**전국 제 1회 영어 에세이 경시대회**

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**고등부 – 영어 논술 [500단어 이상 ~ 700단어 이하]**

**Write an essay about one of three topics below and give specific reasons to support your opinion.**

Topic 1) “Our declining environment may bring the people of the world together as no politician, philosopher, or war ever could. Environmental problems are global in scope and respect no nation’s boundaries. Therefore, people are faced with the choice of unity and cooperation on the one hand or disunity and a common tragedy on the other.” Write an essay about your opinion.

Topic 2) In general, people are living longer now. Discuss the causes of this phenomenon and the essential life skills that people need.

Topic 3) There are many countries in the world where people suffer from extreme hunger and starving and children die from malnutrition. What are the threats to food security in impoverished countries? What do you think should be done to solve this problem?

**[고등부 샘플 에세이]**

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Cooperation – or Tragedy?

The solution to the world’s growing environmental problems may have to wait awhile. It has been said that “environmental problems are global and respect no nation’s boundaries.” Unfortunately, pollution and its consequences still fall to large measure on those least likely to do anything about it: poor countries willing to sacrifice anything in order to sit at the table with the world’s wealthy.

As far as the industrialized nations of the world are concerned, the world is a big place. Environmental destruction taking place outside their borders may sometimes be fodder for government pronouncements of concern, but few concrete actions. Deforestation of the Amazon, for instance, is of vital concern to all those who wish to continue breathing. But the only effective deterrent to this activity, the restriction of international aid money to those countries showing net deforestation, has been stalled in the United Nations by those unwilling to “interfere” in the internal politics of other nations.

Because of the differential impact of polluting activities around the world, and even in different regions of a single country, many governments will undoubtedly continue to promulgate only modest environmental regulations. Costs to polluting companies will continue to carry as much weight as the benefit of a pollution-free environment. Particularly in the current political climate of the United States, the well-documented expense of today’s pollution-control measures will be stacked against the unknown long-term effects of polluting activities. “Why should I spend millions of dollars a year, which causes me to have to raise the cost of my goods or eliminate jobs, if no one really knows if air pollution is all that harmful? Show me the proof.” an air polluting company may demand.

Realistically, it won’t be until critical mass is achieved that the hoped for “choice of unity and cooperation” will be a viable one. Only when the earth as a whole is so polluted that life itself becomes increasingly difficult for a majority of the world’s people will there likely be the political will to force global environmental laws on governments worldwide. But the optimists (read: environmental activists) among us continue to believe that the world can be shown the error of its ways. They continue to point out that the sky is probably falling – or at least developing a big hole. The world, as a whole, ignores them.

One would hope, however, that governments, perhaps through a strengthened U.N., could somehow be forced to realize that when the Earth reaches the critical mass of pollution, it may be too late to do anything about it. That would be a “common tragedy” indeed.

**중3 [300단어 이상 ~ 500단어 이하]**

**Write an essay about one of three topics below and give specific reasons to support your opinion.**

Topic 1) If you were asked to send one thing representing our country to an international exhibition,

what you would choose?

Topic 2) Many parts of the world are losing important natural resources, such as forests, animals, or clean water. Choose one resource that is disappearing and explain why it needs to be saved.

Topic 3) Write an essay about you in 30 years.

**중3 샘플)**

**If you were asked to send one thing representing Korean Culture to an international exhibition, what would you choose?**

If I were asked to send one thing representing our country to an international exhibition, I would choose Hanbok. Hanbokrefers to traditional [Korean](https://simple.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korea) clothing. One of the most famous characteristics of Hanbok is its vivid colors and straight and curved lines. Although its literal meaning is Korean clothing, it today indicates specifically traditional [garment](https://simple.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garment), especially that of [Joseon dynasty](https://simple.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseon_dynasty).

Hanbok has been a great part of Korean culture though history. There are several kinds of Hanbok. People wore different sorts of Hanbok according to their social statuses, sexes, jobs and from time to time, they chose special Hanbok for ceremonies. People could figure out the wearer’s job, educational background and even whether he or she got married or not. There are Hanbok for men, women, royal court, government officials and children. Because Hanbok could reveal the wearer’s social status, there were some government regulations on designs, materials and shapes of Hanbok. For example, only royal families could use golden stripes on their Hanbok.

Like all clothing, hanbok also changed as time goes by with fluctuating fashion trends. By mixing traditional [dress](https://simple.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dress) with modern fashion, a series of fusion hanbok designs appeared. Although now, hanbok become the ritual dress of choice worn only on traditional holidays, Koreans' love for hanbok is great. Some high schools adopted Hanbok as their school uniforms. Especially, one of the most famous high school in Korea, Korean Minjok Leadership Academy, is famous for its school uniform, which is modified Hanbok. Moreover, Korean people nowadays modify their traditional clothing, Hanbok to make it more wearable.

However much it may continue to change, hanbok remains an exquisite cultural heritage, not only for its historical value but also for its uniquely Korean artistic significance, and will continue to be for many years to come. Therefore, Hanbok is the one I want to present in an international exhibition.

**중2 [300단어 이상 ~ 400단어 이하]**

**Write an essay about one of three topics below and give specific reasons to support your opinion.**

Topic 1) A foreign visitor has only one day to spend in our country. Where should this visitor go on that day?

Topic 2) Write an essay about the environmental problems and the ways that you can do in order to save the Earth.

Topic 3) What is one of the most important decisions you have made?

**중2 샘플)**

**A foreign visitor has only one day to spend in our country. Where should this visitor go on that day?**

If a foreign visitor has only one day to spend in my country, I will recommend him to live in an average Korean family for that special day. It is certain that the one-day experience with an average Korean family will be invaluable for his life.

To live with an average Korean family for only one day cannot make the foreign visitor get an overall picture of the average Korean's life style and their culture; but by being enthusiastically welcomed by an average Korean family, he must be overwhelmed by the enthusiasm delivered by Korean people who are famous for their hospitality; so that he is given a vivid lesson about the characteristics of the Korean people. Of course, hospitality is merely one of the virtues Korean people possess, but it is of vital importance to get familiar with the natives, to read the thoughts of the natives through their manners, or even their gestures, and finally be emerged into the life of the native Korean more harmoniously than those who do not have such an experience.

Besides, a foreigner will get first-hand information about the situation of the common Korean people, their main expenses, and their hobbies in their spare time and so on. This first-hand information is very important if he wants to get an insider’s view of this country.

It is also the best way for a foreigner to confirm whether he has read or heard in his own country is true or not. If a foreigner is also a well-informed person, he is able to make sure all the information he has read or heard by asking "is that true?" Accordingly, I would say to the foreigner that to live with an average Korean family will deserve all your endeavor and it is the perfect way to spend your one-day tour in Korea.

**중1 [250단어 이상 ~ 400단어 이하]**

**Write an essay about one of three topics below and give specific reasons to support your opinion.**

Topic 1) If you could invent something new, what product would you develop?

Topic 2) Write an essay about a person you admire from history.

Topic 3) If you could go back to some time and place in the past, when and where would you go?

**중1 샘플)**

**If you could invent something new, what product would you develop?**

If I am given an opportunity to invent something new, I would invent a time machine. A time machine may be explained as device which can take us in the existence of past, present and future. Therefore, using a time machine we can see the past time and also we can see the future times.

The time machine I would like to invent will solve every crisis including the economy crisis, global warming, and much more. This machine will detect any burglary or crime before it even happens. It will be called "If It's Not the Nicest It's a Crisis."

This machine will be in everyone's home and for the bigger problems this machine will be placed in schools and everywhere, if that place needs protection. The big machines will handle any threats, crimes or attacks to the country or the place. The smaller device will be the size of a children's size two shoe. The small device will be placed anywhere except for underground. The big machine can be placed anywhere.

The nickname for this machine will be "Smart Companion". The "Smart Companion" will last for twenty years and never turns on you like other inventions do. The "Smart Companion" will never break and is indestructible. The chip will either be voice commanded or remote controlled.

Lastly, the invention will be certificated to work and if it doesn't, all machines will be shut down and checked. If the machines ever turn on people, the chip will stop working. If that doesn't happen people will still be given copies just in case of the twenty years have passed.

**초등부 [200단어 이상 ~ 350단어 이하]**

**Write an essay about one of three topics below and give specific reasons to support your opinion.**

Topic 1) Write an essay about your hero

Topic 2) Write an essay about one of the most memorable days in your life

Topic 3) You have the opportunity to visit a foreign country for two weeks. Which country would you like to visit?

**초등부 샘플)**

**My hero**

My dad is my real hero because he is the most special person in my life. He is a very good athlete and an artist. He is a Civil Engineer. At weekends he loves to play with me the whole day.

During weekdays we work hard and spend maximum time working at his office. He tries his best to keep our family happy. He works hard to make money for our family. He loves me a lot and always tries to cheer me up whenever I am in a sad mood.

My dad has always tried his best to make me a good human being. He is very careful regarding what I eat. He always insists me to eat healthy stuff such as fruits and vegetables that are rich in vitamins and minerals. He is an extremely loving dad.

I always enjoy spending time with him and learn new things with him. He has taught me to swim. I have won many swimming championships. My dad helps me in my studies, too. He sits with me to get my problems solved. It is because of his grace I perform well in studies. He is a loving father and the most gracious person I have ever seen in my life. He wants me to become a good human being like him. That is why he always teaches me to differentiate between wrong and right.

He is my best friend. I can discuss everything with him without any hesitation. Things that I fail to reveal out to my close friends, I can easily discuss them with my dad.