

A 5人の意見を分析, 小論文のアウトラインを作成 (試作問題第A問)

第1問 (配点18)

You are working on an essay about whether high schools should offer foreign language classes other than English. You will follow the steps below.

Step 1: Read and understand various viewpoints about offering other foreign language classes besides English.

Step 2: Take the position that high schools should offer a second foreign language class.

Step 3: Create an outline for an essay using additional sources.

[Step 1] Read various sources

Author A (Teacher)

As the number of tourists from abroad is increasing, the demand for languages other than English is growing. Some people argue that high schools should offer these additional language classes. However, I'm concerned that this could further burden students who already have to study around 10 subjects. For students who are studying English for a university entrance exam, introducing another foreign language may lead to confusion, and some students might lose interest in studying altogether.

Author B (Management Consultant)

In the current era of advancing globalization, there are many companies where people with ethnically different backgrounds are working together. In those companies, workers are required to speak English as an in-house common language. It is true that speaking additional languages can help workers understand each other, but businesses are usually conducted in English, and fluency is important. English education in Japanese high schools still focuses on university entrance exams and lacks communicative skill training. Instead of offering other languages, high schools should put a stronger emphasis on communication in English.

Author C (Parent)

My son was born in Mexico and brought up there until age 10. At first, he had a hard time because he didn't speak any Japanese. However, as he learned Japanese, he was able to make friends with some Japanese students. After entering high school, his Japanese has become better and better, but at the same time, he has started losing his Spanish language. If the school had a Spanish language class, my son would keep using Spanish and he might become confident among Japanese students. Also, studying Spanish helps Japanese students learn more about the people and the culture.

Author D (University student)

I graduated from a high school where Chinese was offered as an elective subject. I took it because my school has a sister school in Taiwan and visits there on the school trip every year. I had struggled with English and never achieved good grades in it. However, thanks to the Chinese teacher, I was highly motivated and got top grade in the class. I also became interested in studying other subjects and I was able to pass the entrance exam for my current university. Now I have many friends in Taiwan and in China as well. Chinese language class at high school has broadened my horizons.

Author E (School principal)

Teachers at my school are skeptical of offering foreign language classes besides English because English is one of the most crucial subjects for university entrance exams. They also believe that studying one more language might bother students. Although our school advocates being a global school and places a strong emphasis on global understanding education, most of the programs related to international exchanges are conducted in English. Students who are motivated by those programs study English diligently, which helps them to enter the universities they desire. From those perspectives, incorporating a second foreign language class seems too early at this stage.

問1 Both Authors A and E mention that .

- ① the students are skeptical of learning another language besides English
- ② English is very important for students to study for the university entrance exam
- ③ speaking additional languages besides English will help students to find better jobs
- ④ learning English enhances students' abilities

問2 Author E implies that .

- ① offering additional languages at high schools will place more burden on students
- ② speaking two or more foreign languages will broaden students' views
- ③ most Japanese teachers are strongly against incorporating additional languages
- ④ English is the only foreign language that students need to acquire