

Entrance examination of the HIGO program, Kumamoto University

Short Essay

Duration of examination 90 min

Attention

1. Please check to ensure all pages are present in the correct order. There are 8 pages (this cover sheet, 2 pages of question sheets and 5 pages of answer sheets).
2. There are two questions,  I and  II. Select either question to be answered.
3. Use the answer sheets of the selected question and write your applicant number at the top of each answer sheet.

I

Read the sentences below and answer the following questions:

Voluntary euthanasia is an act of euthanasia done at the behest [i.e. order] of a competent person who is suffering. Nonvoluntary euthanasia takes place when the person suffering is or has been unable to express her desires clearly. Involuntary euthanasia goes against the express desires of a competent sufferer. Some would maintain that involuntary euthanasia is no different than murder, and, indeed, that may be the case. . . . .

A distinction is usually drawn between "passive euthanasia" and "active euthanasia." The former denotes the withholding or withdrawing of life-sustaining treatment with the understanding that death will result. . . . . The latter denotes knowingly bringing about the death of someone through means other than the cessation of life-sustaining treatment, for example, through an injection of a lethal drug.

(R.A.Lindsay, "Euthanasia", in *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Wiley-Blackwell, vol.III, 1772-1773)

Q1: Fill the blanks ①–⑥, with "Yes", if you think such a euthanasia is ethically permitted, or "No", if it is not.

	Active euthanasia	Passive euthanasia
Voluntary	①	②
Nonvoluntary	③	④
Involuntary	⑤	⑥

Q2: Explain, regarding six kinds of euthanasia, why do you think "Yes" or "No".

(Within 300 words)

II

Candidates should answer following question.

'Information technology is reshaping democracy.'

Modern technology affects much fundamental social system.

Discuss pro and con within two pages.