Structure of the RTW

In order to broaden our admission criteria with the view of enlarging and diversifying our undergraduate student base, we have added a *RTW essay* assessment to the application package for our prospective economics students. Students will be given a one-page article on a specific economic issue. The article will be similar in form to an editorial published in the Economist, the Wall Street Journal, or the Financial Times. The level of the economics in the article is limited to the level of the material covered in the introductory economic courses. (ALT.: Anybody with an introductory economics background should be able to comprehend the economic issues raised in the article.) The article is followed by a few essay questions that the student should address in his/her own words. The student will have to write a 250- to 350-word essay on a special exam book in the 50-minute allotted time.