

Teenager admits to cheating on university entrance exam

1 ①A 19-year-old female student has admitted to cheating on a national university entrance exam by using an electronic device to leak questions and gain help from outside. She surrendered to police in Kagawa Prefecture after news of the cheating scandal spread around the nation.

2 The test-taker asked at least two university students for help with the “World History B” exam through the communication app *Skype* at 11 a.m. on January 15th. Around 30 pictures of the exam questions were sent to ②two students who attend the University of Tokyo. One of the university students sent an answer to the test-taker.

3 Police interviewed the two students on Jan. 26th. They said they became acquainted with the “test-taker” who was identified as “a female student preparing to take a university entrance exam” through a tutor-matching website. The female student said she intended to test their tutoring abilities.

4 Investigative sources said at least two other university students had been contacted apparently by the same test-taker before the exam and were asked to solve questions in a similar way. One of those students declined the request. The two University of Tokyo students realized that the questions in the pictures were identical to ones on the World History B exam of a national university entrance exam. “We may have been involved in cheating,” they noticed.

5 Before each exam begins, the test-takers are asked to place all electronic devices on a table, turn them off and put them in a bag. Wearing an electronic device or holding one during an exam is considered cheating. Five cheating cases using smartphones and 10 cheating cases using electronic calculators and electronic dictionaries were confirmed from 2006 to 2021. But this was the first case in which exam questions were leaked through an electronic device.

cheat 不正行為をする	surrender to ～:～に自首する	test-taker 受験者	app アプリ(application)
become acquainted with ～:～と知り合う	be identified as ～:(身元が)～だと判明する	tutor 家庭教師	
investigative source 捜査筋	decline 断る	be identical to ～:～と同一の	confirm 確認する

Q1 How did the ①19-year-old girl leak exam questions to the outside?

Q2 When did the cheating happen?

Q3 How did ②two students who attend the University of Tokyo and the female test-taker get to know each other?

Q4 What did the test-taker say when she sent them around 30 pictures of the exam questions?

Q5 When one of the students sent an answer to the test-taker, did he or she know that they are assisting cheating?

Q6 How did the ②two students realize that the test-taker girl might be cheating?

Q7 What kind of cheating were confirmed from 2006 to 2021?

SAT will be all-digital in 2024

◆What is SAT(R)?◆

The SAT(R/Redesigned) is a standardized test for persons desiring to enter universities in the U.S. The SAT(R) takes three hours and consists of three tests: (1) the Reading Test, (2) the Writing and Language Test, and (3) the Math Test. The SAT also includes an optional Essay.

◆What is ACT?◆

The SATs and the ACTs are the two different tests for admittance to the universities in the US. The SAT and ACT generally cover the same topics. Neither the SAT or ACT is harder than the other. The ACT consists of (1)English, (2)Math, (3)Reading, (4)Science Reasoning, and (5)Essay(Optional).

★参考資料

SAT Official Website <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>

ACT Official Website <https://www.act.org/>

★SAT の練習問題は、こちらでダウンロードできます

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation/practice-tests/paper>

1 The SAT will ③go all-digital in 2024, the College Board announced on Tuesday(January 25th). The test-takers will be allowed to use their own laptops or tablets, but will still have to sit for the test at a monitored testing site or school, not at home. The College Board said students who don't have a device would be provided one for the test day.

2 The new SAT test will also shave an hour off the current exam time from three hours to about two hours. The exam will feature shorter reading passages with one question tied to each, and calculators will be allowed for the entire duration of the math section. Test-takers will also get their scores back within days, instead of weeks.

standardized 標準化された College Board アメリカの「大学入試センター」のような組織 duration 持続期間

Q8 アメリカの大学共通試験 SAT と ACT の受験教科をまとめましょう。

Q9 Which is harder, the SAT or the ACT?

Q10 下線③について、具体的に説明しましょう。

Q11 If the test-takers don't have tablets or laptops, what can they do?

Q12 How long will the SAT test take from 2024?

Q13 Do you think high school students should be allowed to use calculators during math tests?

3 "The digital SAT will be easier to take, easier to give, and more relevant," said Priscilla Rodriguez, vice president of College Readiness Assessments at College Board. "We're not simply putting the current SAT on a digital platform -- we're taking full advantage of what delivering an assessment digitally makes possible. With input from educators and students, we are adapting to ensure we continue to meet their evolving needs."

4 Last November, a pilot (test) of the digital SAT was carried out in the US and internationally. 80% of students said they found it less stressful than the current paper-and-pencil test, and 100% of educators reported a positive experience, according to the College Board.

5 The SAT test has long been criticized for bias against low-income students as well as minority students, especially Black and Hispanic. Students from high income families can afford to take expensive test prep courses, or even to cheat on the test.

6 Amid criticism that the exams favor only wealthy, white applicants, an increasing number of schools have made SAT tests optional over the past few years. More than 1800 colleges and universities have dropped requirements that applicants take the SAT or ACT. Colleges and universities pay more attention to the sum of student achievements and activities throughout high school.

relevant 適切な・関連のある assessment 評価 take full advantage of ～:～の長所を最大限に利用する
adapt 適応する evolve 進化する pilot 試験的な bias 偏見 income 収入 can afford to ～:～する
余裕がある prep course 予備校 favor ～:～を好む applicant 志望者 optional 選択性の
drop requirement 要求をやめる ★今日学んだ言葉()

Q14 According to Priscilla Rodriguez, what are the good points of the new SAT test?

(1) For test-takers

(2) For test makers and staff

Q15 How were the reactions of a pilot (test) of the digital SAT carried out last November?

Q16 SAT には、昔からどんな批判がありましたか。5・6 段落の内容を参考に、具体的に説明しましょう。

Q17 SAT や ACT の点数を要求しなくなった大学は、代わりに生徒たちの何を評価していますか。

Q18 Do you think a national university entrance exam is appropriate to assess the ability of students?

★参考動画



Nightly News Full Broadcast - Jan. 25【NBC】

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fK9IIORxexU>

このニュースの 10:21 から再生して下さい。"SAT goes all digital"のニュースを特集しています
(2mins/English)

★次の文を 3 回以上読んで、暗唱しましょう。

- 1) A 19-year-old female student has admitted to cheating on a national university entrance exam.
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★参考動画

	<p>マイケル・サンデル教授インタビュー完全版「エリートは謙虚になるべき」「分断は能力主義によって起きている」【報ステ×未来を人から 完全版】(20 mins/English/日本語字幕あり)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-HrFRnATTE&t=919s</p> <p>長い動画ですが、最初の 3 分でも見て下さい。エリートの人々は「私がレベルの高い大学に入れたのは、私の能力と努力のお蔭」と思っていますが、それは間違いです。彼らは「たまたま」良い家庭に生まれ、良い教育を受けて、最高の環境で勉強できただけ、とマイケル・サンデル教授は指摘します。</p>
	<p>“The Tyranny of Merits” and “Nomadland” Reading Vlog『実力も運のうち』『ノマド』書評</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kk-RFeUhvvI</p> <p>マイケル・サンデル教授のベストセラー『実力も運のうち』と、2021 年アカデミー賞受賞映画の原作ドキュメンタリー『ノマドランド』(このニュース教材でも昨年 4 月に取り上げました)について、私の考えたことを動画で述べました。皆さんの意見も聞かせて下さい。</p>