

**Information on the Introduction of Writing Tests to the Grade Pre-2 and Grade 3 Eiken Tests
(in effect from the Summer Session June 2017)**

As part of the foundation's goal to make all levels of the EIKEN Test in Practical English Proficiency (EIKEN) 4-skills tests, Writing Tests will be introduced to Grade Pre-2 and Grade 3 of the EIKEN tests from the June 2017 test. In addition, Writing Tests for Grades 4 and 5 are currently under development. Below are descriptions of the writing tasks for Grade Pre-2 and Grade 3 and changes that will take place in conjunction with the introduction of these writing tests.

Description of Tasks**Grade Pre-2 Sample Task**

- あなたは、外国人の知り合いから以下の**QUESTION**をされました。
- QUESTION**について、あなたの意見とその理由を2つ英文で書きなさい。
- 語数の目安は50～60語です。
- 解答は、解答用紙のB面にあるライティング解答欄に書きなさい。なお、解答欄の外に書かれたものは採点されません。
- 解答が**QUESTION**に対応していないと判断された場合は、0点と採点されることがあります。**QUESTION**をよく読んでから答えてください。

QUESTION

Do you think students should take part in club activities at school?

Task instructions are given in Japanese in the test booklet, but a translation is available below:

- A foreign acquaintance has asked you the following **QUESTION**.
- Write your opinion about the **QUESTION** and support it with TWO reasons.
- Suggested Length: 50-60 words
- Write your essay in the space provided on Side B of your answer sheet. Any writing outside the space will not be graded.
- Responses that are judged as not answering the **QUESTION** may be given a score of 0. Please read the **QUESTION** carefully.

Grade Pre-2 Example Answer

I think that students should take part in club activities. I have two reasons. First, students can make friends. For example, I met many nice people when I joined the art club. Second, they can become healthier. If they join a sports team, they will exercise every day. That is why I think they should join club activities.

Grade 3 Sample Task

- あなたは、外国人の友達から以下の**QUESTION**をされました。
- QUESTION**について、あなたの考えとその理由を2つ英文で書きなさい。
- 語数の目安は25～35語です。
- 解答は、解答用紙のB面にあるライティング解答欄に書きなさい。なお、解答欄の外に書かれたものは採点されません。
- 解答が**QUESTION**に対応していないと判断された場合は、0点と採点されることがあります。**QUESTION**をよく読んでから答えてください。

QUESTION

What is your favorite season?

Task instructions are given in Japanese in the test booklet, but a translation is available below:

- A friend from another country has asked you the following **QUESTION**.
- Write your response to the **QUESTION** and support it with TWO reasons.
- Suggested Length: 25-35 words
- Write your essay in the space provided on Side B of your answer sheet. Any writing outside the space will not be graded.
- Responses that are judged as not answering the **QUESTION** may be given a score of 0. Please read the **QUESTION** carefully.

Grade 3 Example Answer

My favorite season is summer. I like summer the best because my school has a long vacation. Also, my friends and I can go swimming in the sea.

Change in Number of Questions

In conjunction with the introduction of the writing test, the word reordering section will be eliminated from the Grade Pre-2 and Grade 3 tests.

Change in Test Duration

The duration of the Grade Pre-2 and Grade 3 Written Test will be increased by 10 minutes.

Grade Pre-2	65 min.→ <u>75 min.</u>
Grade 3	40 min.→ <u>50 min.</u>

Change in Testing Fee

The testing fee of the Grade Pre-2 and Grade 3 tests will change as follows:

Public Test Sites:

Grade Pre-2	¥4500→ <u>¥5200</u>
Grade 3	¥3200→ <u>¥3800</u>

Group Test Sites:

Grade Pre-2	¥4100→ <u>¥4800</u>
Grade 3	¥2800→ <u>¥3400</u>