



Writing Cheat Sheet For Independent task of TOEFL IBT

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| | Topic | Thesis Statement | Main Ideas and Details |
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| 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. | <p>people attend a college or a university for the following reasons, to acquire knowledge which is necessary for a career, to contribute to the society, and to experience life. All in all, students not only can learn lots of new knowledge from the books but also can learn much more necessary experience such as how to arrange time and how to cooperate with other people. It is ver important for their future work and life.</p> <p>Now days, more and more people are trying to attend college or university. Different people do so for different reasons. Some typical reasons are new </p> | <p>People study in college or university for many different reasons. I think the most important reason is to gain more knowledge and learn more skills. Of course, there are also many other reasons that people study in college such as to get more friends, and increase one's self-confidence.</p> <p>Why do people need to attend colleges or universities? Different people have different answers to this question. I believe that the three most common reasons are to prepare for a career, to have new experiences, and to increase their knowledge of themselves and the world around them.</p> <p> career preparation and increased knowledge. In my opinion, it is the fast developement, almost explosion, of our world that make people to consider attending college or university.</p> |
| 2 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents are the best teachers. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. In conclusion, parents are the best teachers for their children. They leave big marks on their children's lives and are therefore more influential teachers than any others they may have in their lives. | <p>Just as the saying goes: "There is no place like home." And I think there is no teacher like our parents. They are the best teachers in our life. In short, while parents are not the ideal teachers, and well-rounded children will generally need a great diversity of teachers in their lives in order to have a more accurate view of the world, parents are generally the most committed of all teachers and have the greatest emotional investment in their children and their future</p> | <p>Who teaches you to walk? Who teaches you to speak? It is your parents who teach you to do these basic things in your life. So don't you think that parents are the best teachers! Who are the best teachers in our life? In my opinion, the first teachers we have in our lives in most cases are our parents. They teach us to walk, to speak, and to have good manners before we reach "the real world. " More than even the professional teachers that we have in school, parents are generally the most involved in the development and education of children.</p> |
| 3 | Nowadays food has become easier to prepare. Has this change improved the way people live? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | <p>Food preparation today allows for more variety. With refrigerators and freezers; we can preserve a lot of different foods in our homes. Since technology makes cooking so much faster, people are willing to make several dishes for even a small meal.</p> | <p>Man, through the ages, has undergone many changes, from a period when he hunted for his food to the present era when man is dependent on preprocessed foods. During this period not only has man changed his mode of eating but his whole lifestyle as well. The convenience of preparing food today is amazing. Even stoves have gotten too slow for us. Microwave cooking is much easier. Healthful eating is also easier than ever now. When people cook, they can use new fat substitutes. and cooking sprays to cut fat and calories. This reduces the risk of heart disease and high cholesterol.</p> |
| 4 | It has been said, "Not everything that is learned is contained in books," Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books. In your opinion, which source is more important? Why? | <p>There are two main channels for people to learn knowledge –from books and from experience. Needless to say both learning sources, books and experience, are very important to us. But in my opinion knowledge from experience is more important, because without knowledge from experience, it is impossible to get a real understanding of knowledge from books, and how to apply this knowledge to real world situations.</p> | <p>"Experience is the best teacher" is an old cliché, but I agree with it. The most important, and sometimes the hardest, lessons we learn in life come from our participation in situations. We learn how to get along with others or how to have self-respect from our experience, not from books. We cannot learn emotional feelings, such as love and care, through books; they come from our real life experience. Knowledge from experience is also a very important supplement to knowledge from books.</p> <p>In our daily life, we can learn much information from practice. To learn swimming, it is useless to be absorbed in reading skills written in books. Only when you learn it in a swimming pool, can you make it. There are still a lot of things you must learn from your own experience, such as driving a car, riding a bicycle, operating a machine.</p> |

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| 5 | <p>A company has announced that it wishes to build a large factory near your community. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this new influence on your community.</p> <p>Do you support or oppose the factory? Explain your position.</p> <p>I support the idea that a factory to be built near our community. I list my reasons as follows. Firstly, a new factory near our community helps to improve living standard of people in our community. The factory will employ a lot of workers. As a consequence, the unemployment rate will drop significantly. Many people in our community will find a job in the factory. As people's income increases, they will be able to spend more money on their food, clothing and leisure time, and the quality of life will be increased.</p> | <p>Furthermore, a strong reason to oppose this idea is that building a factory will destroy the landscape of this town. Most people living in this town Of course, building a factory also has advantages to some extent. For example, it will bring more working opportunity for local people, and also it will help developing the local economics. But comparing with the disadvantages, I strongly oppose the idea to build a factory near my community.</p> <p>the statement lies in the Another reason why I prefer to fact that with the developing of the factory, many other establishments will be founded around it.</p> | <p>I have been living in a peace and quiet town for about 10 years. All people around here is so kind, and the landscape is so beautiful that I love this town very much. Recently I heard news that a company will set up a new factory near my community. I was shocked and I hold a negative opinion about this decision.</p> <p>The main reason why I oppose this plan is that establishing a new factory will cause air pollution.</p> <p>Another reason is that a factory makes too much noise. My community is always a quiet place and this is just what I like the most.</p> <p>make their living by cultivating and harvesting crops. The factory is inappropriate with the landscape of the town and it will occupy the land that is used to farming.</p> <p>Still one thing, a factory can be very dangerous. Because a fire or a explosion may break out in the factory.</p> <p>Weather it is beneficial to build a large factory near our community is a prevalent topic undergoing serious debate. Two different opinions obviously exist to support and to oppose. After pondering the opinions from several aspects, personally, I agree with the idea that it is beneficial to build a large factory near our community.</p> |
| 6 | <p>If you could change one important thing about your hometown, what would you change?</p> <p>Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>I would support the plan to build a factory to my community for all the reasons I will describe below. First of all, the factory's construction will surely improve the local infrastructure. Secondly, to make the employee commute more convenient, the local roads will have to be rebuilt and broadened, resulting in improved public transportation. Most important, a factory's establishment will bring up a lot of employment opportunities for the community.</p> | <p>If I could change one important thing about my hometown, it would be air pollution problem, and I will give the following reasons to explain why I want to solve the problem. The first and most important reason is that I hope that my hometown can become a beautiful city.</p> <p>Another reason why I want to change my hometown's air pollution situation is that the city's development needs clean and tidy environment to attract investors.</p> <p>In addition, nowadays people have paid more and more attention to their health. If air pollution problem cannot be solved as quickly as possible, people's requirement for a healthy body will never be realized.</p> |
| 7 | <p>How do movies or television influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Television is a big influence in the lives of most of us. We spend hours every week watching television programs, so of course this will affect our behavior. Unfortunately, the effect of television is usually negative.</p> | <p>Do movies and television affect our behavior? I believe that movies and television do influence our behavior, both for the better and for the worse.</p> <p>Movies and television influence our behavior because they make us less active. Looking at films is a passive activity. If we watch too much, we become unhealthy, both mentally and physically.</p> <p>Movies and television also can make people more violent. The best influence on our behavior is that movies and television reduce stress. Television makes people more violent, more inactive, and less imaginative.</p> |
| 9 | <p>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?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.</p> | <p>I love the excitement of big cities. Small towns have a slow pace. The final thing I like about large cities is the diversity of the people. To begin with, the city is the symbol of human civilization and there are a many facilities for living, recreation and health care. Therefore, living there is more convenient than living in countryside. In conclusion, I strongly hold that living in big cities is much better than living in countryside because of the advanced facilities and social activities in cities.</p> | <p>I grew up in a small town and then moved to a big city, so I have experienced the good and bad sides of both. I never thought that I would like living in a big city, but I was wrong. After ten years of living in one, I can't imagine ever living in a small town again. I think life is much better in a big city. Transportation is much more convenient, everything is more exciting, and there is a greater variety of people. In addition, we can take part in a variety of events in big cities. Human being likes to live together and need to interact with each other. In a big city, the population density is high therefore there are always plenty of social activities, sports events and concerts. In addition, we can take part in a variety of events in big cities. Human being likes to live together and need to interact with each other. In a big city, the population density is high therefore there are always plenty of social activities, sports events and concerts.</p> |

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| 8 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television has destroyed communication among friends and family. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinions. | Some people believe that television has destroyed communication among friends and family. I think this is an exaggeration. | Television can increase communication. News and other information we see on TV gives us things to discuss with our friends and family. TV also helps us understand each other better because we all have access to the same TV program. Finally, TV can help us share our interests with other people. |
| 10 | “When people succeed, it is because of hard work. Luck has nothing to do with success.” Do you agree or disagree with the quotation above? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your position. | It is certainly difficult to be successful without hard work, but hard work also needs to be helped by a little luck. Luck has helped many people, both famous and ordinary, become successful. I think that luck and hard work go hand to hand. | When people succeed, it is because of hard work, but luck has a lot to do with it, too. Luck is often the final factor that turns years of working hard into success. Luck has helped people invent and discover things, it has helped people become famous, and it has helped people get jobs. |
| 11 | 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. | In my point of view, sports activities are as important as, if not more important than, good libraries. So it is wise for universities to give the same amount of money to their students' sports activities as they give their university libraries. There are numerous clear reasons and I would explore some important ones here. | First, good health is the prerequisite for future success. Second, through sports activities, student can benefit both physically and mentally. Third, investment in sports activities can save money in the long run. I disagree strongly with the idea that the same amount of money should go to university sports activities as to university libraries. Although playing sports is a wonderful way to learn about teamwork, strategy and reaching your goals, it should not be the principal focus of a university education. Students need the most up-to-date library facilities available to get the best education. Even the book and magazine budget of universities has gone up tremendously in the last decade. It also costs money for universities to keep their libraries open. |
| 12 | Many people visit museums when they travel to new places. Why do you think people visit museums? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | People everywhere like museums. They like learning about interesting and unusual things. No matter who you are or what you like, there is a museum that will amaze and interest you. | People visit museums for a number of reasons. They visit museums when traveling to new places because a museum tells them a lot about the culture of those places. They also go to museums to have fun. People also are usually interested in museums that feature unusual subjects. It is impossible to get bored in a museum. |
| 13 | Some people prefer to eat at food stands or restaurants. Other people prefer to prepare and eat food at home. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | People often choose to eat at restaurants because it seems more convenient. I find, however, that cooking at home is actually easier, and it is cheaper and healthier as well. | Although many people prefer to eat at restaurants because it is easier than cooking at home, I prefer to prepare food at home. I believe it is much cheaper and healthier to eat at home, and it can be more convenient, too. |
| 14 | Some people believe that university students should be required to attend classes. Others believe that going to classes should be optional for students. Which point of view do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | Anyone can get information from books, but students get a great many more advantages when they attend class. They get the benefit of the teacher's knowledge and experience, and even more than that, they learn how to work with others and to develop a sense of responsibility. These are not optional skills in life, so attending classes should not be optional at a university. | Some people believe that going to classes should be optional for university students, but I disagree. Students learn a lot more in classes than they can learn from books. In class they have the advantage of learning from the teacher, of interacting with their classmates, and of developing the responsibility it takes to be a good student. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- When students attend class, they receive the benefit of the teacher's knowledge. 2- Going to class also teaches students how to work with other people. 3- Attending classes teaches students responsibility. |
| 15 | Neighbors are the people who live near us. In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good neighbor? Use specific details and examples in your answer. | A neighbor can be as close as a good friend, or more like a distant acquaintance. Either way, a good neighbor is someone who respects you and supports you as he can. We should all be lucky enough to have good neighbors. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3- When you go through a crisis, like a death in the family, a good neighbor volunteers to help in any way she can. | There are several qualities that a good neighbor has. If you have a good neighbor, you are a lucky person. You have someone who is respectful of your property, who is helpful with the little day-to-day problems that arise, and who is supportive in times of crisis. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- A good neighbor respects your property. This means she asks for your permission before doing something that may affect you. 2- A good neighbor is willing to lend a hand when you need a little help. He lends you some milk if you run out, or gives you a ride if your car breaks down. |

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| 16 | <p>It has recently been announced that a new restaurant may be built in your neighborhood. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.</p> <p>By: Ali Sepahvand Wed, 8 Nov. 2017</p> | <p>A new restaurant could disrupt the quiet lifestyle of our neighborhood. It might bring jobs, but it would also bring traffic and noise. Moreover, it would use space that might be better used For another type of business. This is why I would oppose a plan for a new restaurant. 3- Finally, there are other types of businesses that we need in our neighborhood more.</p> | <p>I can see both advantages and disadvantages to having a new restaurant built in our neighborhood. I believe, however, that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. A new restaurant would bring more traffic problems to the area. In addition, it could attract undesirable people. Most of all, I think there are other types of business that would be more beneficial to the neighborhood.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Traffic congestion is already a problem in our neighborhood, and a new restaurant would just add to the problem. 2- I'm also concerned about the tjrpe of patrons the new restaurant would bring into our neighborhood. |
| 17 | <p>Some people think that they can learn better by themselves than with a teacher. Others think that it is always better to have a teacher. Which do you prefer?</p> <p>Use specific reasons to develop your essay.</p> | <p>There is nothing wrong with studying on your own. For the best possible learning, though, a teacher is the biggest help you can have.</p> | <p>Most people can learn to do something simple on their own with just a set of instructions. However, to learn something more complex. it's always best to have a teacher. Teachers help you find the way that you learn best. They help you stay focused on what you're learning. They provide you with a wider range of information than you might Find on your own. in short, teachers provide you'with a lot more support and knowledge than you can usually get by yourself.</p> |
| 18 | <p>What are some important qualities of a good supervisor (boss)?</p> <p>Use specific details and examples to explain why these qualities are important.</p> | <p>Employees are more likely to do the best job they can when they are treated fairly, given good directions, and have a good example in front of them. This is why good supervisors are so important to the success of any type of business.</p> | <p>Even though job situations can be very different, there are several qualities that all good supervisors have in common. A good supervisor treats her employees fairly. She gives clear directions. Most important of all, she acts as a good example For her employees.</p> |
| 19 | <p>Should governments spend more money on improving roads and highways, or should governments spend more money on improving public transportation (buses, trains, subways)? Why?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.</p> | <p>Environmental problems and increased isolation are some of the most serious problems of modern society. Encouraging the use of public transportation is one way governments can work against these problems and start creating a better world.</p> | <p>Governments should definitely spend more money on improving all Forms of public transportation. The widespread use of private cars has contributed to some serious problems in society, including depletion ofnatural resources, increased pollution, and the loss of a sense of community. By encouraging the use of public transportation, governments can do a lot to oounteract these problems.</p> |
| 20 | <p>It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city.</p> <p>Do you agree or disagree?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.</p> | <p>People usually move to the city because there are more opportunities there. Children who grow up in the city have these opportunities from the time they are small. The city is definitely a better place for children to grow up.</p> | <p>I have to disagree that it is better for children to grow up in the countryside. In the countryside, children have limited opportunities to see and learn about things In the city, on the other hand, they are exposed to many diflierent things. They see all kinds of differenr people every day. They have opportunities to attend many cultural events. They see people working in different kinds jobs and therefore can makes better choices For their own future. Growing up in the city is definitely better.</p> |
| 21 | <p>In general, people are living longer now. Discuss the causes of this phenomenon.</p> <p>Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.</p> | <p>Improved health care and healthy eating habits allow us to live longer. Now we need to rmake sure that everyone in the world has these benefits.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3- The quality of nutririon has improved also. We eat more healthfully than we used to. | <p>People are living to be much older these days for a number of reasons. The main reasons are greater acocss to health care, improved health care, and better nutrition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Basic health care is available to more people now. 2- People also live longer because the quality of health care has improved. Doctors now know more about diseases and cures. |
| 22 | <p>We all work or will work in jobs with many different kinds of people. In your opinion, what are some important characteristics of a co-worker (someone you work closely with)?</p> <p>Use reasons and specific examples to explain why these characteristics are important.</p> | <p>We spend more time with our co-workers during the week than we do with our family. Thus, it's important for our co-workers to be people we can get along with. when co-workers are cooperative, adaptable, and helpful, everyone gets along better and can get their jobs done well.</p> | <p>I've worked in several offices, and I've found there are certain characteristics that all good co-workers have in common. They tend to be cooperative people. they adapt well to changes, and they are helpful to others in the office. People who have these characteristics are easy to work with.</p> |

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| 23 | In some countries, teenagers have jobs while they are still students. Do you think this is a good idea? Support your' opinion by using specific reasons and details. | jobs bring money, but money isn't everything. For a teenager it is important to concentrate on his studies, spend time with his family, and enjoy being young. A teenager with a job gives up too much. | I don't think it is a good idea For teenagers to have jobs while they are still students. It can interfere with their studies, it can disrupt their home life. and it takes away part of their childhood that they can never replace. 1- A job can interfere with a teenager's schoolwork. 2- Having a job can also disrupt a teenager's home life. 3- The main drawback of a teenager having a job is that he misses out on the firm of being young. |
| 24 | A person you know is planning to move to your town or city. What do you think this person would like and dislike about living in your town or city? Why? Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay. | All in all, there are both advantages and disadvantages to living here. My friend will have to decide if she prefers excitement and crowds or quiet and nature before she makes her final decision about moving here. | A Friend of mine From college is moving to my city. I think there are things she will like about living here. but there are also things she might dislike. I like living here because there are a lot of things to do, there are a lot of nice neighborhoods to live in, and we have beautiful parks. On the other hand, my Friend might not like it because it's very crowded and expensive and we're far from beautiful places like the mountains and the beach. |
| 25 | It has recently been announced that a large shopping center may be built in your neighborhood. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | On the whole, though, I think my neighborhood should support having a shopping center built here. It would bring more variety to our shopping, give us the opportunity to amuse ourselves at movie theaters and restaurants, and bring more jobs into the area. | There would be both advantages and disadvantages to having a shopping center built in my neighborhood. Overall, however, I think the advantages are greater. One important advantage would be convenience. In addition, a shopping center would give neighborhood residents more choices for shopping and entertainment and it would bring jobs to the area, too. |
| 26 | It has recently been announced that a new movie theater may be built in your neighborhood. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | I believe our town would benefit greatly from a new movie theater. It would make life here more interesting and could make us more prosperous. I fully support the plan and hope that others in the neighborhood will join me to convince residents and local governments. | Some people will say that a new movie theater in our neighborhood would be a bad thing. However, I fully support the plan to build one. I Feel that a movie theater would provide more opportunities For entertainment, reduce teenage delinquency, and bring more business to our town. |
| 27 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should sometimes do things that they do not enjoy doing. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Not everything in life is fun. Unpleasant or boring tasks are a necessary part of life. We don't like them, but we do them anyway. And sometimes they surprise us and turn into something enjoyable. | I agree that people should sometimes do things that they don't enjoy doing. This is a basic part of life. There are many small things we have to do in both our personal and professional lives that we may not enjoy, but that are part of our responsibilities. in addition, sometimes by doing things we don't enjoy, we actually learn to like them. |
| 28 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television, newspapers, magazines, and other media pay too much attention to the personal lives of famous people such as public figures and celebrities. Use specific reasons and details to explain your opinion. | Having details of one's personal life reported in public can have all sorts of negative consequences on a person's life. Ordinary people don't have to suffer this sort of attention, and I see no reason why celebrities should either. | I think the media pay too much attention to the private lives of famous people. They discover things that happened years ago and report them as if they still mattered. They publicize things about famous people lives that are really private, personal matters. They put out information that could end up having a bad effect on a person's family and personal life. They do this just to entertain the public, but I don't find it entertaining at all. |
| 29 | Some people believe that the Earth is being harmed (damaged) by human activity. Others feel that human activity makes the Earth a better place to live. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | People need to respect the Earth and try to preserve it. If we don't, we will lose all the natural resources that we depend on for life. Then what will happen? | The quality of human life has improved greatly over the past few centuries. But Earth is being harmed more and more by human activity. As we develop our technology, we use more and more natural resources and cause more and more pollution. As our population grows, we destroy more and more natural areas in order to expand towns and cities. The Earth is being harmed, and this harms people as well. |
| 30 | It has recently been announced that a new high school may be built in your neighborhood. Do you support or oppose this plan? Why? Use specific reasons and details in your answer. | Our town may need a new high school. but our neighborhood is not the right place for it. We don't want our quiet lifestyle disrupted, and most people in this area have no need for a high school, anyway. | I oppose having a new high school built in my neighborhood. I don't think there is a real need for one. I think it would cause traffic problems in our area, and it would mean that we would lose the use of our beautiful neighborhood park. I don't think a high school would be of any benefit to us at all. |

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| 31 | <p>Some people spend their entire lives in one place. Others move a number of times throughout their lives, looking for a better job, house, or even climate. Which do you prefer: staying in one place or moving in search of another place? Use reasons and specific examples to support your opinion.</p> | <p>Even though I have lived in the same house, in the same neighborhood, in the same city my entire life, I know I would be happy living in a variety of places. Moving would expose me to new people, new weather, and new housing.</p> | <p>The more I moved the more I would experience change. I would meet new people in every place I lived; I could move to sample countries with four seasons or even a continent like Antarctica, which only has two. Wherever I lived, I would experience living in housing particular to that area. I would then be a citizen of the world. Could you call me a foreigner if I called every place my home?</p> |
| 32 | <p>Is it better to enjoy your money when you earn it or is it better to save your money for some time in the future? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.</p> | <p>when you are not rich, you cannot spend your money carelessly. You must plan ahead. I know I will have expenses for my schooling and for traveling to and from home. I know that I will also have unexpected expenses From time to time. I must be prepared. I need to save money for these events.</p> | <p>When I have a choice between spending money or putting it in my savings account at the bank, I always put it in the bank. I will have a lot of expenses in the future, like my education, travel, and unforeseen emergencies. I need to set money aside for these expenses.</p> |
| 33 | <p>You have received a gift of money. The money is enough to buy either a piece of jewelry you like or tickets to a concert you want to attend. Which would you buy? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.</p> | <p>I would feel very rich with my jewelry. I would have a good investment that is permanent and fashionable. Then, when someone invites me to a concert (and pays for my ticket), I will have something beautiful to wear.</p> | <p>The choice between spending money on tickets to a concert or spending money on jewelry is an easy one. Given this choice, I would buy jewelry. The reasons are obvious. jewelry is an investment, it is permanent, and it is fashionable.</p> |
| 34 | <p>Businesses should hire employees for their entire lives. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Although a feeling of loyalty between a company and its workers is a noble idea, it is not practical today. A company needs to keep up with the changing forces of the economy. in order to be able to do this, it needs to be able to change its workforce as necessary.</p> | <p>In some business cultures, it is the practice to hire workers when they are young and employ them until they retire. In other business cultures, companies hire people to do a job and then fire them when they are not needed. I agree with the latter position. in today's economy it is not important to hire employees for their entire lives. The important considerations for companies are an employee's performance, speed, and ability to change. Loyalty is not a consideration.</p> |
| 35 | <p>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Attending a live performance (for example, a play, concert, or sporting event) is more enjoyable than watching the same event on television. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.</p> | <p>Watching a performance on TV is so comfortable and convenient, I don't know why people attend live performances. It's much better to enjoy them at home.</p> | <p>Some people think that attending a live performance is preferable to watching it on television. I say, however, that if you have a good TV, it is much better to watch a performance that way. It is much more convenient and comfortable, and it is cheaper, too. I almost never attend a live performance of anything.</p> |
| 36 | <p>Choose one of the following transportation vehicles and explain why you think it has changed people's lives. • automobiles • bicycles • airplanes Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Although other forms of transportation may be more comfortable, none has changed the way we do business and live our lives more than the plane. Thanks to the speed, excitement, and convenience of the plane, our lives are richer.</p> <p>3- Nothing can beat the convenience of a plane.</p> | <p>An airplane is a form of transportation that has changed people's lives. Thanks to the plane, our lives are now faster, more exciting, and more convenient than before.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- You cannot deny that a plane is fast. The Concorde flew at supersonic speed. 2- It is always exciting to take a plane trip. when you travel by plane, you might cross time zones, oceans, and many countries. |
| 37 | <p>Do you agree or disagree that progress is always good? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Progress is a natural state. Without it, we would not evolve. Without it, our economy, our standard of living, and our health would deteriorate. Who could deny the necessity of progress?</p> <p>3- Progress is required to improve the health of the world's population.</p> | <p>Who would disagree with the statement "progress is good?" Without progress, there would be no change. Without progress there would be no improvements in our economy, our standard of living, or our health.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Progress is required to keep the economy moving forward. 2- Progress is required to raise our standard of living. |

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| 38 | <p>Learning about the past has no value for those of us living in the present.</p> <p>Do you agree or disagree?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>As a rule, it is important to follow the mood of today. It doesn't help us to think about the past. People, the weather, and politics can change in any direction. The direction of this change, in my opinion, cannot be predicted by studying the past.</p> | <p>People often say, "Those who don't understand history will repeat the mistakes of the past." I totally disagree. I don't see any evidence that people have made smart decisions based on their knowledge of the past. To me, the present is what is important. I think that people, weather, and politics determine what happens, not the past.</p> <p>People, the weather, and politics can change.</p> |
| 39 | <p>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? With the help of technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it more quickly. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Technology, especially the Internet, has changed the quantity and quality of the information we get. The speed and convenience of a computer helps students learn more and learn it more quickly.</p> <p>3- It is certainly convenient to sit at home and do research on the Internet with your computer.</p> | <p>Technology has greatly improved the way we get information. Students can now get more information, get it more quickly, and get it more conveniently.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- An amazing amount of information is available through the Internet. 2- Information comes through the Internet instantly. |
| 40 | <p>The expression "Never, never give up" means keep trying and never stop working for your goals. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>If you give up, you might as well die. My advice is always look for another opportunity, another goal or another option. There is always something else. Don't give up.</p> | <p>"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." These are wise words. One should never give up. There is always another opportunity, another goal, or another option.</p> <p>Once I ran for president of my class.</p> <p>Once I wanted to study medicine.</p> <p>Once I wanted to talk with my friend.</p> |
| 41 | <p>Some people think that human needs for farmland, housing, and industry are more important than saving land for endangered animals.</p> <p>Do you agree or disagree with this point of view? Why or why not?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>When animals' lives are endangered, our way of life is endangered, too. I would encourage humans to look for other alternatives for our farmlands, housing and industries. We have alternatives; the animals do not.</p> | <p>Many animals are now extinct and many more are in danger of extinction. This is because their habitat is destroyed when people use land to build houses, factories, and farms. Does it matter? It certainly does. Our basic human needs, our quality of life, and the way we live are all affected when animals' habitats are destroyed.</p> |
| 42 | <p>What is a very important skill a person should learn in order to be successful in the world today?</p> <p>Choose one skill and use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.</p> | <p>To succeed socially, you must be able to adapt to differences. You must be tolerant of all people regardless of their background, their opinion, or their lifestyle. Different people live different lifestyles.</p> | <p>I do not define success economically; I define success socially. Therefore, the one skill I would choose for success is tolerance. To succeed in society, we need to be tolerant of one another's background, opinions, and lifestyle.</p> <p>People come from all different backgrounds.</p> <p>Different people have different opinions.</p> |
| 43 | <p>Why do you think some people are attracted to dangerous sports or other dangerous activities?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Dangerous sports can be attractive for several reasons. They can attract people who like thrill, power, or who need a way to forget their problems. In my opinion, however, dangerous sports are never worth the risk.</p> | <p>Dangerous sports are interesting for most people to watch or read about. Only certain kinds of people, however, are attracted to participating in these sports. Often they are people who love risks, who seek a feeling of power, or who need a way to deal with some personal problems.</p> |
| 44 | <p>Some people like to travel with a companion. Other people prefer to travel alone. Which do you prefer?</p> <p>Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.</p> | <p>I think it is always important to do things on your own. You can find new friends, have new experiences, and learn a lot about yourself, too. Isn't that the point of travel?</p> | <p>Traveling alone is the only way to travel. If you take someone with you, you take your home with you. When you travel alone, you meet new people, have new experiences, and learn more about yourself.</p> |
| 45 | <p>Some people prefer to get up early in the morning and start the day's work. Others prefer to get up later in the day and work until late at night. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.</p> | <p>I will maintain this pattern forever, I hope. I think it is always important to listen to your body. If your body tells you to stay in bed, that is what you should do. By listening to your body, you will never let work interfere with your social life.</p> | <p>I prefer getting up later in the day and staying up late at night. This routine fits my body's rhythm, my work schedule, and my social life.</p> <p>I believe in following my body's natural rhythm.</p> <p>Sleeping late also fits my work schedule. I prefer working in the afternoon. My active social life is another reason I prefer to sleep late. Who gets up early in the morning to have fun?</p> |

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| 46 | <p>What are the important qualities of a good son or daughter? Have these qualities changed or remained the same over time in your culture? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Obedience, loyalty, and respect are virtues that are being challenged today. These days we tend to show these qualities to our parents less and less. I hope, though, that my children obey me, are loyal to me, and respect me.</p> | <p>The qualities that parents wish their sons and daughters to have- obedience, loyalty, respect- have not changed. Any parent will tell you that, like their ancestors, they expect these qualities from their children. However, they do not always get what they expect.</p> |
| 47 | <p>Some people prefer to work for a large company. Others prefer to work for a small company. Which would you prefer? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.</p> | <p>Working for a small company would not give me the same opportunities for advancement or training as working for a larger company would. Nor would I be as proud to work for a small company- unless the small company was my own.</p> | <p>I would prefer to work in a large company rather than a small one. A large company has more to offer in terms of advancement, training, and prestige.</p> <p>In a large company, I can start at an entry-level position and work my way up to the top.</p> <p>In a large company there is the opportunity to learn a variety of jobs.</p> <p>In a large company, there would be more prestige.</p> |
| 48 | <p>People work because they need money to live. What are some other reasons that people work? Discuss one or more of these reasons. Use specific examples and details to support your answer.</p> | <p>Money is nice, but it is not the only reason people get up and go to work each day. I believe that people work because it gives them the opportunity to be with other people, to contribute to society, and to feel that they have accomplished something.</p> | <p>Although people work to earn money, money is not the main reason people stay in their jobs. They also work because they like to be with other people, they want to contribute something to society, and they feel a sense of accomplishment.</p> |
| 49 | <p>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Face-to-face communication is better than other types of communication, such as letters, email, or telephone calls. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.</p> | <p>In summary, if you want to establish a relationship with another human being, the best way is talking face to face. When you communicate directly, you can avoid misunderstandings that may occur in writing. You can communicate on levels other than just words and you can spend more time doing it.</p> | <p>I would have to agree that face-to-face communication is the best type of communication. It can eliminate misunderstandings immediately, cement relationships, and encourage continued interaction.</p> <p>When you talk to someone directly, you can see right away if they don't understand you.</p> <p>When you talk face to face, you communicate with more than words.</p> <p>When you meet someone face to face, the interaction tends to last longer than other forms of communication.</p> |
| 50 | <p>Some people like to do only what they already do well. Other people prefer to try new things and take risks. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.</p> <p>By: Ali Sepahvand Wed, 8 Nov. 2017</p> | <p>Some people like to take risks and try doing new things, but I am not one of those people.</p> <p>When I do something that I really don't know how to do, I just end up feeling bad and I give other people a bad impression. I don't see the point of wasting my time this way.</p> | <p>I am not a risk taker. I like to do just those things that I am proficient at. I don't want to waste my time doing things that I don't do well. I always feel better when I do something well, and other people have a better impression of me. I don't see a good reason to try something new that I don't know how to do at all.</p> |
| 51 | <p>Some people believe that success in life comes from taking risks or chances. Others believe that success results from careful planning. In your opinion, what does success come from? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>You will never succeed in life if you don't take chances. But before you start, you must plan carefully so that you are ready to take advantage of every opportunity and change your plans as required.</p> | <p>I think that we must all take risks in our lives, but they must be calculated risks. If we look at the great explorers and scientists of history, we see that their successes were usually a combination of both risk taking and planning. Like the great thinkers, we must plan carefully, seize all opportunities, and reevaluate our plans when necessary.</p> |
| 52 | <p>What change would make your hometown more appealing to people your age? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.</p> | <p>If our town had a teahouse reserved for teenagers, it would be good for our parents- They would always know where we were. They would know that we were at the teahouse socializing, having a meeting, or just relaxing with our friends.</p> | <p>I think that people my age would like to have a place to go after school. They could go there to socialize, have meetings, and just relax.</p> <p>In my town, there are a few teahouses.</p> <p>At our own teahouse, we could also have meetings.</p> <p>We need a place where we could just relax away from our families.</p> |

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| 53 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | I don't care what kind of work I do as long as I earn a lot of money. That is the most important thing for me. Having a well-paying job will show everyone that I am successful, smart, and a good catch. When I earn a lot of money, my mother will be able to find me a good wife. | I certainly agree that the most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns. When I get a job, I want to earn a lot of money. If I earn a lot of money, people will know I am successful, smart, and a good candidate for marriage. Money equals success. If I earn a lot of money, I can wear nice clothes, get a big car, buy my parents a nice apartment. Earning a lot of money will show people how smart I am. |
| 54 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One should never judge a person by external appearances. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | You should always take time to get to know new people before making judgments about them. External appearance often do not tell us anything about a person. Judging someone by their appearance is misleading, reinforces stereotypes, and doesn't lead to the truth. It can prevent you from making a true friend. | In most cases, you shouldn't judge a person by external appearances. It is better to reserve judgment until you have had a chance to get to know the person. Judgments based on external appearances prevent you from really getting to know a person, reinforce stereotypes, and can lead you to conclusions that aren't true. |
| 55 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A person should never make an important decision alone. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Whenever I am faced with an important decision, I select advice from others so that I am well-informed and have the benefit of their experience and perspective. | You should never make an important decision alone. You should think out your important decisions carefully, and you need other people to help you do this. People close to you can give you good advice, give you a different perspective, and share their own experiences. It is hard to make big decisions without this kind of help. |
| 56 | A company is going to give some money either to support the arts or to protect the environment. Which do you think the company should choose? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Without clean air to breathe, a healthy ecosystem, and a future for our children, the human race will not survive. That's why protecting our environment is important. If we have a healthy environment, we have healthy children who can participate in and appreciate the arts. | Deciding between supporting the arts and protecting the environment is a difficult choice to make, but I think I would choose protecting the environment. We need a healthy environment in order to survive, so we must protect it. We need to protect the environment now to help prevent health problems to maintain the ecosystem, and to preserve the Earth for our children. |
| 57 | Some movies are serious, designed to make the audience think. Other movies are designed primarily to amuse and entertain. Which type of movie do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | While I can appreciate serious movies that make you think, I prefer to be amused and entertained after a long day of work. Such movies allow me a to take a break from the rigors of daily life by helping me relax, making me laugh, and putting me in a good mood. | Movies have the power to make you laugh, cry, or think about an issue that you might not otherwise think about. Although I sometimes watch movies that are serious, I prefer movies that amuse and entertain. When I see an amusing movie, it makes me relax, laugh, and keeps me in good spirits. |
| 58 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Businesses should do anything they can to make a profit. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position. | A business must make profits, but we all-workers, customers, community- must profit from a successful business. My colleagues are a very important part of my business. Similarly, I would not have a business without my customers. | After I get my degree, I plan to start a business. My goal is to make money, a lot of money. However, I can't forget that there are more important things in life than earning a profit. I must consider the people I work with, the customers I serve, and the community I live in. My employees and I are a part of the social life of our community. |
| 59 | Some people are always in a hurry to go places and get things done. Other people prefer to take their time and live life at a slower pace. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | To twist a common saying, "Don't just do something, sit there!" Take life easy and savor each minute. Life is shorter than you think. | Life is short. Haste makes waste. What's your hurry? These three sayings characterize the way I manage my day-to-day chores. I don't want to rush through things; I prefer to take my time. You never know what may happen tomorrow, so it is important to enjoy today. We are not machines. We can't just rush through our chores. |

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| 60 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Games are as important for adults as they are for children. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Regardless of your age, playing games can help you keep your mind alert, learn new things, and build Friendships. questions, for example, show you what you don't know. Games require the use of social skills. | Everyone likes to play games. Games are important at any age to keep your mind sharp, learn new things, and maintain social skills. When you play games, you exercise your mind. Playing games can teach you a lot, Games that ask |
| 61 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents or other adult relatives should make important decisions for their older (15 to 18 year-old) teenage children. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | If all children follow their parents' wishes, they will be happier. They will be more successful in school, in work, and in their social life. After all, parents want only the best for their children. My parents make good decisions about my social life. I need my parents to help me make decisions about my future career. | No one knows me as well as my parents. and no one cares about me like they do. It is natural that I should allow my parents to make important decisions For me. I think all older teenagers should take their parents advice on decisions that concern their education, their social life, and their future careers. My parents are the ones who can make the best decisions about my education. |
| 62 | What do you want most in a friend - someone who is intelligent, or someone who has a sense of humor, or someone who is reliable? Which one of these characteristics is most important to you? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your choice. | We all like to spend time with smart and entertaining people. I think the people who make the best friends, though, are people who are reliable. If someone is reliable, you know he or she will always be ready to give you companionship, support, and encouragement when you need it. That's what friends are for. | I like people who are intelligent and I always enjoy someone with a good sense of humor. What I look for first, however, is a friend who is reliable. I need to be able to rely on my friends to provide me with companionship, to support me, and to encourage me. I depend on my Friends for companionship. When I am having troubles. I turn to my friends for support. I need my friends to encourage me. |
| 63 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Most experiences in our lives that seemed difficult at the time become valuable lessons for the future. Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. | Nobody looks for difficult experiences, but we all have to go through them from time to time. They help us overcome fears, learn better ways of doing things, and show us who our friends are. These are all valuable lessons for our future. | People say that experience is the best teacher, and I believe this is true. Difficult experiences, especially, can teach us valuable lessons. They can help us overcome fears, they can teach us better ways to do things, and they can show us that we have friends who are ready to help us. |
| 64 | Some people prefer to work for themselves or own a business. Others prefer to work for an employer. Would you rather be self-employed, work for someone else, or own a business? Use specific reasons to explain your choice. | Many people want to feel independent and that is why they want their own business. For me, however, it is more important to feel secure. I feel secure knowing that I have an employer to give me directions, evaluate my work, and pay me regularly. That is why I prefer to work for someone else. | Many people have dreams of becoming sels-employed or starting their own business, but I don't understand this. I think it is much better to work for someone else. when I work for someone else, I don't have to take risks or make difficult decisions alone. I have someone to tell me what to do, someone to evaluate my work, and most important of all, someone to give me a regular paycheck. |
| 65 | Should a city try to preserve its old, historic buildings or destroy them and replace them with modern buildings? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | A city's old. historic buildings are among its greatest treasures. They are a source of beauty and a representation of history. It would be a crime to try to replace them. | Of course a city should preserve its old, historic buildings. New buildings can always be built, but old ones can never be replaced. They are usually more beautiful than modern buildings, they represent the city's history, and they can even help the city by attracting tourists. Historic buildings should always be preserved. |
| 66 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Classmates are a more important influence than parents on a child's success in school. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. By: Ali Sepahvand Wed, 8 Nov. 2017 | Many people have influence on children while they are growing up, but parents are the ones who have the strongest influence. They are the most important role models their children have they love them the most, and they have the greatest expectations of them. Nobody can influence a child more than a parent can. | I believe that parents have more influence on a child's school success than classmates do. Classmates have an important social influence on each other, especially as they get older, but the influence of parents is stronger than this. Parents are the most important model a child has, parents love their children, and they have expectations of them. All of these things are important influences on a child's success in school. |

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| 67 | If you were an employer, which kind of worker would you prefer to hire: an inexperienced worker at a lower salary or an experienced worker at a higher salary? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | People may think it is not good for a company to hire inexperienced workers, but I disagree. I think everyone benefits this way. The workers get training and experience and the company saves money. I think it is the best plan. | If I were an employer, I would prefer to hire an inexperienced worker at a lower salary. Of course it would save me money, at least at first. I could also train an inexperienced person exactly as I want, and he or she might be willing to work longer hours, as well. |
| 68 | Many teachers assign homework to students every day. Do you think that daily homework is necessary for students? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | Homework is important for students, but other things are important, too. Some homework is good, but daily homework can take time away from a student's family, job, and relaxation. There needs to be a balance. | I believe that daily homework is not necessary. Students already spend most of the day in school. They need their time outside of school to do other things. They need time to spend with their families, to work, and to just relax. They can learn their lessons with homework two or three times a week, but every day isn't necessary. |
| 69 | If you could study a subject that you have never had the opportunity to study, what would you choose? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details. | I think it would be really interesting to try learning something completely new. For me, calculus would be a big challenge. If I learned it, I would feel smart, I would enjoy myself, and I could develop new skills. It would be a big accomplishment for me. | I have always been interested in art and literature, so people will think my choice is strange. If I could study something I have never had the opportunity to study, I would choose calculus. If I could actually learn something as difficult as that, it would give me a lot of confidence. Besides that, I think I would like it and it could help me learn some useful skills. |
| 70 | Some people think that the automobile has improved modern life. Others think that the automobile has caused serious problems. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | The automobile has greatly improved modern life. It has opened up new worlds and new opportunities to people. It has made many things possible. Where would we be without it? | There is no question that the automobile has improved modern life. It has opened up job opportunities to people, it has allowed families to stay connected, and it has given people the chance to travel to new places. The automobile is one of the best modern inventions. |
| 71 | Which would you choose: a high-paying job with long hours that would give you little time with family and friends or a lower-paying job with shorter hours that would give you more time with family and friends? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details. | A high-paying job with long hours will give me the experience, opportunities, and money that I want. After I reach a high position in my company and have a big bank account, I can take all the free time I want to relax with friends and family. Living a comfortable life is important to me. I want to have a nice house, fashionable clothes, and a couple of cars. | At this time in my life I would definitely choose a higher-paying job even if I had to work long hours. If I want a good future, first I have to gain experience, move up in my company, and save a lot of money. I will have plenty of time for friends and family later, after I get a good start on my career. When I finish school, I will have a lot of knowledge. I won't have any experience, however. I want to have a high position in my company. |
| 72 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Grades {marks} encourage students to learn. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | Grades are an important part of education. All students want to get good grades, so they will study hard to get them. Grades show students their progress, present them with a goal, and give them something to show their parents. Grades motivate students to learn. | Grades are very important for students. Without grades, students don't know how well they are doing in class. They don't have a goal to study for. They don't have anything to show their parents. Students need grades to help them be motivated to learn. |
| 73 | Some people say that computers have made life easier and more convenient. Other people say that computers have made life more complex and stressful. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | We are living in the computer age. We can now do more things and do them more easily than we could before. Our personal and professional lives have improved because of computers. | Almost everything these days is done with the help of a computer. Computers make communication much more convenient. They make many tasks of daily life easier. They help many people do their jobs better. Overall, computers have made life easier and more convenient for everybody. |

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| 74 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to travel is in a group led by a tour guide. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | When I go on vacation, I want to relax. I don't want to worry about making hotel reservations, or learning the museum schedules, or speaking the local language. A tour guide can take care of all these things for me, and I can have a good time. | When I travel, I always prefer to go with a group led by a tour guide. The tour guide makes all the necessary arrangements for the trip. The tour guide knows the best places to visit. The tour guide is familiar with the local language and customs. When I travel with a tour guide, the only thing I have to do is relax and enjoy myself. |
| 75 | Some universities require students to take classes in many subjects. Other universities require students to specialize in one subject. Which is better? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Some university students think only about their careers. If the choice is left to them, they might only study courses for their future profession. They will have a much better future, however, if they study subjects in addition to their career. Therefore, universities should require students to take classes in many subjects. | Universities offer opportunities to study many different subjects and university students should take advantage of this. Studying many subjects can help students better prepare for their careers. It can also help them become responsible members of society and can add to their personal enjoyment, as well. |
| 76 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should begin learning a foreign language as soon as they start school. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position. | Learning a foreign language has many advantages for everybody. It contributes to our intellectual development and our understanding of the world. The younger a language student is, the more advantages he or she gets from learning the language. So the best time for a child to start studying a foreign language is when he or she starts school. | Children should begin studying a foreign language as soon as they start school. Childhood is the best time to learn a foreign language. It is easier at that time, it contributes to a child's development, and it helps children expand their knowledge. Everybody knows that it is much easier to learn foreign languages when you are young. |
| 77 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Boys and girls should attend separate schools. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | By studying together, boys and girls get equal education, they learn to work together, and they become friends. This prepares them for adult life where men and women live and work together everyday. | I don't think it is a good idea for boys and girls to attend separate schools. They will not be separated when they finish school and start their careers, so why should they be separated in school? When boys and girls study together, they are assured of getting equal quality of education, they learn how to work together, and they learn how to become friends. It is a much better preparation for life than studying in separate schools. |
| 78 | Is it more important to be able to work with a group of people on a team or to work independently? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. | Most jobs involve teamwork. Teams can usually do a better job than an individual working alone. A person who cannot work well on a team will have a hard time in today's workplace. More work can be done by a team than by individuals working alone. | The ability to work on a team is one of the most important job skills to have. It is usually necessary because most jobs involve teamwork. It is usually the best way to work because a team can get more work done than an individual. In addition, a worker on a team has a lot of support from his coworkers. Most work is done in groups or teams. A worker on a team has the advantage of support from his coworkers. |
| 79 | Your city has decided to build a statue or monument to honor a famous person in your country. Who would you choose? Use reasons and specific examples to support your choice. | Nobody thinks about the farmers in my town, but they deserve to be honored. They work hard to grow food for everyone in the country. I think we should put a big, shiny statue of a farmer in the middle of our town park. It would make everyone in town feel proud. | The person I would choose to honor is not one specific famous person, but a famous type of person. I come from a small rural town. Most people here are farmers, so I would choose a farmer as the subject for a statue. The farmers of my town deserve the honor. They work hard so the rest of the country can eat, but they are not rich. They deserve to be appreciated. |

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| 80 | <p>Describe a custom from your country that you would like people from other countries to adopt. Explain your choice, using specific reasons and examples.</p> <p>By: Ali Sepahvand Wed, 8 Nov. 2017</p> | <p>A big rest at noon contributes to a better quality of life. In the towns, people don't worry about getting a lot of work done fast. They are more interested in spending time with their families and enjoying their lives. I think that in the long run this actually improves work. In any case, it is a better way to live. I think everyone everywhere should follow the custom of taking a big break at noon.</p> | <p>In my country, many people in the towns still follow an old custom that people in the cities no longer practice. This is the custom of taking a big break at noon. In the towns, all stores and businesses close from noon until 2:00 P.M. This not only gives people a needed rest in the middle of the day, it also allows them time with their families and contributes to a slower pace of life. In the towns, most families eat their noon meal together. In the towns, there is a slower pace of life.</p> |
| 81 | <p>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Technology has made the world a better place to live. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.</p> | <p>People think modern technology has made our lives easier. In a way this is true, but in other ways it has made our lives much less convenient. Modern technology costs us money and time and can add complications to our lives.</p> | <p>Technology has made our lives better in many ways, but it has also made them more complicated. Technology is often expensive to buy and run, it can be difficult to use. and it often isn't easy to repair. Technology isn't cheap. The more technology we depend on in our daily lives, the more money we have to spend.</p> |
| 82 | <p>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Advertising can tell you a lot about a country. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.</p> | <p>Advertisements can tell you a lot about a country. They show how the people there live. They show what the people want to buy and can buy. Ads give a picture of a country's daily life.</p> | <p>Advertising is like a window onto the life of a country. It tells a lot about the people there. Advertisements show what kinds of things the people in a country like to buy. It shows what kinds of situations are attractive to them. It even shows whether or not the people tend to be affluent. You can learn a lot by looking at advertisements.</p> |
| 83 | <p>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Modern technology is creating a single world culture. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.</p> | <p>Modern communications technology has brought people from all around the world closer together. People these days have more and more opportunities to share ideas and information. In this way they are coming more and more under the same cultural influence. A single world culture is being created.</p> | <p>Modern technology is creating a single world culture. This is because it is now much easier to communicate with people who are far away. Satellite TV, modern transportation, and the Internet have all brought people closer together. People the world over share the same sources of information and this leads to the creation of a single world culture.</p> |
| 84 | <p>Some people say that the Internet provides people with a lot of valuable information. Others think access to so much information creates problems. Which view do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.</p> | <p>The ability to get information from the Internet has improved our lives in many ways. We can learn more about the news, improve our children's education, and become more informed shoppers. The Internet is one of the most important tools we have in modern society.</p> | <p>The internet provides us with a lot of valuable information. This is important because it keeps us informed about the world today, contributes to children's education, and even helps us shop better. it helps improve our lives in many ways.</p> |
| 85 | <p>A foreign visitor has only one day to spend in your country. Where should this visitor go on that day? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.</p> | <p>The capital city is the best place to learn a lot about our country in one place. Of course, it is difficult to see all of the city's attractions in one day. With some planning, though, it is possible to see at least a few examples of our country's history, culture, and products in one day.</p> | <p>A foreign visitor with only one day to spend in my country should definitely spend that day in the capital. Spending time in the capital is the easiest way to see many aspects of our country in one place. In this city, the visitor can learn about our history, see examples of our culture, and buy our best products.</p> |
| 86 | <p>If you could go back to some time and place in the past, when and where would you go? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.</p> | <p>One of the great mysteries of the ancient world is the Egyptian pyramids. Nobody knows how the Egyptians cut, transported, and lifted heavy stones to build the pyramids. If I could go back to ancient Egypt, I could find this out. Then I would return to the modern world and tell everyone the answer.</p> | <p>If I could go back to a time and place in the past, I would go back to ancient Egypt. I would like to find out how they built the pyramids. People today cannot understand how the ancient Egyptians cut the stones so precisely, how they moved them to the building site, and how they lifted such heavy stones to build the pyramid walls. I would like to solve this mystery.</p> |

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| 87 | What discovery in the last 100 years has been most beneficial for people in your country? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. | Electricity has made many things possible in modern life. We wouldn't have any modern technology without it. It is the most important discovery of the modern world. | A discovery that has been beneficial to people in my country and everywhere is the use of electricity. Electricity has made the development of modern technology possible. Without electricity we wouldn't have modern communications technology, we wouldn't have computers, we wouldn't even have electric light. Almost everything about modern life depends on electricity. |
| 88 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Telephones and email have made communication between people less personal. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | Some people think you have to meet face to face in order to have personal communication, but this isn't so. Telephones and e-mail make frequent communication convenient. They help maintain personal relationships. | Some people think that telephone and e-mail have made communication between people less personal, but I disagree. If anything, they have made communication more personal. This is because these types of communication are easy, informal, and inexpensive. |
| 89 | If you could travel back in time to meet a famous person from history, what person would you like to meet? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. | To tell the truth, I haven't read much about da Vinci. I would like to learn more about him, however, because of his unique talents and ideas. It would be an inspiring experience to meet him. | If I could meet a famous person from history, I would like to meet Leonardo da Vinci. There has probably been no other person like him in all of history. He was a talented artist and an imaginative inventor. He was a unique person and I would like to know what that felt like. |
| 90 | If you could meet a famous entertainer or athlete, who would that be, and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. | Madonna was an ordinary person who became famous, powerful, and rich. I am an ordinary person too. I would like to meet Madonna to learn how she made these achievements. | If I could meet a famous entertainer, I would like to meet Madonna. She used to be an ordinary person, and now she has achieved fame, power, and money. I think that is amazing. I have never met anybody like her. |
| 91 | If you could ask a famous person one question, what would you ask? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | It can be a scary thing or a fun adventure to do something for the first time. Being the first person to walk on the moon is one of the most incredible adventures of all time. I would like to meet Neil Armstrong so I could ask him how it felt. | If I could ask a famous person one question, I would ask Neil Armstrong what it felt like to walk on the moon. Sometimes I think it would be scary; sometimes I think it would be fun. On the other hand, maybe Neil Armstrong was too busy to feel scared or have fun while he was walking on the moon. |
| 92 | Some people prefer to live in places that have the same weather or climate all year long. Others like to live in areas where the weather changes several times a year. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. | My life would be better in a warm climate. My health, my free time activities, and my bank account would all improve. In fact, I plan to move to a warm climate as soon as I finish school. | I would prefer to live in a place that has warm weather all year. My life would be easier and more comfortable this way. I would be healthier, I would have more fun, and I would save money if I lived in a warm climate. |
| 93 | Many students have to live with roommates while going to school or university. What are some of the important qualities of a good roommate? Use specific reasons and examples to explain why these qualities are important. | It is great to have a roommate who can be your friend, too. If your roommate is considerate, flexible, and fun, you are sure to get along well together. Finally, a good roommate is fun. If he knows about a party or a concert, he invites you to go with him. | It is important to have a good roommate. A good roommate can become your best friend, but a bad roommate can be your worst enemy. A good roommate is considerate, flexible, and fun. A good roommate is considerate of your needs. He doesn't make noise when you want to sleep or study. A good roommate is flexible. He can adjust to your habits. |
| 94 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Dancing plays an important role in a culture. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Dancing keeps us connected to our traditions and to each other. It helps us release energy so we can perform our responsibilities at work and school. These are important roles that dancing plays in our culture. | I agree that dancing plays an important role in a culture. It keeps us connected with our traditions, it brings people together, and it helps people release energy. Folk dances keep us connected with our traditions. Dancing brings people together. When we dance, we release energy. |

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| 95 | Some people think governments should spend as much money as possible exploring outer space (for example, traveling to the Moon and to other planets). Other people disagree and think governments should spend this money for our basic needs on Earth. Which of these two opinions do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | Space exploration results in benefits for people everywhere on Earth. It contributes to medical science, to inventions, and to a solution to overpopulation. It is expensive, but the benefits are worth the price. Space exploration is one of the best ways governments can spend our money. | I believe that we should spend whatever money is required to explore outer space. It is true that we have many needs here on Earth, and many problems to solve. Exploring outer space, however, has invaluable benefits for people on Earth. It helps medical research, it leads to useful inventions, and it can help solve our overpopulation problem. I think space exploration is worth the cost. |
| 96 | People have different ways of escaping the stress and difficulties of modern life. Some read; some exercise; others work in their gardens. What do you think are the best ways of reducing stress? Use specific details and examples in your answer. | It is important to try to lead a stress-free life. If you can avoid stress by walking away from it (as at work), talking about it (as with friends), or facing it head on (as with yourself), you will benefit in all aspects of your life. | Stress is one of our biggest enemies. It affects all aspects of our lives. In order to get rid of stress, I first have to identify the cause. My solutions to stress depend on the cause. The most common causes of stress in my life are work, friends, and myself. |
| 97 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers should be paid according to how much their students learn. Give specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | Most teachers, like other professionals, want to do the best job possible. They want to teach their students useful skills and knowledge and they want to help the students who need help. Teachers need encouragement and support, but basing their salary on their students' performance is not a good way to provide this. | It is a bad idea to pay teachers according to how much their students learn. It just encourages teachers to teach only the material on a test. It discourages them from paying attention to slow students. It is unfair because teachers can't decide which students will be in their class. Instead of improving teaching, it keeps teachers from doing the best job they can. |
| 98 | If you were asked to send one thing representing your country to an international exhibition, what would you choose? Why? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice. | You can learn a lot about a country by watching its television programs. You can learn about daily life, values, and education. That is why I would send a week's worth of television programs to an international exhibition. | If I were asked to send one thing representing my country to an international exhibition, I'd send something unexpected: one week's worth of television programming. These programs best represent my country. They show how we live, what we value, and what we teach our children. |
| 99 | You have been told that dormitory rooms at your university must be shared by two students. Would you rather have the university assign a student to share a room with you, or would you rather choose your own roommate? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer. | I think it is a good idea for a university to choose roommates for the students. They can match people who are compatible and give everyone a chance to make new friends. Meeting new people is an important part of a university education, and this is one way to make that happen. | I'd rather have the university assign a roommate to share a room with me. I don't know many people at the university I plan to attend. I'm sure the university will choose a roommate who is compatible with me and this will give me the chance to make new friends. |
| 100 | Some people think that governments should spend as much money as possible on developing or buying computer technology. Other people disagree and think that this money should be spent on more basic needs. Which one of these opinions do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | Computer technology is important. However, we can't take advantage of it if we don't solve some problems first. We need well-educated children, good public transportation, and clean sources of energy before we can spend money on computers. | Developing computer technology is important for the development of the country as a whole. However, we have some basic needs and issues in our country that are even more important than technology. Our children need to get a good education. Our transportation system needs to be improved. We need to develop new sources of energy. We need to work on these issues before we put a lot of money into computers. |
| 101 | Some people like doing work by hand. Others prefer using machines. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | I can depend on machines, but I can't always depend on myself to be fast, neat, and tireless. | I prefer using machines to doing work by hand. Machines can work faster and more nearly than I can, and they never get tired. |

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| 102 | Schools should ask students to evaluate their teachers. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Student evaluations can provide a lot of useful information to a school. They help the teachers, the school administrators, and the students. I think they are a very good idea. | I think it is a good idea for schools to ask students to evaluate their teachers. It is good for the teachers, good for the school administrators, and good for the students themselves. |
| 103 | In your opinion, what is the most important characteristic (for example, honesty, intelligence, a sense of humor) that a person can have to be successful in life? Use specific reasons and examples from your experience to explain your answer. When you write your answer, you are not limited to the examples listed in the prompt. | A sensitive person can make everyone feel comfortable. A sensitive person knows that people are different and that honesty, intelligence, and humor need to be applied to each situation differently. | although honesty, intelligence, and a sense of humor are all worthwhile characteristics, I feel the most important one to have is sensitivity. A sensitive person is aware of the way his or her actions affect others. A sensitive person knows the place of honesty, intelligence, and a sense of humor. |
| 104 | When you write your answer, you are not limited to the examples listed in the question. It is generally agreed that society benefits from the work of its members. Compare the contributions of artists to society with the contributions of scientists to society. Which type of contribution do you think is valued more by your society? Give specific reasons to support your answer. | The contributions of both artists and scientists are valuable to our society. They each contribute to different aspects of our lives. Unfortunately, artists don't always get the recognition they deserve. | Artists and scientists make very different types of contributions to our society, and the contributions of both are valuable. Although the contributions of both are important, however, our society seems to value the contributions of scientists more. |
| 105 | Students at universities often have a choice of places to live. They may choose to live in university dormitories, or they may choose to live in apartments in the community. Compare the advantages of living in university housing with the advantages of living in an apartment in the community. Where would you prefer to live? Give reasons for your preference. | living in an apartment has advantages for some people, but for me dormitory life is much better. It makes daily tasks, meeting new friends, and being involved in university activities much easier. It is a convenient and fun way to live. | I think it is better for university students to live in a dormitory. It makes their lives much easier, it gives them more opportunities to make friends, and it helps them become more involved in the university community. |
| 106 | You need to travel from your home to a place 40 miles (64 kilometers) away. Compare the different kinds of transportation you could use. Tell which method of travel you would choose. Give specific reasons for your choice. | When I consider these points, I must confess that I am spoiled. I prefer the convenience of the car over the exercise of a bike and the virtues of public transportation. I like to go and come when I want to without waiting, even if it costs me more. | When I choose a method of transportation to go 40 miles, I have three common choices: my bike, my parents' car, or public transportation. When I choose among them, I think about how much it will cost, how long it will take, and why I need to go from point A to point B. |
| 107 | Some people believe that a college or university education should be available to all students. Others believe that higher education should be available only to good students. Discuss these views. Which view do you agree with? Explain why. | All students who want to should be given the chance to go to a college or university. In college they will have the opportunity to learn independence and to make adult decisions about their future. This is a basic part of education and an experience every student should have. | Some people believe that only the best students should go to a college or university, but I don't. Academies are not the only purpose of a university education. Another important goal is to learn about yourself. When you are separated from your parents, you have to learn to be independent and make decisions about your future. I believe every student should have the opportunity to have this kind of experience. |
| 108 | Some people believe that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the advice of family and friends. Other people believe that the best way of learning about life is through personal experience. Compare the advantages of these two different ways of learning about life. Which do you think is preferable? Use specific examples to support your preference. | The advice of other people can be very helpful. It isn't much good, however, if we don't have our own experiences to compare it to. I like to ask other people for advice, but I always pay attention to my own experience first. | Both learning through personal experience and learning through the advice of others can help you a lot in life. I think learning through personal experience comes first. However, no one can teach you how to get along with other people, how to judge your own abilities, or how to understand who you are. You can learn this only through experience. |

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| 109 | When people move to another country, some of them decide to follow the customs of the new country. Others prefer to keep their own customs. Compare these two choices. Which one do you prefer? Support your answer with specific details. | If you want to be successful in a new country, you have to adapt to its customs. You also need to maintain some of your own customs because they are part of who you are. The important thing is to find a good balance between the two. | When you move to another country, you have to change some of your customs of daily living. For example, you will have to make some changes in your language, your food, and your work habits. It is also important, however, to maintain some of your old customs because they are part of your identity. |
| 110 | Some people prefer to spend most of their time alone. Others like to be with friends most of the time. Do you prefer to spend your time alone or with friends? Use specific reasons to support your answer. | Friends make our lives richer. They keep us company, share their problems and experiences with us, and teach us many things. Life would be sad and lonely without friends. | I cannot understand people who like to be alone. I always choose to be with friends whenever possible. My friends keep me company, they are enjoyable to talk with, and they teach me new things. I always feel good when I spend time with friends. |
| 111 | Some people prefer to spend time with one or two close friends. Others choose to spend time with a large number of friends. Compare the advantages of each choice. Which of these two ways of spending time do you prefer? Use specific reasons to support your answer. | I like to have a lot of friends around me. I like to have fun with them and to learn from them and to know that I can rely on them. My life is better because of all the friends I have. | We all need to have friends, and I think the more friends we have the better. When you have a lot of friends, you are never alone. You always have people who will entertain you, people you can trust, and people who teach you about life. |
| 112 | Some people think that children should begin their formal education at a very early age and should spend most of their time on school studies. Others believe that young children should spend most of their time playing. Compare these two views. Which view do you agree with? Why? | Children can learn a lot from formal education and they can learn a lot from play. Parents need to make sure that the time their children spend in school is quality time. They need to make sure that the time their children spend at play is also quality time. Then they can feel assured that their children are getting the experiences they need to learn and grow. | Should a child spend more time on school studies or more time on play? The answer to this question depends on the quality of the school and the quality of the play. Wherever children spend their time, they should be active participants, not passive observers. |
| 113 | Some people think that your community would be a good place to locate the university. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a new university in your community. Use specific details in your discussion. | A university would bring many advantages to our city, but it would also have some big disadvantages. The fact is, we already have two universities here and I don't think we need any more. | A university can contribute a lot of good things to a city, but it also brings some disadvantages. If we built a university here, it would bring jobs, culture, and interesting new people to our town. On the other hand, it would also destroy land, cause traffic problems, and be a burden on city services. There are two sides to every story. |
| 114 | Some people think that the family is the most important influence on young adults. Other people think that friends are the most important influence on young adults. Which view do you agree with? Use examples to support your position. | Without my family, I wouldn't know what to do. I wouldn't feel as secure. I might not have the ambition to go to school. I probably would be afraid to love. My family is my greatest influence. | Although friends make an impression on your life, they do not have the same influence that your family has. Nothing is as important to me as my family. From them, I learned everything that is important. I learned about trust, ambition, and love. |
| 115 | Some people prefer to plan activities for their free time very carefully. Others choose not to make any plans at all for their free time. Compare the benefits of planning free-time activities with the benefits of not making plans. Which do you prefer - planning or not planning for your leisure time? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your choice. | It's always best to plan anything ahead of time. I think it is especially important to plan free time, because my free time is my best time. I want to enjoy every minute of it. | My free time is very valuable. I don't have a lot of free time, so I want to be sure to spend every minute of it well. Therefore, I always try to make plans ahead of time. In this way I don't waste any of my free time. I have a chance to make any necessary preparations, and I can invite my friends to join me. |

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| 116 | People learn in different ways. Some people learn by doing things; other people learn by reading about things; others learn by listening to people talk about things. Which of these methods of learning is best for you? Use specific examples to support your choice. | We all have our own learning styles. for me, it is clear that I learn best by doing things. It is the only way I can really focus my attention on information, understand it, and remember it. | I have never been able to learn well from reading or from listening to someone talk. My mind wanders and I can't grasp the situation. The best way for me to learn is by doing things. It helps me understand and remember information better, and it is much more interesting for me than reading and listening. |
| 117 | Some people choose friends who are different from themselves. Others choose friends who are similar to themselves. Compare the advantages of having friends who are different from you with the advantages of having friends who are similar to you. Which kind of friend do you prefer for yourself? Why? | Friends who are different from you have a lot to offer. Friends who are similar offer something else. That is why it is important to know all kinds of people. | There are a lot of advantages to having friends who are different from you. They can introduce you to new food, books, and music. They can present you with a different way of looking at the world. However, there are times when you need a friend who really understands you. That is why I enjoy having all kinds of friends- both those who are different from me and those who are similar. |
| 118 | Some people enjoy change, and they look forward to new experiences. Others like their lives to stay the same, and they do not change their usual habits. Compare these two approaches to life. Which approach do you prefer? Explain why. | In conclusion, my preferences have changed with the circumstances of my life. Now, my family's needs force me to have a routine. The stability of a household routine is better for me now, even though I preferred the excitement and adventure of change when I was young. I think the people you spend your time with often dictate your lifestyle. | It is true that some people prefer things to stay the same while others prefer change. My preference is to establish a routine and follow it, although this has not always been true of me. My circumstances have changed since I was young. When I was younger, I enjoyed change. During school vacations I was free from responsibility. These days, I enjoy following a routine. It makes my life easier because I am the mother of two small children. |
| 119 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People behave differently when they wear different clothes. Do you agree that different clothes influence the way people behave? Use specific examples to support your answer. | Clothes don't change you into a different person, but they can make you behave differently. If you are dressed inappropriately for a situation, people will react to you in a different way. This reaction can, in turn, change your behavior. If you want good reactions from people, make sure to dress appropriately for every situation. | People behave differently depending on what they are wearing. The reason is not because they have changed, but because people's reactions to them have changed. Strangers react to your appearance because it is all they know about you. A friend may be influenced by your dress also, if it is inappropriate for a situation. In addition, appearance is almost always important at work. |
| 120 | Decisions can be made quickly, or they can be made after careful thought. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The decisions that people make quickly are always wrong. Use reasons and specific examples to support your opinion. | Not all decisions need to be made carefully. We can usually rely on familiar situation and instinct to guide us in making quick decisions. We need to stop and think more carefully, however, when we make decisions in more difficult circumstances. | I don't agree that quick decisions are always wrong. Sometimes they can be the best decisions we make. A quick decision made about a familiar situation is usually correct. Quick decisions based on a gut feeling, or instinct, can usually be relied on. |
| 121 | Some people trust their first impressions about a person's character because they believe these judgments are generally correct. Other people do not judge a person's character quickly because they believe first impressions are often wrong. Compare these two attitudes. Which attitude do you agree with? Support your choice with specific examples. | If we all based our final opinion of others on first impressions, we would save ourselves a lot of time. We would probably have more opportunities to meet other people we have more common with. First impressions provide us with enough insight to a person's character to indicate if a further friendship is possible. | Some people think it is unfair to judge others based on first impressions, but I disagree. People can show us who they really are in just a few minutes. Even if someone is having an unusually bad day, it is still easy to see their true character. If I don't like someone at first, I don't want to waste time being friendly just because he or she might change later. First impressions give us valuable information. By: Ali Sepahvand Wed, 8 Nov. 2017 |

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| 122 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People are never satisfied with what they have; they always want something more or something different. Use specific reasons to support your answer. | It is part of the cycle of life to never be entirely satisfied with what we have. This is actually a good human quality because it pushes us on to each new stage of life. Without dissatisfactions, we would probably always stay in the same place. | I believe that it is part of human nature to never be completely satisfied with what we have. This is true throughout our entire lives, from the time we are small children, through adolescence, and on into adulthood. We are always trying to have something more or better or different than what we already have. |
| 123 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should read only those books that are about real events, real people, and established facts. Use specific reasons and details to support your opinion. | It is important to learn facts, but it is also important to develop creativity and explore feelings. Reading fiction as well as nonfiction helps us do this. We should all read a wide range of things to deepen our understanding of ourselves and of the world around us. | It is just as important to read fiction as nonfiction. Fiction can actually teach us about real things. It also helps develop our creativity and express our emotions. These things are just as important as learning about facts. |
| 124 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important for students to study history and literature than it is for them to study science and mathematics. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | Our society values science and math, so it is important to develop skills in these areas. If you have a science or math background, you are sure to get a good job, have lots of social prestige, and earn a good salary. faced with this fact, who would want to study anything else? | In my opinion, it is much more important for students to study science and mathematics than it is for them to study history and literature. Science and mathematics are much more practical. It is easier to get a job with science and math skills. Scientists and mathematicians have more social prestige, and they can earn higher salaries. |
| 125 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All students should be required to study art and music in secondary school. Use specific reasons to support your answer. | By studying art and music in high school, students begin to understand themselves as well as their own culture and other cultures. What could have more value than that? | I agree that all students should be required to study art and music in high school. Art and music can teach us many things. They can teach us about ourselves, about our society, and about the world we live in. |
| 126 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? There is nothing that young people can teach older people. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position. | I know there are people who say, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." However, it is plain to me that the young have plenty to teach the old if they take the time to try. When they do, I think both gain a new appreciation for each other. | Many of us believe that young people have nothing valuable to teach older people. However, that is not always the case. Young people can teach older people about technology, popular culture, and current social issues. |
| 127 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Reading fiction (such as novels and short stories) is more enjoyable than watching movies. Use specific reasons and examples to explain your position. | Movies are fun, but books are better. Books keep the reader involved and entertained. Books can be read at any time or place. I never go anywhere without a book. | Reading fiction is definitely more enjoyable than watching movies. Written stories have more depth than movies. Readers are more actively involved in the stories, and they can read their stories at any time and place they choose. |
| 128 | Some people say that physical exercise should be a required part of every school day. Other people believe that students should spend the whole school day on academic studies. Which opinion do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | It is important to get plenty of physical exercise, and young people usually do this. They don't need the school to focus effort and money on their physical education. It is much better to direct the school's resources toward academic achievement. | While physical exercise is important, I do not believe that it is a school's responsibility to provide physical training for its students. If physical exercise is part of the school program, that means that students have to receive grades for it and that the school has to pay for the necessary space and equipment. This seems a waste of effort and resources when students can usually get enough physical exercise on their own. |
| 129 | A university plans to develop a new research center in your country. Some people want a center for business research. Other people want a center for research in agriculture (farming). Which of these two kinds of research centers do you recommend for your country? Use specific reasons in your recommendation. | An agricultural research center would benefit everybody. We would all have more food to eat, agricultural exports would help our economy, and the farmers' standard of living would improve. | Business research and education is already well developed in my country, so I recommend an agricultural research center. Farmers in my country still follow old-fashioned methods. We need to do research to learn how to grow more crops, grow disease-resistant crops, and educate farmers in modern methods so they can raise their standard of living. |

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| 130 | Some young children spend a great amount of their time practicing sports. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Playing sports is an important part of a child's development. Other activities, however, are equally important. Adults should encourage children to find a balance between different types of activities in their lives. | Participating in sports is good for children. It helps them stay in good physical shape, it helps them learn teamwork, and helps them learn to develop excellence. However, too much of a good thing is never good, and children need to balance sports with other types of activities. |
| 131 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Only people who earn a lot of money are successful. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | When we think of history, there are few people we remember simply because they were rich. Overall, we remember people who did something with their lives-they were influential in politics, or contributed to science or art or religion. If history is the ultimate judge of success, then money surely isn't everything. | Many people believe that a large income equals success. I believe, however, that success is more than how much money you make. Some of those measures of success include fame, respect, and knowledge. |
| 132 | If you could invent something new, what product would you develop? Use specific details to explain why this invention is needed. | Wouldn't it be great to go to bed every night knowing you'd have no problem getting to sleep? Getting enough sleep is always going to be an important part of how you respond to your situation. I think this device would be very helpful to all of us. | If I could invent something new, I'd invent a device or pill that could put people to sleep immediately and would have no side effects. The proper amount of sleep is important for our concentration, mental health, and physical health. |
| 133 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A person's childhood years (the time from birth to twelve years of age) are the most important years of a person's life. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | I believe a person grows and changes throughout the many stages of life. However, the foundation is laid, by and large, in those first few years of life. | I think I'd have to agree that a person's childhood years are the most important. These are the years that form us. During these years we learn about relationships, begin our formal education, and develop our moral sense of right and wrong. |
| 134 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should be required to help with household tasks as soon as they are able to do so. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Kids should not work all the time. A happy life needs balance. But if they can successfully handle tasks at home, they will handle life better, too. They will know the satisfaction of doing a good job, be involved in family life, and become more confident and responsible adults. | I believe that children should be required to help with household tasks. It helps them learn skills and responsibility, and it helps the family. Sharing in household tasks benefits children of all ages. |
| 135 | Some high schools require all students to wear school uniforms. Other high schools permit students to decide what to wear to school. Which of these two school policies do you think is better? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | It is my opinion that all schools should have a policy requiring uniforms. Uniforms give every student an equal chance. | Many high schools require students to wear uniforms. I think this is an excellent policy because uniforms can make things more equal for all students. When all the students dress alike, no one will be treated differently because of economic level, personal looks, or who his or her friends are. |
| 136 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing a game is fun only when you win. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | I play games because they are fun. Playing games gives me the opportunity to do things that I enjoy and be with people that I like. You can't win every time, but you can always have fun. | I agree with the old saying. "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." I have fun playing all games because they give me time to be with my friends, learn new things, and work as a team. |
| 137 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? High schools should allow students to study the courses that students want to study. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | When students are allowed to choose some of their subjects, they get a chance to explore their interests and goals and raise responsibility for themselves. This is an important part of education. | I think the basic subjects, such as mathematics, literature, and science, should be required for all students. However, I also believe it is important to allow high school students to choose some of the subjects they study. In this way, they get to explore subjects they might want to study in college. They also get a chance to learn responsibility and to take some subjects just because they like them. |

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| 138 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better to be a member of a group than to be the leader of a group. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | It is better to be a leader because a leader has a more interesting and challenging role than a follower. A leader will always strive to do his or her best, while a follower may not be motivated to do this. I like to be challenged and I want to do my best, so I prefer being a leader. | It is always better to be a leader than a follower. It is a much more interesting role to have. Leaders have skills and a chance to use them, they are constantly challenged to do the best job possible, and they are responsible for their actions. Followers, on the other hand, only have to follow and do what they are told. |
| 139 | What do you consider to be the most important room in a house? Why is this room more important to you than any other room? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | For me, many happy things happen and have happened in kitchens. When I have my own house, I will be sure that the kitchen is the biggest and most beautiful room in it. | My Favorite room in a house is the kitchen. I love kitchens because they are the place where the family gathers and where food is prepared, and I have many happy memories of kitchens. |
| 140 | Some items (such as clothes or furniture) can be made by hand or by machine. Which do you prefer - items made by hand or items made by machine? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your choice. | Handmade items look nice, but they aren't at all practical. Machine-made items are easier to buy and to dispose of when you are finished with them. I always choose machine-made items. | Some people prefer to buy handmade items because of their beauty. I don't think this is important, however, I prefer machine-made items. Machine-made items are cheaper, more available, and easier to dispose of. |
| 141 | If you could make one important change in a school that you attended, what change would you make? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. | Understanding people from other countries depends on being able to communicate with them. Poor language instruction makes this impossible. Improving the foreign language program would really make a difference to the students of the school. | A big problem at my high school is the foreign language program. This program is neglected in favor of the math and science program, but I think it is just as important. The school can improve it by offering more classes, hiring well-trained instructors, and introducing the use of modern technology. By: Ali Sepahvand Wed, 8 Nov. 2017 |
| 142 | A gift (such as a camera, a soccer ball, or an animal) can contribute to a child's development. What gift would you give to help a child develop? Why? Use reasons and specific examples to support your choice. | My bicycle gave me fun exercise, easy transportation, and freedom. For all these reasons, I think that a bicycle is a good gift that can help a child develop. | I remember the bicycle my sister gave me when I was ten years old. That bike meant a lot to me. It meant physical activity, transportation, and independence. If I wanted to give a gift to a child now, I would give a bicycle. |
| 143 | Some people believe that students should be given one long vacation each year. Others believe that students should have several short vacations throughout the year. Which viewpoint do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. | I think shorter, more frequent vacations help students make better use of both their school time and their vacation time. It is a plan that every school should adopt. | I think several short vacations throughout the year are better than one long vacation. Students can concentrate on their studies better if they have more frequent breaks. Frequent breaks also make it easier to get a fresh start when necessary. Finally, I think students can make better use of their vacation time if it is shorter. |
| 144 | Would you prefer to live in a traditional house or in a modern apartment building? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. | It is much easier and more comfortable to live in a modern apartment. I don't know why anybody would want to live in a traditional house. A modern apartment is much easier to maintain than a traditional house. | A modern apartment building is the best kind of place to live. Everything in it is new, everything works, and it is much easier to maintain than a traditional house. In a modern apartment building everything is new and in good condition. Since everything in a modern apartment is new, you can be sure it all works. |
| 145 | Some people say that advertising encourages us to buy things that we really do not need. Others say that advertisements tell us about new products that may improve our lives. Which viewpoint do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Advertisements improve our lives by keeping us informed about the latest product developments and the best prices. Advertisements serve a useful purpose. | The purpose of advertising is to let people know what products are on the market. We need it so that we can make good decisions when we go shopping. Advertising tells us when new and improved products become available and lets us know which ones have the best price. |

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| 146 | Some people prefer to spend their free time outdoors. Other people prefer to spend their leisure time indoors. Would you prefer to be outside or would you prefer to be inside for your leisure activities? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your choice. | I am usually bored indoors, but I always enjoy the things I do and the people I meet when I am outdoors. Doing things outdoors is the most interesting way for me to spend my time. | I prefer to spend my leisure time outdoors whenever possible. It is more interesting and relaxing than staying indoors. Being outdoors gives me the opportunity to see new sights, try new things, and meet new people. |
| 147 | Your school has received a gift of money. What do you think is the best way for your school to spend this money? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. | New classroom equipment will motivate both students and community members to improve their participation in school. Everyone will benefit from new equipment now and in the future as well. Therefore, I think this is one of the best ways we can spend a gift of money to our school. | Our school has many needs, but I think the best way to spend a gift of money is on new classroom equipment. Our school is old. We don't have enough desks and chairs for all the students and our classroom furniture is out of repair. If we buy new equipment, the students will feel better and want to work hard. The community will take pride in our school. New equipment will last a long time, so we will feel the benefit of the gift for many years. |
| 148 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing games teaches us about life. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Most people understand that 'all work and no play' is bad for you. Learning all these things would be much slower if we didn't play games. Life would be much duller, too. | Almost everyone loves games. Playing games is both fun and useful because they teach us the skills we need in life. They teach us about cause-and-effect, about how to deal with people, and about following rules. |
| 149 | Imagine that you have received some land to use as you wish. How would you use this land? Use specific details to explain your answer. | A campground would provide an inexpensive and enjoyable place for families and friends to spend time together. It would be a great asset to our town. I think it would be a very good way to use land. | I would like to use my land for something that everyone can enjoy. Therefore, I would build a campground on it. Right now we don't have any good places for outdoor recreation in my town. A campground would be an inexpensive place for outdoor recreation and would provide activities that everybody would enjoy. |
| 150 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Watching television is bad for children. Use specific details and examples to support your answer. | Television can educate and entertain, but it also gives a distorted view of the world. It generally does not encourage healthful, intelligent, or moral living. It should not be a big part of any child's life. | I think television is very bad for children. It is bad for their health, it is bad for their minds, and it is bad for their values. They should rarely be allowed to watch it. |
| 151 | What is the most important animal in your country? Why is the animal important? Use reasons and specific details to explain your answer. | Dogs provide companionship to many people. They also assist and protect people. Most people in my country love dogs and appreciate the ways in which they can help us. This is why I think the dog is the most important animal in my country. | The most important animal in my country is the dog. Almost everybody in my country has, or has had, a dog in his or her life. Dogs provide us with companionship, assistance, and protection. Most people like having dogs around. |
| 152 | Many parts of the world are losing important natural resources, such as forests, animals, or clean water. Choose one resource that is disappearing and explain why it needs to be saved. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | Trees are important to our lives in many ways. Without trees, we wouldn't be able to breathe, we wouldn't have certain medicines, and we wouldn't be able to grow food. You could say that our survival depends on them. | An important resource that is disappearing is our trees. Thousands of acres of trees are lost every year all around the world. They are cut down for fuel or to make room for new houses and shopping centers. We need to save trees because they help us breathe, they provide us with medicine, and they protect our soil. |
| 153 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A zoo has no useful purpose. Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer. | Zoos should provide animals with safe, clean, and comfortable homes. It is expensive to run a zoo properly, but it is worth it for the educational and research opportunities they provide. | Many people believe that zoos are unnecessary, harmful, and even cruel. If properly managed, however, I feel that zoos have a lot of value. They are educational, contribute to scientific research, and generate interest in environmental concerns. |

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| 154 | some countries, people are no longer allowed to smoke in many public places and office buildings. Do you think this is a good rule or a bad rule? Use specific reasons and details to support your position. | It is true that smoking is bothersome to many people, and some people are even allergic to it. It isn't fair, however, to take away smokers' rights just because some people don't like it. It is possible for smokers and nonsmokers to share public space. It is the only fair thing to do. | It is not fair to ban smoking in public places. It is not fair to take away smokers' rights or ability to relax. Since it is possible to have special smoking (or nonsmoking) areas to protect nonsmokers, there is no reason to ban smoking in public. |
| 155 | Plants can provide food, shelter, clothing, or medicine. What is one kind of plant that is important to you or the people in your country? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice. | The coconut tree is a very versatile and useful plant. It is a tree that has served our country well. We use the fronds of the coconut tree to provide ourselves with shelter. The walls and roofs of many houses are covered with coconut fronds. | The coconut tree is a very important plant in my country. Coconut tree plantations are important sources of revenue, food, and shelter. Our country earns a lot of money from the export of coconut tree products such as copra, coconuts, coconut oil, and coconut milk. We not only export the food products of the coconut tree; we eat them ourselves too. |
| 156 | You have the opportunity to visit a foreign country for two weeks. Which country would you like to visit? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice. | Iceland is a unique place. It would be wonderful to have the opportunity to visit there, to see the wonderful sights, and learn about the history. Maybe some day I really will be able to go. | If I could visit any foreign country, I would go to Iceland. I imagine it is unlike any place I have seen before. In the middle of the summer the sun never sets. I would like to see that and the interesting scenery and learn more about Iceland's history. |
| 157 | In the future, students may have the choice of studying at home by using technology such as computers or television or of studying at traditional schools. Which would you prefer? Use reasons and specific details to explain your choice. | Some people can study very well when they are alone at home, but I can't. I need to have other people near me. When I am with other people, I have the possibility to learn more information. I have the opportunity to develop my ideas more completely. I have the motivation to do a better job. Therefore, school is the best place for me. | I believe that it is better to study at school than at home. I can learn a lot if I study alone at home, but I can learn more if I study at school with other people. I can gain a lot of information from other people. I also learn a lot by interacting with them. I am motivated to study more if I don't work alone. Therefore, I believe I can learn a lot more at school. |
| 158 | When famous people such as actors, athletes and rock stars give their opinions, many people listen. Do you think we should pay attention to these opinions? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | We admire famous people for their achievements in their fields. This doesn't mean, however, that we should listen to their opinions about everything. We have the opinions of experts, of our friends and relatives, and of ourselves to examine, also. Often, these are the more important opinions to pay attention to. | Many people pay attention to the opinions of actors, athletes, and rock stars just because they are famous. Clearly this isn't a good idea. The opinions of famous people are not any better than those of ordinary people, and are certainly not as important as an expert's opinion. In addition, if we pay too much attention to fame, we might not hear what someone is really saying, |
| 159 | The twentieth century saw great change. In your opinion, what is one change that should be remembered about the twentieth century? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice. | Everybody needs good health in order to have a good quality of life. Advances in medical science have improved the lives of people all around the world. They are improvements that are important to everyone. | There were many important changes, both technological and cultural, during the twentieth century. In my opinion, the most important of these is the advances that were made in medical science. The development of vaccines and antibiotics, increased access to health care, and improvements in surgical techniques are all things that improved, and saved, the lives of people all around the world. |
| 160 | When people need to complain about a product or poor service, some prefer to complain in writing and others prefer to complain in person. Which way do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Writing a letter gives me a chance to organize my thoughts and control my emotions. It also provides me with documentations. This is why I prefer to make complaints in writing. | When I make a complaint about a defective product or poor service, I prefer to make my complaint in writing. It is easier to organize my thoughts this way and it is easier to control my emotions. Most important, it gives me written proof, just in case I need it. |

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| 161 | People remember special gifts or presents that they have received. Why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Gifts are important to us because they remind us of the special people, events, and interests of our lives. They are a way of surrounding ourselves with our past. | I think we remember special gifts we've received because these gifts often hold special memories for us. They may be memories of special people, of special events, or even of ourselves as we once were in the past. |
| 162 | Some famous athletes and entertainers earn millions of dollars every year. Do you think these people deserve such high salaries? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. | Famous people work hard to entertain us, and then they lose their privacy. They contribute a lot to our lives. They deserve to earn a lot of money. | Famous athletes and entertainers earn a lot of money and they deserve it. They work hard to achieve fame, they provide us with good entertainment, and they give up their privacy in order to do this. I think they deserve every cent they get. |
| 163 | Is the ability to read and write more important today than in the past? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | The Internet will force us all to be literate not only in reading and writing, but also with computers. Today, we must be skilled readers and writers to be successful in the high-tech world. | Today more than at any time in the history of the world it is important to be able to read and write. This change has been brought about by the Internet, which we use to communicate with one another, to get our news, and to buy products. |
| 164 | People do many different things to stay healthy. What do you do for good health? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | By eating healthfully, exercising regularly, and spending time with my friends, I can keep both my mind and body healthy. Fortunately, I like to do all these things so I am a very healthy person. | Our health is the only thing we really have in the world. You can take away our money, our house, or our clothes, and we can survive. Take away our health and we will die. That is why I eat healthfully, exercise regularly, and keep up my social life. |
| 165 | You have decided to give several hours of your time each month to improve the community where you live. What is one thing you will do to improve your community? Why? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice. | By volunteering to help children learn to read, I help them not only today, but for the rest of their lives. I help them keep up with their peers and explore the world and themselves through books. | Volunteering a few hours each week is an important way of investing in the future of our society. I choose to spend my time helping children learn to read. Developing good reading skills will help poor readers keep up with their classmates, open new worlds to them, and help them succeed in life. |
| 166 | People recognize a difference between children and adults. What events (experiences or ceremonies) make a person an adult? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer. | The world looks on people as adults when they have had certain experiences. These are experiences that give people the chance to be independent and responsible. | It is not only age but also experience that makes people adults. The world looks at people as adults when they have had certain experiences. These experiences include graduation from school, having a job, and getting married. By: Ali Sepahvand Wed, 8 Nov. 2017 |
| 167 | Your school has enough money to purchase either computers for students or books for the library. Which should your school choose to buy - computers or books? Use specific reasons and examples to support your recommendation | If we buy more computers for our school, all the students will have access to the latest information. They will be able to do their work more quickly and they will learn important skills, too. For these reasons, I feel that purchasing computers will benefit us more than buying books. | Our school already has books in its library and it already has computers. However, I think buying more computers is more important than buying more books. Computers provide access to more information than books, and they provide it more quickly. Also, in this modern world, every student needs to learn how to use computers skillfully. We need computers more than we need books. |
| 168 | Many students choose to attend schools or universities outside their home countries. Why do some students study abroad? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer. | Study abroad can be enriching. Not only can we learn a new language and understand more about a different culture, but we can learn more about ourselves, too. At the same time, of course, we get an education in the formal sense. Study abroad is a complete educational experience. | Although students can get a good education in most subjects in their home countries, it is important to study abroad for at least part of one's college education. By studying abroad, students have the chance to learn a new language, to become familiar with another culture, and to grow in different ways. |
| 169 | People listen to music for different reasons and at different times. Why is music important to many people? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. | Music brings a lot to our lives in terms of emotions, connections, and beauty. No culture has ever been without it. | Music has been a part of people's lives since the time civilization began. I think music is important because it helps us express our emotions, it helps us feel connected to others, and also simply because it is a beautiful thing. |

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| 170 | Groups or organizations are an important part of some people's lives. Why are groups or organizations important to people? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer. | Family groups, religious groups, and political groups all serve a similar function in our lives. They help us feel as if we belong. | Groups or organizations are an important part of our lives because we are social people. We like to be with people who are similar to us. The most important groups for us are families, religious organizations, and political organizations. |
| 171 | Imagine that you are preparing for a trip. You plan to be away from your home for a year. In addition to clothing and personal care items, you can take one additional thing. What would you take and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. | For me a cell phone is a necessity. On my trip I will need it when I feel lonely, when I need advice, and when I want to talk with friends. Of course, the phone bill will be sent to my parents. | If I leave my home for a year, there is one thing I will definitely take with me: my cell phone. With my cell phone, I can call my friends or family whenever I feel lonely, need advice, or just want to talk. |
| 172 | When students move to a new school, they sometimes face problems. How can schools help these students with their problems? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer. | School administrators, counselors, and teachers can do a lot to help students adjust to their new school. It isn't easy, but it pays off with happier, more successful students in the end. | When students go to a new school, they often have a problem fitting in. They don't know how the school operates and they don't have any friends. The school administrators, the school counselors, and the teachers can do a lot to help new students become part of the community. |
| 173 | It is sometimes said that borrowing money from a friend can harm or damage the friendship. Do you agree? Why or why not? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your answer. | People all have different ideas about money and it can cause a lot of problems. It is better to borrow money from people you don't know well, such as bankers. Then, if necessary, you can have problems with them, and maintain good relationships with your friends. | It is not a good idea to borrow money from a friend. It is not fair to the friend. It is hard for a friend to say no, to admit that she doesn't have enough money, or to ask for her money back when she needs it. |
| 174 | Every generation of people is different in important ways. How is your generation different from your parents' generation? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer. | Modern technology has made a big difference in the way we work, in our understanding of the world, and in the expectations we have of friends and colleagues. It has completely changed the way we live. The world of my generation is a different place than it was for my parents' generation. | The one thing that makes the difference between my parents' generation and my own is modern technology. When my parents were growing up, they had TV, radio, and cars, but they didn't have the amount of technology we have now. They didn't have personal computers, they didn't have satellite TV, and they didn't have cell phones. |
| 175 | Some students like classes where teachers lecture (do all of the talking) in class. Other students prefer classes where the students do some of the talking. Which type of class do you prefer? Give specific reasons and details to support your choice. | I hope I can always study at a school where they use the lecture system. I like it because I am used to it. I also want to learn information in the most efficient manner possible, and I don't want to interrupt a teacher with my foolish questions. | In my country, the lecture system is the most common system. It is the one I prefer for three reasons: I am used to it, it is an efficient system, and I am too shy to talk in class. |
| 176 | Holidays honor people or events. If you could create a new holiday, what person or event would it honor and how would you want people to celebrate it? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. | The United Nations has done a lot of work to promote world peace and provide basic human needs. This work is important to all of us. It needs to be recognized, supported, and celebrated. | October 24 is United Nations Day. This day is noted on calendars, but it is not generally observed as a holiday around the world. I want the entire world to celebrate the birth of the United Nations because of its attempts to promote peace and provide basic needs to people everywhere. United Nations Day should be a day to learn about the UN and about our neighbors around the world. |
| 177 | A friend of yours has received some money and plans to use all of it either * to go on vacation * to buy a car Your friend has asked you for advice. Compare your friend's two choices and explain which one you think your friend should choose. Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. | My friend shouldn't waste his money on a vacation. It isn't practical, it doesn't last, and he can't share it with me. Buying a car is the best use for his money. | I advise my friend to spend his money on a car. A car is a much better investment. It is useful, it lasts a long time, and, most of all, my friend can use it to take me places. |

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| 178 | The 21st century has begun. What changes do you think this new century will bring? Use examples and details in your answer. | Whatever the changes may be, whether in the way we receive information, the way nations cooperate with one another, or the way families are defined, you can be sure that there will be more change. Change is a constant. | The 21st century will bring many changes. Some of these changes have already begun. Some of the biggest changes of the new century will be in the areas of access to information, international relations, and family structure. |
| 179 | What are some of the qualities of a good parent? Use specific details and examples to explain your answer. | Without my parents' love, I would not feel confident. Without their trust, I would not feel free to do what I want. Without their respect, I would not feel comfortable on my own. All children should have such wonderful parents. | I am fortunate to have good parents, so it is easy for me to identify the qualities that make them good. These qualities are unconditional love, trust, and respect for me and my brothers and sisters. |
| 180 | Movies are popular all over the world. Explain why movies are so popular. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. | Even though my life is quiet, I can go to the movies and watch someone else's life. I can share their emotions and their everyday life. I wonder if they would like to share mine. | Movies are popular because people are great watchers. We like to watch other People's lives. By going to the movies we can bring excitement into our lives, express our emotions, and imagine ourselves as someone else. |
| 181 | In your country, is there more need for land to be left in its natural condition or is there more need for land to be developed for housing and industry? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Our economy is growing so we need to build many things. We need to build new factories, houses, and stores. This is the most important use for land in my country today. | in my country we need to use land for building. Our country is developing and our industrial sector is growing. People are moving to the cities. We need to build more factories, houses, and stores. |
| 182 | Many people have a close relationship with their pets. These people treat their birds, cats, or other animals as members of their family. In your opinion, are such relationships good? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | Pets give us a lot and they deserve our care and attention. It is never a good idea to go to extremes, however. It is important to balance your pet's needs with your own. | Pets are important because they provide us with companionship and even with love. It is not good, however, to have too close a relationship with a pet, or to treat it like a human being. Devoting too much attention to pets can prevent you from focusing on other activities and on relationships with people. It can also be a waste of money. |
| 183 | Films can tell us a lot about the country where they were made. What have you learned about a country from watching its movies? Use specific examples and details to support your response. | The movies I've seen make it clear to me that no matter what the cultural differences are between countries, people everywhere have the same basic needs and goals. | When I watch movies from other countries, I realize that people everywhere really are similar. We may have different languages and cultures, but we all want to get an education, need to make a living, and like to have fun. |
| 184 | Some students prefer to study alone. Others prefer to study with a group of students. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. | I look forward to being with my friends, so I look forward to studying when I study with them. The group helps me study better and learn more. Studying with a group is the best way for me. | I don't like to study alone. I almost always prefer to study with a group of students. This helps me learn the material better, it keeps me focused, and it's fun, too. |
| 185 | You have enough money to purchase either a house or a business. Which would you choose to buy? Give specific reasons to explain your choice. | A house is just one thing, but a business is so much more. A good business would give me the opportunity to buy a house, travel, and help my parents. Buying a business is an investment for the future. | If I had enough money, I would purchase a business, not a house. A house is only a place to live, but a business is much more. With a business, I could earn enough money to buy a house and do other things as well. I could travel, for example, and I could help my family, too. |