

1. Lesson16. Teacher: After the student reads the instructions, help the student generate ideas and write an outline before writing an essay as described in the instructions. Correct any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.

4[A] – Low Birthrate



G1 12-3

- Write an essay on the given TOPIC covering three of the POINTS below the space provided on your answer sheet.
- **Structure:** Three or more paragraphs, including an introduction and conclusion.
- **Length:** Around 200 words.

TOPIC

Does more need to be done to address Japan's low birthrate?

POINTS

- Attitudes toward work
- Environmental consequences
- Government assistance
- Immigration

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the natural environment and natural resources.

- 5. A declining population will also reduce the size of Japan's economy. However, many countries with small populations, such as those in Scandinavia, have thriving smaller-scale economies. What is more, they have very high living standards. Japan should model itself on such countries as its economy is shrinking in size.*
- 6. Finally, it is true that Japan's population is aging. However, senior citizens have a wealth of skills to offer, both in the workplace and in the community at large. This means they will need to play a pivotal role in contributing to the well-being of a society that has fewer young people.*
- 7. Those who see a declining birthrate as having potential benefits may be in the minority, but if the current trend continues, an older, smaller population is inevitable. We must find ways to embrace it, not fear it.*