

「小論文（英語）」採点基準説明書

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1. **Essay length:** 適切な長さ（250語以上）で書かれている
2. **Quality of English:** 文法や誤字脱字などの間違いが少ない英語で書かれている
3. **Organization & Structure:** 論理的な構成で展開されており、**Introduction**と**Conclusion**の параграфが含まれている
4. **Opinion relevance:** 説得力のある3つの理由が述べられている
5. **Referring to article:** 3つの理由を述べるにあたり、課題文の内容を適切に参照・引用している
6. **Referring to personal experience (or that of someone close):** 3つの理由を述べるにあたり、自身または身近な人の経験を適切に用いている

Essay (example)

As AI translation continues to improve, some people believe that learning a foreign language is no longer necessary. However, I think that learning another language is still very important for understanding other cultures. As Professor Tamotsu Fujita from Sophia University explains in the article, language learning helps us notice cultural differences, communicate more deeply, and broaden our perspectives.

First, learning a foreign language helps us understand cultural meanings that machines cannot fully express. Fujita notes that translation tools often miss words reflecting local customs or perspectives, showing that language is not just about words but also about culture. For example, I once learned that Japanese words like “*senpai*” and “*gambatte*” have no exact English equivalents and require an explanation of the Japanese culture behind them. Studying another language has helped me see that people in different countries think very differently.

Second, learning a language enables real communication. Fujita observes that important ideas and relationships often come from everyday conversations rather than formal settings. Speaking directly with people in their own language allows for a more sincere sharing of feelings and thoughts. My brother, who went to the U.S. on a language program, said that he and his classmates, who spoke directly with American people, formed stronger, lasting friendships than

those relying on translation tools. I have also seen friends build closer bonds abroad through direct communication.

Finally, studying a foreign language helps us see the world from new perspectives. Fujita explains that experiencing life in another culture helps us understand values that are different from our own and become more open-minded. When I was in high school, I participated in a homestay program in Australia to learn English. This experience not only improved my English but also taught me about a different culture and ways of thinking and doing things.

In conclusion, learning a foreign language remains essential for understanding other cultures, as it deepens our awareness, enhances communication, and fosters empathy. (322 words)