

2023 年度 帰国生入試 問題 (英語)

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- ・ 試験開始の合図があるまで問題冊子を開かないでください。
- ・ 解答用紙のみを集めます。問題冊子は持ち帰って構いません。
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- ・ 試験問題は【Q1】【Q2】の2題です。それぞれの問いに対して英語で解答してください。
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【Q 1】

In some countries, it is not uncommon for children as young as elementary school age to start up their own business, for example selling lemonade or washing cars. Some people believe that running a business enables children to gain skills that will be useful in the future. Others believe that children can gain more from focusing on school and club activities.

Do you think that it is a good idea for children to run businesses? Give one or more reasons to support your opinion.

【Q 2】

Read the following article. Imagine that the situation described happened in the country where you used to live. How do you think most people there would react after hearing about the train company’s apology? Why?

A Japanese railway operator has issued a deep apology for the “tremendous nuisance” caused by a train departing 20 seconds early, surprising even a nation renowned for both punctuality and politeness.

The Tsukuba Express train linking Tokyo and the capital’s northern suburbs pulled out of Minami Nagareyama Station at 9:44:20 instead of 9:44:40.

“We deeply apologise for causing tremendous nuisance to customers,” said the Tsukuba Express company.

“There was no complaint from customers over this incident,” said the firm, which added that no one missed the train due to the premature departure.

Japanese railway services, including shinkansen bullet trains, are famous for their world-beating punctuality. Even the slightest delay prompts a deep apology from the train guard, which often lasts longer than the hold-up itself.

With trains running the same route every few minutes to cope with huge numbers of passengers, even brief delays can back up the whole network causing overcrowding.

Stations in Tokyo employ dozens of staff — with their famous white gloves — to ensure the prompt departure of trains and to manage the crush during rush hour.

The bullet trains in Japan are also famed for their customer service, with one offering passengers an onboard footbath to soothe their travelling woes.

The train firm said it was “surprised” by the attention the story was getting, saying: “We have issued similar apologies for trains that departed earlier than scheduled before.”

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I think it is a good idea for children to run businesses. This is because when children run a business, they have to do a lot of planning. For example, if they decide to sell lemonade, they have to consider what ingredients they will need for it, the best time and place to sell it, and how much to sell it for. This can help them get used to thinking carefully and making a plan of action. Even if they don't run a business when they grow up, they will have to think independently and decide for themselves the best way to do their work. The planning skills they gain from running a business as a child could give them a big advantage at that time.

I think the kind of apology described might seem exaggerated to some people because they cannot imagine a rail company doing the same in their own country. In Britain, where I used to live, train delays are generally considered quite normal. Trains are sometimes late by half an hour or more, and occasionally they are even cancelled at short notice. For people who are used to that kind of situation, the idea of a train leaving early by just 20 seconds probably wouldn't seem to be a very serious problem. I don't think they would expect the train operator to say sorry at all, let alone make a deep apology like the one described.

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