

2025 Autumn Admission for Eikei University of Hiroshima
(Selection of International Students/
Integrated Selection of Japanese Students in English)
First, Second and Third Window

Short Essay Question

First, investigate one significant social issue in Japan. Use specific evidence and reasoning from your research to introduce the issue and its significance. Second, based on your research, explain several underlying factors affecting the social issue. Use trustworthy evidence and logical reasoning and discuss different perspectives on these underlying factors. Third, summarize your points and suggest a reasonable next step to address the issue.

Provide in-text citations to indicate clearly any data, examples, arguments, or other information from sources. Additionally, include a clear and complete list of references on the final page.

For evidence and perspectives, please refer to trustworthy sources such as *Asia Pacific Journal: Japan Focus* (<https://apjif.org/>), *NHK World-Japan* (<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/>), *Nippon.com* (<https://www.nippon.com/en/>), *Japan Today* (<https://japantoday.com/>), *The Conversation* (<https://theconversation.com/global/topics/japan-285>), Nihon Shinbun Kyokai member news sites (<https://www.pressnet.or.jp/english/member/>), JSTOR (<https://about.jstor.org/oa-and-free/>), or other databases.

Follow the “Detailed Instructions” below while writing the essay.

Detailed Instructions

- The following is a model outline for your essay. Include each element in the order indicated below. Note that section titles for these elements are **not** required.
- The length of the essay must be within two A4-size pages, including figures and tables, with 12pt font in the university template (not counting the list of references).
In addition, it is **not** permitted to submit any materials other than the essay.

Elements	Contents and points of preparation
Title	Create a title that expresses the content of the essay concisely.
1) Introduction of the Issue and Its Significance	Provide the necessary background and significance of the issue you are addressing, supported by evidence and reasoning. State the focus of the essay regarding the underlying factors.
2) Explanation of Underlying Factors	Focus on one main underlying factor per body paragraph. For each factor, use evidence and reasoning to explain and support how it has affected the social issue.
3) Conclusion with a Suggested Reasonable Next Step	Summarize the essay’s main points and suggest a reasonable next step to address the issue.
References	List any references, documents, websites, etc., that you have cited. You do not need to follow a specific style guide, but please consistently present the references list. For a consistent citation style example, refer to APA style (https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references).

Evaluation Criteria

The University will evaluate essays based on the following criteria.

Items	What We Evaluate	Admission Policy
Basic Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the essay within the specified page limit? • Is the university template used correctly? • Does the essay follow the assignment instructions? • Is the essay written in an easy-to-read style with appropriate grammar and spelling? 	-
Attitudes and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the writer identify an important social issue in Japan and grasp it from a variety of perspectives? • Are the explanations of the underlying factors appropriate? • Does the essay provide insightful analysis? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who has strong interests in various cultures, history, society in Japan and overseas, and international relations and is willing to learn further by actively communicating with others • A person who aims to strengthen their own abilities by studying with a sense of purpose and looking ahead to the future
Academic Abilities and Their Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the essay written logically based on evidence (citations)? • Does the writer express their analysis clearly and concretely? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who has gained basic academic skills through high school studies, takes initiative in facing various challenges with a broad perspective while engaging others, and intends to contribute to society at large