



## **TOEFL** question #1:

People attend college or university for many different reasons (for example, new experiences, career preparation, increased knowledge). Why do you think people attend college or university? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

- I. There are many reasons people attend college or university. Some attend in order to prepare for a career. Others attend for personal fulfillment and still others attend in order to make more money in the job market.
- II. Some attend college in order to prepare for a career.
  - a. They learn about a particular subject in depth
  - b. Employers want employees who have very specific knowledge
- III. Some attend for personal fulfillment
  - a. Older adults may attend college just for the joy of learning
  - b. Students may feel a sense of accomplishment by learning new things.
- IV. Some attend in order to make more money in the job market
  - a. If one has specialized skills, one can make more money in the job market (example: computer programming skills)
  - b. One may need more education in order to get promoted in his/her job
- V. In short, people attend college for many reasons some of which include the desire to prepare for a career, personal fulfillment and financial rewards.

## **TOEFL** question #2:

How do movies or television influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.

- I. Movies and television influence people's behavior in a number of ways. The negative ways television influences people's behavior is through advertisements and violent programs. Ads compel people to buy things they may not need and violent programs sometimes cause young people to become violent. On the other hand, the good influence is that people can learn new things from movies and television.
- II. Advertisements compel people to buy things they may not need. Example:
  - a. Those who buy camping equipment and then never go camping.
  - b. Someone who buys a new car but can't really afford it.
  - c. Someone who buys a new computer even though his or her old computer works fine.
- IV. Television may lead to violence.
  - a. Children see terrible things on TV and sometimes act them out.
  - b. Children may not be able to understand right from wrong and think that violence is ok.
- V. Television teaches new things.

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- a. We can learn about different countries in the world
- c. We can learn different skills: cooking, sewing
- d. We can learn about different kinds of people

V. In conclusion, television and movies influence behavior in both positive and negative ways.

## **TOEFL question #3:**

Some people prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city. Which place would you prefer to live in? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

I. There are those who enjoy living in a small town and others who enjoy living in a big city. I, personally, prefer to live in a small town. Small towns are more personal; they are easier to get around in and people tend to be friendlier.

II. Small towns are more personal than big cities

- a. People usually know about each other's personal lives (jobs, children's names & ages)
- b. People usually know who owns the local stores
- c. In big cities, it is impersonal just because of its size. People can't meet each other as easily.

III. Small towns are easier to get around in than big cities

- a. You can often ride a bicycle across town
- b. If there are buses, the rides are not long because the town is small
- c. There is less traffic
- IV. Small towns are friendlier than big cities
  - a. People care about each other and talk with one another
  - b. People often go to the same stores and cafes and usually know others who go there
  - c. People tend to be more relaxed in small towns and have more time to meet people whereas in big cities, people are in more of a hurry.
- V. In conclusion, I prefer to live in a small town to a big city. I enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and the friendships that develop more easily than in a big city. I will continue to live in a small town.

## **TOEFL question #4:**

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Universities should give the same amount of money to their students sports activities as they give to their university libraries. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

- I. Universities should not give the same amount of money to students sports activities as they give to university libraries. Libraries should receive more money because all students can benefit from libraries whereas only a few benefit from sports activities.
- II. All students can use the library resources:
  - a. All students use libraries to do research (use the computer, write essays, check out books)
  - b. Not all students participate in or go to sporting events
- III. All students come to the university to learn
  - a. Libraries resources help a student improve his/her future employment
  - b. Sports activities will not help a student in his/her future employment

IV. Universities should place the highest priority on learning...not on sports.

- a. The most important activity in a university should be learning
- b. Sports are a nice form of relaxation or extracurricular activity but it should not take the place of learning.

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