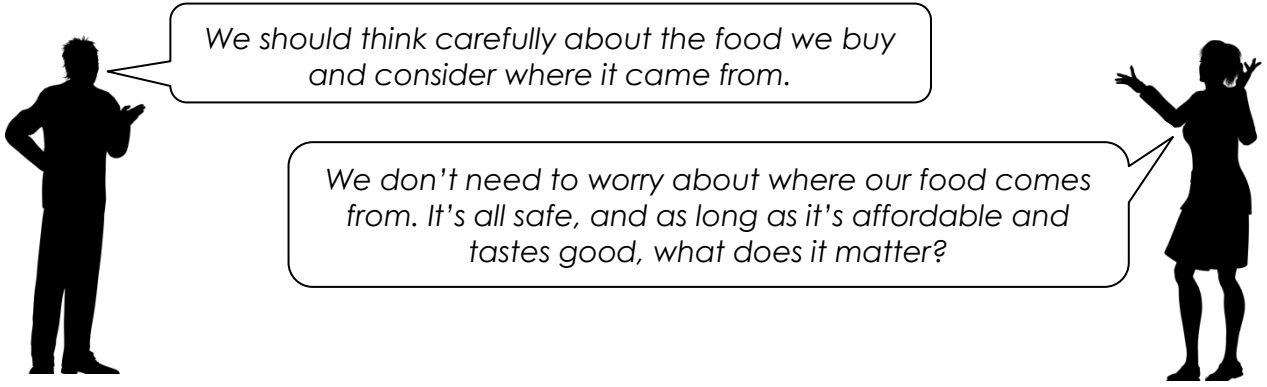
These chickens are treated more humanely and grow up in natural surroundings. They can enjoy space and time outside, or enrichment with straw bales and hanging objects, along with barns that are naturally lit.

Freedom Food Assured: This logo on the package means the chicken is a slow-growing breed and has been reared to strict welfare standards. The chicken may be free-range or indoor reared – either way it will have had more space, natural light and enrichment.

Free-range: These chickens are first reared in sheds and later are allowed outdoors during the day. If they are also labelled as 'Freedom Food' then they are also slower growing and enjoyed shade and shelter outdoors and natural light in the barn.

Organic: They are reared in small sheds on farmland that has organic certification. Their food is free from chemicals and pesticides, and they have plenty of time outdoors.

These three kinds of chicken live a better life and make a tastier meat than standard birds. They can run around more, making the meat juicier and firmer.



Use the space below to plan your response.

When you have finished writing your essay, spend some time revising for style and editing for spelling and grammar mistakes.

Plan your essay here.

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