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Q116. Today, people have a poorer diet than people had in the past, Why or why not?

Q117. If there is one food you haven't tried but would like to, what is it?

Q118. College education should be free

Q119. If there is a habit you would like to quit, what is it?

Q120. Which family member do you have the closest relationship with?

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- Q121. Which season—winter, spring, summer, or fall—is your favorite? Why?
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- Q144. What do you do to help yourself feel better when you are sad?

- Q145. Is it a good idea to loan money to friends? Why or why not?
- Q146. Is it important to have expensive but beautiful things, such as fancy cars and designer label clothes?
- Q147. What is your favorite type of exercise?
- Q148. Which is more important in choosing a friend, honesty or look?
- Q149. If there was a fire or some other type of disaster in your house, what would you take with you? Why?
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- Q185. What are more effective rewards, intrinsic rewards, such as praise, or extrinsic rewards, such as money?
- Q186. What custom or tradition that is unique to your country
- Q187. Which person do you depend on for advice when dealing with a problem?
- Q188. Name a place that you have visited in your country that you would recommend to others to visit
- Q189. Of all the types of weather, rainy, sunny, snowy, etc., which is your favorite type of weather?
- Q190. If you're given a month of leisure to do whatever you'd like to do, what would you do in that month?
- Q191. What is your most memorable moment that you have experienced in school?
- Q192. Compare the advantages of positive rewards against the advantages of negative punishments
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- Q195. Describe a peculiar dream of yours
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- Q198. Do you prefer learning about movies before you see them or not knowing anything about them and being surprised?
- Q199. What must be considered when choosing a job or career?
- Q200. If you had the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, what would you learn?
- Q201. Describe an experience of going on a picnic with your school

- Q202. Describe how you dress. Why do you dress this way?
- Q203. Describe your favorite holiday. Why is it your favorite holiday?
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- Q208. What type of music do you like the most?
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- Q210. What would wish for if you had one wish?
- Q211. Some parents give their children money on a monthly basis. At what age should children receive an allowance and how much should they receive?
- Q212. Who do you like the better, athletes or entertainers?
- Q213. Describe your most unforgettable day. Why will you never forget this day?
- Q214. Who will you remember the most after you finish school, your friends or your teachers?
- Q215. Describe your idea of a happy life
- Q216. Which genre of books do you enjoy reading the most? Why?
- Q217. Which fruit do you like the most? Why?
- Q218. What is your favorite TV show and why?
- Q219. What is your favorite movie and why?
- Q220. Compare the advantages and the disadvantages of Smart Phones
- Q221. Which option is healthier, eating three large meals a day or eating four to five small meals a day?
- Q222. If you could win a lot of money, how much would you win and why?
- Q223. We are continuously learning and doing new things in life and often times we fail at our first attempt. Describe your first attempt to gain something new
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Q236. What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad?

Q237. Describe your dream job. Why is it your dream job?

Q238. At what age is it appropriate to allow a child to stay at home alone?

Q239. Some people say that the quality of a product is more important. Others say that the price of a product is more important. Which statement do you agree with and why?

Q240. How will you help a foreigner learn about your country?

How to Write an Essay: Outline

Outline your argument and ideas in the following way so that you can easily form an introduction paragraph. In order to write an essay in 25-30 minutes, you should train yourself so that you can finish your outlines in 5-10 minutes. Here is how to do so.

Prompt (question): “If you have an opportunity to send your child to study abroad, would you have him/her educated in the US or in your home country?”

- 1. Argument:** I will have my child educated in the United States.
- 2. Support 1:** My child can learn English better.
- 3. Support 2:** My child can experience various languages and cultures.
- 4. Support 3:** My child can play sports.
- 5. Thesis:** Since my child can be better educated in the United States, I will send him/her to study in the United States. (argument+why)

- 1. Argument:** State your argument clearly.
- 2. Support 1:** Give specific reasons and examples.
- 3. Support 2:** Give specific reasons and examples.
- 4. Support 3:** Give specific reasons and examples.

Good writers do not give similar reasons to support their argument. In other words, their three reasons (supports) should be distinguishable from each other.

5. Thesis: Usually a thesis appears in the middle or at the end of the introduction. It has to contain the rephrased main argument (should not be the same as the main argument) + why.

How to Write an Essay 1: Essay Types

In general, there are four types of argumentative (persuasive) essays.

- 1) experience & example
- 2) prefer
- 3) agree/disagree
- 4) compare and contrast or advantages and disadvantages

With the first three essays, it is easier to write a five paragraph essay.

5 paragraph essay (experience & example, prefer, agree/disagree)

Intro – The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Support 1 - The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Support 2 - The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Support 3 - The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Conclusion-The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Sometimes it is easier to write a four paragraph essay.

4 paragraph essay (compare and contrast, advantages and disadvantages)

Intro – The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Advantages-The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Disadvantages-The paragraph should be at least 5 sentences.

Conclusion-The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

How to Write an Essay 2: Introduction

Your outline should easily become your introduction without useless words.

1. **Argument:** I will have my child educated in the US.
2. **Support 1:** My child can learn English better.
3. **Support 2:** My child can experience various languages and cultures.
4. **Support 3:** My child can play sports.
5. **Thesis:** Since my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US. (argument+why)

Remember this? With the above, we can now easily create a complete introduction.

I will have my child educated in the US. There are three reasons for this. First, my child can learn English better. Second, my child can experience various languages and cultures. Third, my child can play sports. Because my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US.

As you see, I only added one sentence to it. It is underlined. Isn't this simple?

How to Write an Essay 3: Body

All we have to do is to write the support and give specific reasons, details, and explanations.

For example,

① First of all, my child can learn English better in the US than in Korea. ② At school, my child will learn various subjects like Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, and Art in English. ③ Doing so, he/she can talk and write about various topics in English. ④ Then after school, my child will converse with others in English. ⑤ This way, he/she will practice conversational English.

To explain, sentence ① is called the “topic sentence” and it contains the most important information. Sentences ②, ③, ④, and ⑤ contains specific examples and details that explain how the child will learn English better. After sentence ⑤, you can write a sentence about your next paragraph. However, this is not required.

Got it? You can write the other two supporting paragraphs the same way. Now, expand the second and the third paragraphs in your own words.

Second of all, my child can experience various languages and cultures in the US. (expand this like paragraph 2 and write at least four more sentences.)

Thirdly, my child can play various sports in the US (expand this like paragraph 2 and write at least four more sentences.).



How to Write an Essay 4: Conclusion

In the conclusion, you have to rephrase, summarize, and conclude. Here, you cannot simply copy the introduction. Instead, be creative.

① US education can benefit my child in many ways. ② My child can master the English language, broaden his horizons, and become more physically strong. ③ Therefore, if I have an opportunity to have my child educated in the US, I will not hesitate to send him abroad. In sentence ①, I rephrased the main argument.

Introduction -> Conclusion

main argument: I will have my child educated in the US. -> US education can benefit my child in many ways.

In sentence ②, I summarized the supports.

Supports: My child can learn English better. My child can experience various languages and cultures. My child can play sports. -> My child can master English, broaden his horizons, and become more physically strong.

Point 3: I wrote the conclusion by rephrasing the thesis.

Thesis: As my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US.-> If I have an opportunity to have my child educated in the US, I will not hesitate to send him abroad.



How to Write an Essay: Sample Essay

If I have an opportunity, I will have my child educated in the US. There are three reasons for this. First, my child can learn English better. Second, my child can experience various languages and cultures. Third, my child can play sports. Since my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US.

First of all, my child can learn English better in the US than in Korea. At school, my child will learn various subjects like Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, and Art in English. Doing so, he/she can talk and write about various topics in English. Then after school, my child will converse with others in English. This way, he/she will practice conversational English.

Second of all, my child can experience various languages and cultures in the US. Unlike Korea, one can experience many different cultures and languages at a very close distance. For example, if my child wants to learn Vietnamese and their culture, he/she can go to the Vietnamese community and mingle there. If he/she wants to try the Italian cuisine, he/she can visit Little Italy. Moreover, there are many different ethnic festivals and ceremonies that my child can visit locally in the US.

Thirdly, my child can play various sports in the US. Unlike most Korean schools, US schools have excellent sports facilities. For example, many schools have

swimming pools, football fields, basketball gym, tennis courts, and many others. Moreover, these schools encourage students to play sports. However, most Korean schools do not have such fine sports facilities and they discourage students playing sports.

US education can benefit my child in many ways. My child can master English, broaden his horizons, and become more physically strong. Therefore, if I could have my child educated in the US, I will not hesitate to send him/her abroad.

Q1. Should businesses regulate their employees' behavior outside of the workplace? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Businesses should not regulate their employee's behavior outside of the workplace.

Support 1: If workers are being controlled by their employers, they have essentially become slaves.

Support 2: It is nearly impossible for employers to control their employees when they leave the workplace.

Support 3: If a business regulates employees' behavior outside the workplace, there could be many civil rights concerns.

Thesis: Since this would change the dynamics of the business negatively, I think that businesses should not and cannot control their employees outside the workplace.

B. Model Essay

I don't think that businesses should try to control their employees' behavior when they're not working. This is because people's own lives should remain their own and not under the control of the person that person works for. If the boss tries to control every aspect of his employees' lives, that in effect would turn those employees into slaves. Also, the control of one person over another person or a group of people is practically impossible, despite the use of CCTV and other types of surveillance. And finally, controlling a person would be a violation of a person's civil rights. Businesses would be very wrong in trying to control their workers' behavior for these reasons.

If workers are being controlled by their employers, they have essentially become slaves. In the past slaves had every aspect of their lives controlled by their masters. If they tried to stray outside their master's

limits, they could receive brutal punishments, and this was even true outside their usual duties. If employers tried to dictate their standards of decency upon their employees outside of their normal working hours, under the threat of termination for non-compliance, they're essentially acting in a similar manner as slaveholders.

Even if it was acceptable for employers to control their workers' behavior in this way, it would be nearly impossible to do so. Even if they're being watched all the time by surveillance cameras, there's a limit on how much they're able to keep track of and how far their range is. Also, it is prohibitively expensive to either install enough cameras or hire enough tracking agents to follow all of their employees. So companies would have an additional financial burden to control employees' behavior.

The biggest concern over the question of controlling employee behavior outside of work is the concern over civil rights. As stated before, controlling employees' behavior essentially makes them like slaves. Since slavery is now seen as morally wrong and is illegal in most of the civilized world, laws have been set up to protect people from this kind of inhumane treatment. These are called civil rights laws and they apply to everyone. So if a company tries to control their employees in this way, they are breaking the law.

In conclusion, companies should not try to control their employees' behavior outside of work, because this would change the dynamic into a master-slave dynamic. It would be difficult and expensive to watch everyone constantly. Plus, enforcing this rule would break many civil rights laws. Companies cannot and should not control their employees outside of work for these reasons.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't think that businesses should try to control their employees' behavior when they're not working.

2. This is because people's own lives should remain their own and not under the control of the people that they work for.

3. The control of one person over another person or a group of people is practically impossible.

4. Controlling a person would be a violation of a person's civil rights.

5. If workers are being controlled by their employers, they have essentially become slaves.

6. If employers tried to dictate their standards of decency to their employees outside of their normal working hours, they're essentially acting in a similar matter as slaveholders.

7. It is prohibitively expensive to either install enough cameras or hire enough tracking agents to follow all of their employees.

8. The biggest concern over the question of controlling employees' behavior outside of work is the concern over civil rights.

9. Since slavery is now seen as morally wrong and is illegal in most of the civilized world, laws have been set up to protect people from this kind of inhumane treatment.

10. Companies should not try to control their employees' behavior outside of work, because this would change the dynamic into a master-slave dynamic.

Q2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Living forever is a good idea. Use specific examples and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree that living forever is a good idea.

Support 1: It would be very boring.

Support 2: It would be very lonely.

Support 3: There's no guarantee that you'll always be young, so you could spend a lot of time old and sick.

Thesis: I disagree with the statement that living forever is a good idea, as I think it would be very boring, it would be very lonely, and there's no guarantee that you'll actually be young forever.

B. Model Essay

Throughout history, many great leaders and explorers have endeavored to find objects or other ways to live forever, from the legend of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table looking for the Holy Grail to Ponce de Leon's quest to find the Fountain of Youth in the early days of the European discovery of America. While in theory it might seem interesting to live forever, I believe that what makes life so valuable is that it doesn't last forever. So, I disagree with the idea that living forever is a good idea, as I think it would be very boring, it would be very lonely, and there's no guarantee that you'll actually be young forever.

First, I think living forever would be very boring. In a normal lifespan, we constantly have to find ways to support and entertain ourselves. Even if you lived forever, you would still need to eat and have a place to live, not to mention you'd need to be entertained somehow. To pay for all these things, you would have to continue working for as long as you live. Many people work for 30-40 years, and then retire before they die, but you don't

really have that option if you live forever. And, since forever is a long time, that means if you didn't change your skill set every few decades, you could be stuck doing the same thing over and over again for a very long time. That doesn't sound like fun at all!

Secondly, it would be very lonely to live forever if the people around you didn't also have that ability. You would get a chance to meet a lot of interesting people in different periods in time, but it also means that you would have to watch them die. This could be extremely heartbreaking, especially if you have to watch the love of your life grow old and die. You would get a chance to see your children and your grandchildren and your great grandchildren all grow up. But then, you'd also have to watch them grow old and die as well. Eventually, I think it would be so heartbreaking that you'd rather not get attached to anyone at all, and that could lead to a very lonely existence.

Lastly, there is no guarantee that you'll always be young, so you could spend a lot of time old and sick. Everyone thinks that if they had the ability to live forever, that automatically means they'd be young forever, too. But what if that wasn't the case? You might still get old and most likely get to a point of being so elderly, that the current medical technology couldn't keep up with all the ailments that could bring with it. So, you might be stuck in bed or confined to a hospital for a very long time. You wouldn't be able to see all the things that were available in the world, meet new people, or have new experiences.

While living forever might be appealing to those looking for absolute power, I don't think it would be right for me. It would be very boring to have to constantly work forever to take care of myself. It would be lonely to watch all the people I love and care about die around me. And there's no guarantee that I'd be young forever, so I could be sick and old for a very long time and unable to enjoy an eternal life. For these reasons, I disagree that living forever is a good idea.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Throughout history, many great leaders and explorers have endeavored

to find objects or other ways to live forever.

2. While in theory it might seem interesting to live forever, I believe that what makes life so valuable is that it doesn't last forever.

3. I think it would be very boring, it would be very lonely, and there's no guarantee that you'll actually be young forever.

4. In a normal lifespan, we constantly have to find ways to support and entertain ourselves.

5. Since forever is a long time, that means if you didn't change your skill set every few decades.

6. You would get a chance to meet a lot of interesting people in different periods in time, but it also means that you would have to watch them die.

7. This could be extremely heartbreaking, especially if you have to watch the love of your life grow old and die.

8. You would get a chance to see your children and your grandchildren and your great grandchildren all grow up.

9. There is no guarantee that you'll always be young, so you could spend a lot of time old and sick.

10. That the current medical technology couldn't keep up with all the ailments.

11. You might be stuck in bed or confined to a hospital for a very long time.

12. While living forever might be appealing to those looking for absolute power, I don't think it would be right for me.

13. It would be lonely to watch all the people I love and care about die around me.

Q3. Should there be more shops and restaurants that are open 24 hours a day? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think that there should be more shops and restaurants that are open 24 hours a day.

Support 1: More people are working late at night, so these people need access to the shops and restaurants during their off time.

Support 2: Some people might have an emergency in the middle of the night and might need something.

Support 3: Even though somebody might not work at night, this might be the only time that they would be able to purchase things.

Thesis: Since there are many advantages, I agree that more shops and restaurants should be open 24 hours a day to allow more options for consumers.

B. Model Essay

I think that there should be more stores open 24 hours because we are living in a world where people are working more after dark. If more people are working at night, then they will need places to eat and buy things before they get to work. Also, some people may have to get up late to go somewhere in case of an emergency. There are still more people who work really late at night and can't go to the store until after they're done working. There are more reasons why there need to be more 24 hour stores, but these are the important ones.

With more people working late at night, these people need to go buy things while they're working or before they get to work. While they're working, they need food, drinks, and other things to keep them going that late. If no one is open at that time, then they can't get those things. If people are feeling tired, then they cannot get their work done, and that's

important while working late. That's one reason why there need to be more stores open 24 hours a day.

Another reason is that someone may need something in the middle of the night in an emergency. For example, a person could end up getting hurt in the middle of the night, or a woman having a baby may need some food in the middle of the night. In those cases, there should be a store that can provide medicine in the middle of the night, or food at any time. Without these 24 hour stores, there could be some very big problems that would have to wait until morning to get solved, and that would be very difficult.

Also, even though people may not work through the night, they may work so late that the middle of the night is the only time they can go shopping. The early morning could be too difficult for them because they may have to sleep in from working so late at night. And they can't go to the store in the middle of the day because they have to start work at that time. So late night is the only time they have in the whole day to shop and they need stores that are open all night.

The reasons for having 24 hour stores is apparent in modern society. People need to get things to get them through working throughout the night. There could be an emergency in the middle of the night. Or late night is the only time they can go shopping. That's why there need to be more stores open 24 hours a day.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I think that there should be more stores open 24 hours because we are living in a world where people are working more after dark.

2. With more people working late at night, these people need to go buy things while they're working or before they get to work.

3. That's one reason why there need to be more stores open 24 hours a day.

4. Another reason is that someone may need something in the middle of the night in an emergency.

5. Without these 24 hour stores, there could be some very big problems that would have to wait until morning to get solved, and that would be very difficult.

6. The early morning could be too difficult for them because they may have to sleep in from working so late at night.

7. Late night is the only time they have in the whole day to shop and they need stores that are open all night.

Q4. Should forests that are hundreds of years old be protected from logging?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that forests that are hundreds of years old should be protected from logging.

Support 1: The forests give humans and animals oxygen that is required to live.

Support 2: The output of carbon dioxide is increasing, so we need to maintain, if not increase, the amount of trees that give out oxygen.

Support 3: Forests are the habitats and main ecosystems for many animals and plants.

Thesis: Since destroying our forests has many negative effects, I agree that forests that are hundreds of years old should be protected from the logging industry.

B. Model Essay

Logging is a multi-million dollar industry that devastates forests that are hundreds of years old. These forests serve many functions, such as providing the environment with fresh oxygen, reducing the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and giving many types of wildlife places to live. However, through logging all these benefits have been disappearing rapidly as logging increases. Therefore, I think forests that are hundreds of years old should be protected from logging.

Humans and other animals require oxygen to live. Without oxygen, a large percentage of life on Earth would disappear if there were no more oxygen to breathe. Trees serve a vital function in providing oxygen for all the animals. To produce oxygen, trees need to grow and thrive in abundance. If we allowed logging to destroy the forests, we would no

longer have enough oxygen on Earth for all the humans and animals to stay alive.

Oxygen is produced through a process called photosynthesis in which plants and trees take in carbon dioxide and turn it into oxygen. As civilization advances, so does the output of carbon dioxide, which is poisonous for animals and humans. Humans emit a large percentage of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere with the advent of cars and factories that make human civilization possible. Because it is poisonous, we rely on trees and plants to reduce the carbon dioxide that we produce. If we didn't have any trees or plants to do this, then the carbon dioxide would stay in the atmosphere, poisoning and killing humans and animals in the process.

Lastly, forests provide a refuge for more than just trees. Forests also consist of a multitude of plant life, and a variety of wildlife call the forests home. Deer, owls, wolves, bears, and other animals all live in the forests. Logging not only displaces these animals, but drives them to their death as they infringe on human society. Furthermore, there are certain plants that can only thrive in forests, so destroying their home would drive them to extinction. So, not only is protecting forests good for the trees, but also for the other plant and wildlife that live there.

Even though logging is an important industry, and is necessary for human civilization, forests are even more vital for humans and other animals to live. They provide oxygen for humans and animals to breathe, reduce the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere created by humans, and provides a home for all different kinds of plant and animal life. For these reasons, I think forests that are hundreds of years old should be protected from logging.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Logging is a multi-million dollar industry that devastates forests that are hundreds of years old.

2. These forests serve many functions, such as providing the environment with fresh oxygen, reducing the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and

giving many types of wildlife places to live.

3. If we allowed logging to destroy the forests, we would no longer have enough oxygen on Earth for all the humans and animals to stay alive.

4. Oxygen is produced through a process called photosynthesis in which plants and trees take in carbon dioxide and turn it into oxygen.

5. As civilization advances, so does the output of carbon dioxide, which is poisonous for animals and humans.

6. If we didn't have any trees or plants to do this, then the carbon dioxide would stay in the atmosphere, poisoning and killing humans and animals in the process.

7. Forests also consist of a multitude of plant life, and a variety of wildlife call the forests home.

8. There are certain plants that can only thrive in forests, so destroying their home would drives them to extinction.

9. So, not only is protecting forests good for the trees, but also for the other plant and wildlife that live there.

10. Even though logging is an important industry, and is necessary for human civilization, forests are even more vital for humans and other animals to live.

11. They provide oxygen for humans and animals to breathe, reduce the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere created by humans, and provides a home for all different kinds of plant and animal life.

Q5. Should schools provide free lunch to students? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that schools should provide free lunches to students.

Support 1: All students should be given an opportunity to purchase school lunches, not just the affluent students.

Support 2: Low-income students will suffer academically in school because they will be hungry.

Support 3: There are many middle and upper class populations, so it would not be expensive to provide free lunches to students with an economically disadvantaged background.

Thesis: Since providing free lunches to students would benefit the low-income students, I agree that schools should provide free lunches to students.

B. Model Essay

I believe schools should provide free lunches to students who are economically disadvantaged. It is true that many students do not need assistance from public schools to pay for their lunches. However, many students from low-income families cannot afford to pay for a healthy meal, which inadvertently puts them at a disadvantage to their affluent families academically. It is more difficult to study with an empty stomach. Since educating the population should be the primary concern to every presiding government, it is pivotal that the nutritional needs of each student are covered so as to ensure academic success.

The primary reason why some students should receive free lunches is because they should not lag behind more affluent students. It is a moral right of every student to have their basic nutritional needs covered by publicly funded schools. Providing free lunches to every student may, of

course, be too expensive for the state to cover without having to burden the population with high taxes. However, implementing a rigorous screening process in which students from low-income families are identified, should help public schools offset the high costs of ensuring that every student is eating properly.

There are also social utilitarian reasons as to why public schools should provide free lunches to some students. Low-income background students who do not receive free lunches will suffer academically. Having low academic scores will likely perpetuate an economically stratified society. Every society should strive to improve the economic and educational rates of each passing generation, but if free lunches are not provided to some students, that improvement will be harder to reach. Providing free lunches to a minority segment of the population is also not exponentially expensive.

Since most post-industrial societies have a large middle and upper class population, it would not be expensive to provide free lunches to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Statistics from OECD nations indicate that less than 5 percent of the first world is considered poor. Since OECD nations typically have large budgets for military defense and to provide various social services, the added costs of providing free meals to their poor citizens will not dent national accounts.

In conclusion, there are several reasons as to why public schools should provide free lunches to some students. Poor students may lack the financial support to bring with them a nutritionally balanced meal to school. Moreover, it would be advantageous to post-industrial societies for their poor citizens to have a fighting chance to climb the income ladder through opportunities in education.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I believe schools should provide free lunches to students who are economically disadvantaged.

2. Many students from low-income families cannot afford to pay for a

healthy meal.

3. Since educating the population should be the primary concern to every presiding government, it is pivotal that the nutritional needs of each student are covered so as to ensure academic success.

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5. The primary reason why some students should receive free lunches is because they should not lag behind more affluent students.

6. Providing free lunches to every student may, of course, be too expensive for the state to cover without having to burden the population with high taxes.

7. Implementing a rigorous screening process in which students from low-income families are identified, should help public schools offset the high costs of ensuring that every student is eating properly.

8. There are also social utilitarian reasons as to why public schools should provide free lunches to some students.

9. Every society should strive to improve the economic and educational rates of each passing generation.

10. Providing free lunches to a minority segment of the population is also not exponentially expensive.

11. Since most post-industrial societies have a large middle and upper class population, it would not be expensive to provide free lunches to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

12. There are several reasons as to why public school should provide free lunches to some students.

13. Poor students may lack the financial support to bring with them a nutritionally balanced meal to school.

Q6. Who is your favorite movie character? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that every country should have its gas emissions tracked.

Support 1: Because of the imminent threat of global warming, we should take steps to prevent this from getting worse.

Support 2: The cost benefits of fixing this problem now far outweighs the possible effects to our environment in the future.

Support 3: Each country should develop their own international agency to track their nation's greenhouse gas emissions to make this a feasible option.

Thesis: Since there are more advantages than disadvantages, I agree that every country should have its gas emissions tracked.

B. Model Essay

Nations should have their gas emissions tracked by an international monitoring organization. Because global warming, if indeed an atmospheric phenomenon, is a worldwide issue, it is important that every nation's footprint is proportionate to their geographical and population size. There are non-industrialized nations that contribute little to nothing in greenhouse gas emissions and yet stand to suffer an equal share from the speculated devastating effects of global warming. Since there are some (industrialized) nations releasing the bulk of greenhouse gas emissions suspected of causing global warming, it is to the interest of every nation, despite their carbon footprint, to create an international agency assigned to monitor greenhouse pollutants ejected by each country. Global warming skeptics mostly believe the structural reforms necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are not worth the costs, opting instead to continue with the status quo.

If global warming is a real, currently transpiring atmospheric phenomenon, there should be steps taken by the international community to halt the unnatural warming of the earth. Since some nations emit more pollutants than others, it therefore becomes important that each nation hold each other accountable for their contribution to global warming. Burnt coal exhaust fumes pumped into the atmosphere from Germany, Chile, or rapidly industrializing China and India also affect the climates of guiltless non-industrial regions of the world. This is why an international agency tracking the gas emissions of each country should be built.

Opponents over creating an international agency to monitor global warming often claim in their set of arguments that penalizing nations would be too costly to both the developed and underdeveloped world. Cost effectiveness for battling global warming is what caused former United States President Bush to reject the Kyoto Protocol, which is a United Nations protocol set to battle global warming through a series of penalties levied on a perpetrating nation. Skeptics such as President George W. Bush believe that, not only is there little data to support global warming as being an actual phenomenon or man-made, but also the economic repercussions of restructuring an economy to be more green friendly far outweigh the supposed benefits of reform.

In conclusion, I believe there should be an international agency designed to track each nation's greenhouse gas emissions. Due to the disproportionate role each nation has on the buildup of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere, there should be an internationally recognized agency tracking every country's contribution to global warming. Opponents believe that, because economic costs accompanying industrial reforms are too high, and because global warming could perhaps be mere speculation and not backed by hard scientific data, the status quo ought to remain. I disagree with global warming opponents because it is better to be safe than sorry, with a losing bet in this case spelling far higher economic and human costs.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Nations should have their gas emissions tracked by an international

monitoring organization.

2. It is important that every nation's footprint is proportionate to their geographical and population size.

3. There are non-industrialized nations that contribute little to nothing in greenhouse gas emissions and yet stand to suffer an equal share from the speculated devastating effects of global warming.

4. If global warming is a real, currently transpiring atmospheric phenomenon, there should be steps taken by the international community to halt the unnatural warming of the earth.

5. This is why an international agency tracking the gas emissions of each country should be built.

6. Cost effectiveness for battling global warming is what caused former United States President George W. Bush to reject the Kyoto Protocol.

7. The economic repercussions of restructuring an economy to be more green friendly far outweighs the supposed benefits of reform.

8. I believe there should be an international agency designed to track each nation's greenhouse gas emissions.

9. I disagree with global warming opponents because it is better to be safe than sorry.

**Q7. Should there be a required age for a person to stop driving?
If so, what should that age be? If not, why not?**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think that people should be required to stop driving at the age of 70.

Support 1: Elderly people suffer many ailments, such as dementia, that lead to accidents while they are driving.

Support 2: Some elderly people get lost easily and rely too much on the GPS, which causes them to not pay attention to the actual road signs.

Support 3: At an older age, you start losing your vision which is a major detriment to your driving skills.

Thesis: Since driving requires you to be in a healthy, alert, and coherent state, I agree that once you are the age of 70, you should stop driving.

B. Model Essay

When people get older, they suffer from mental and physical ailments that hinder their ability to engage in certain activities that young people take for granted, like driving. Driving requires a sharp mind and good vision, and as people get older, these things deteriorate. Doctors have noted that this happens at around the age of 70. Therefore, I think people should be required to stop driving at the age of 70.

First, elderly people suffer from mental ailments, like dementia, that lead to accidents when they drive. For example, a few years ago, a car plowed through a busy shopping center killing a few people and injuring several others. The driver of this car was an old man who suffered from dementia. He had no idea where he was going, which pedal in his car was the brake or accelerator, and he didn't even know he was hitting people.

Afterwards, he was unable to express any regret because he didn't even know he had done anything wrong. As a result, he wasn't arrested or tried even though he caused a lot of harm. So, if he had been required to stop driving at the first signs of his illness, — which was brought on by old age — all these people wouldn't have had to suffer.

While dementia doesn't affect all elderly people, it is common for older people to become more forgetful. Some elderly people get lost because they forget where they're driving to. For example, there was a story in the news about an elderly couple who didn't know where they were going, so they used the car's global positioning system (GPS). They relied so much on the GPS that they didn't realize they were driving on a dirt road, and then off a cliff. So, using the car's computer systems require a level of sophistication and savvy that elderly people lack, either due to degradation of their mental states or through their unwillingness to learn.

Lastly, elderly people suffer from physical problems that cause them to get into accidents when they drive, such as deteriorating vision. Good vision is one of the most important things required for driving safely, but is also something that gets worse as people get older. Glaucoma is a condition that hinders eyesight, and it is most common among elderly people. While there is no cure for this condition, there is treatment, but it is not enough for someone suffering from glaucoma to see well enough to drive. However, many elderly people think that it is, or they stubbornly hold on to the belief that they're not suffering from any ailments, and they continue driving even though they can't see very well and this leads to accidents on the road. Preventing them driving completely will solve this problem.

Driving safely requires people to have a sharp mind and good vision, but as people get older, their minds and vision get worse. Some elderly people suffer from serious ailments, like dementia, while others are just forgetful, and others suffer from diseases like glaucoma. Doctors say that these things occur around the age of 70, so I think people should be required to stop driving at this age.

C. Useful Expressions

1. When people get older, they suffer from mental and physical ailments that hinder their ability to engage in certain activities that young people take for granted.

2. I think people should be required to stop driving at the age of 70.

3. Elderly people suffer from mental ailments, like dementia, that lead to accidents when they drive.

4. A car plowed through a busy shopping center killing a few people and injuring several others.

5. He had no idea where he was going.

6. He was unable to express any regret because he didn't even know he had done anything wrong.

7. As a result, he wasn't arrested or tried even though he caused a lot of harm.

8. Glaucoma is a condition that hinders eyesight, and it is most common among elderly people.

9. While there is no cure for this condition, there is treatment, but it is not enough for someone suffering from glaucoma to see well enough to drive.

10. Many elderly people think that they're not suffering from any ailments.

11. Driving safely requires people to have a sharp mind and good vision, but as people get older, their minds and vision get worse.

12. Doctors say that these things occur around the age of 70, so I think people should be required to stop driving at this age.

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is healthier for children to live in the countryside than in the city.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think it is better for children to grow up in the countryside than the city.

Support 1: It gives children an opportunity to breathe in fresh air.

Support 2: Children have a chance to learn about nature.

Support 3: Children can play more freely and get better exercise in the countryside.

Thesis: I believe that it is healthier for children to live in the countryside than in the city for three reasons.

B. Model Essay

Living in the city and living in the countryside both have many advantages for people and for children specifically. While the city may offer better educational opportunities and make children more savvy in navigating urban landscapes, I believe that it is healthier for children to live in the countryside than in the city for three reasons. First, it gives children an opportunity to breathe in fresh air. Secondly, children have a chance to learn about nature. Last, children can play more freely and get better exercise in the countryside.

One of the worst aspects of living in the city is the amount of pollution that is in the air. Cars and other vehicles produce exhaust, and people often just throw their trash anywhere they see fit, instead of discarding it properly. Also, many businesses and factories produce a lot of waste. Combined with a lack of trees and other wild plants, all of this contributes to very dirty air in cities. This isn't healthy for anyone, especially for children whose bodies are still developing. For their lungs to develop properly, they need to be able to breathe in fresh, clean air. They

don't have this chance in cities, but they do in the countryside, which is far less congested with people and cars and there are many more trees and plants than in the city that create oxygen from the little carbon dioxide that's produced there.

Another important aspect of living in the countryside that children living in cities miss out on is getting a chance to learn about nature. They can learn about it from textbooks and museums, but they don't truly get to experience it like they would if they lived in the countryside. In the countryside, children can watch plants and animals grow, and they can learn about the relationships they all play in bringing balance to the Earth. Thus, they come to appreciate the natural world, instead of learning to take it for granted, which leads to rampant industrialization and the mental and physical ill-effects of individuals that this causes.

Lastly, living in the countryside is better for children because they have a chance to play freely and get better exercise than in the city. Play is an important part of a child's development, and cities are so full of people, cars, buildings, and concrete and everybody's lives are so hectic and busy that children just don't get the chance to play as much as they need to. While there are parks and other designated places for children to play, these don't rival the open fields and mysterious forests of the countryside. There, children can play freely without having to worry about bumping into other people or getting hit by a car. And this gives them a chance to get the type of exercise they need to grow into healthy adults.

While the city provides many conveniences, I think it is better for children to live in the countryside than in the city. It gives children a chance to breathe in fresh air, allows them to learn about nature, and gives them plenty of space to play freely and get the exercise they need. These are the reasons why I agree that it is better for children to grow up in the countryside than the city.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I believe that it is healthier for children to live in the countryside than in the city.

2. It gives children an opportunity to breathe in fresh air.

3. Children can play more freely and get better exercise in the countryside.

4. One of the worst aspects of in living in the city is the amount of pollution that is in the air.

5. This isn't healthy for anyone, especially for children whose bodies are still developing.

6. They come to appreciate the natural world, instead of learning to take it for granted.

7. living in the countryside is better for children because they have a chance to play freely and get better exercise than in the city.

8. everybody's lives are so hectic and busy that children just don't get the chance to play as much as they need to.

9. While the city provides many conveniences, I think it is better for children to live in the countryside.

Q9. Your family just received enough money to buy either an expensive new car, or to take a dream vacation. Which would you choose? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would take a dream vacation if my family just received enough money to do so.

Support 1: Our family doesn't get to spend a lot of time together, so this would give us the opportunity to socialize together.

Support 2: We would not only spend time together, but we could also have fun together.

Support 3: Having a dream vacation would create many memories that would last a life time.

Thesis: Since my family would be able to have an enjoyable and memorable experience, I would choose going on a dream vacation rather than buying an expensive car.

B. Model Essay

If my family received enough money to either buy a new car or take a dream vacation, we would choose the latter of the two, which would be the dream vacation. There are many people in my family and a new car wouldn't be able to fit everyone inside, so a dream vacation is what we would want. A dream vacation would allow all of us to be together, have fun, and create memories that will last our life time.

My father works a lot and my brothers and I are always at school, English academy or Tae Kwon Do hall, and my mom stays at home cooking and cleaning. We barely spend any time together. If we went on a dream vacation we would be able to spend a lot of time together. We can catch up on information or stories we missed since we aren't together, and share quality time with one another.

Since my father is always working and my brothers and I are at school, we don't have a lot of time to have fun. Sometimes my brothers and I go to a singing room or a movie room, but it's never my whole family. Going on the dream vacation would allow us to have fun with one another. One of my older brothers is really funny and he always makes us laugh. My father tells funny stories about his co-workers and sometimes his boss. I know on the dream vacation my father would find other things to make jokes about and my older brother could make a joke out of anything.

Finally, the dream vacation would make memories that would last a life-time. My eldest brother is getting ready to enter into the army, my other older brother is leaving for university in the United States and all of us going on the vacation will be a wonderful memory for us to share. My mother is anxious about two of her son leaving home for a long while, but if we went on the dream vacation, mom wouldn't worry so much.

In conclusion, if I was given an opportunity to have an expensive new car or take a dream vacation, I would choose a dream vacation. For I would be able to be together with all my family, have fun and laugh, and create memories that would last our life-time.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If my family received enough money to either buy a new car or take a dream vacation, we would choose the latter of the two.

2. A dream vacation would allow all of us to be together, have fun, and create memories that will last our life time.

3. If we went on a dream vacation we would be able to spend a lot of time together.

4. We can catch up on information or stories we missed and share quality time with one another.

5. Going on the dream vacation would allow us to have fun with one

another.

6. The dream vacation would make memories that would last a life time.

7. All of us going on the vacation will be a wonderful memory for us to share.

8. My mother is anxious about two of her son's leaving home for a long while.

9. If I was given an opportunity to have an expensive new car or take a dream vacation, I would choose a dream vacation.

Q10. It has recently been announced that a new sports stadium is being planned in an under-developed part of your city. Would you support the project or not? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would support the building of a new sports stadium in an under-developed part of my city.

Support 1: It can revitalize a part of town that has fall into disrepair.

Support 2: It can provide a venue for a national sports team to call their home with can help the city economically.

Support 3: During the off-season, it can provide a venue for other events to be held to give the city a sense of community.

Thesis: Since the new stadiums can bring about many new benefits, the construction of a new sports stadium is necessary.

B. Model Essay

It has recently been announced that a new sports stadium is being planned for an under-developed part of my city. This can provide many benefits. First, it can revitalize a part of town that has fall into disrepair. Second, it can provide a venue for a national sports team to call their home with can help the city economically. Lastly, during the off-season, it can provide a venue for other events to be held to give the city a sense of community. Therefore, I would support the building of a new sports stadium in an under-developed part of my city.

First, building a new sports stadium in an under-developed part of my city can revitalize that part of my city. Not only would a new stadium bring a lot of people to this part of the city, but other stores and restaurants will be built near it to serve the people who go to the stadium. For example, in San Francisco a stadium was built in the industrial part of that city. There were a lot of empty warehouses and vacant lots owned by

companies that no longer existed. When the stadium was built, the city also built a new subway station near it so people could get there. Soon, the warehouses and vacant lots were replaced with stores and restaurants, and a part of town that no one visited soon became trendy. Not only did it bring a lot of business, but soon people decided they wanted to live there as well, so new apartment buildings were built to house all these people.

Second, it can provide a home for a national sports team which can help the city economically. Many major cities have teams that live and play there, and generate a lot of revenue for their city. Not only does it bring the fans of the home team to the stadium, but also fans of the team's opponents. This can mean lots of ticket sales at the stadium, but people will also buy food and drinks, and souvenirs. For example, at the stadium in San Francisco, you can find any type of food you want, either from national chains or local restaurants, and you can buy all kinds of merchandise with the logo of any team you want. Additionally, local businesses pay to advertise at the stadium, so they can make money from the people watching the game in person or on TV at home.

When the team isn't playing, the stadium can be used for other events that can give the city a sense of community. For example, many rock bands like to perform in stadiums because it is much bigger than other music venues, so they can sell more tickets and more fans can enjoy the show without worrying about it being sold out. While bigger ticket sales can be good for the rock bands, it can also be good for the community. It can bring the community together to enjoy something that everybody likes. The stadium can also be used to hold carnivals or as a place for fundraising events for charity, or other things that can bring the community together.

A new stadium built in an under-developed part of my city can provide many benefits. It can revitalize that part of the city that has fallen into disrepair, provide a home for a national sports team which can help the city economically, and it can be used for other events that can give the city a sense of community. For these reasons, I would support the building of a new stadium.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Building a new sports stadium in an under-developed part of my city can revitalize that part of my city.

2. When the stadium was built, the city also built a new subway station near it so people could get there.

3. The warehouses and vacant lots were replaced with stores and restaurants, and a part of town that no one visited soon became trendy.

4. Many major cities have teams that live and play there, and generate a lot of revenue for their city.

5. Additionally, local businesses pay to advertise at the stadium, so they can make money from the people watching the game in person or on TV at home.

6. It can bring the community together to enjoy something that everybody likes.

7. When the team isn't playing, the stadium can be used for other events that can give the city a sense of community.

8. While bigger ticket sales can be good for the rock bands, it can also be good for the community.

9. It can bring the community together to enjoy something that everybody likes.

10. The stadium can also be used to hold carnivals or as a place for fundraising events for charity, or other things that can bring the community together.

**Q11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Teenagers today are more likely to commit crimes than in the past.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that teenagers are more likely to commit crimes than teenagers did in the past.

Support 1: There is less adult supervision because parents are working more than ever.

Support 2: Teenagers are expected to behave more responsibly because of their amount of freedom, but this responsibility is abused.

Support 3: There is more poverty nowadays, so this leads teenagers to commit more crimes to support their families.

Thesis: Since teenagers have more disadvantages nowadays than in the past, I agree that teenagers are committing more crimes today than in the past.

B. Model Essay

I think that teenagers are more likely to commit crimes today than in the past. This is because there is less adult supervision than in the past. There's also more emphasis on personal freedom than in the past that is often abused. Along with this, there's more poverty in our society than before, so kids often find themselves committing crimes to get themselves and their families by. So these societal changes from the past have led to a rise in teenaged crime.

First of all, there's less adult supervision over teenagers than in the past. Today, parents are working more than ever and that means they're spending less time at home. While they're out, their kids are no being watched and they could end up getting in all kinds of trouble. Sometimes, parents don't tell teens that there are some things that they aren't allowed to

do and don't find out that they've been getting into trouble until they get a phone call from the police. Parents need to be aware of what their kids are doing so that they can be sure that they don't getting themselves in trouble.

Then there's the focus on personal freedom that is greater in the past but is often abused by teenagers. With the lack of parental supervision comes an expectation that teenagers will act responsibly. However, their mental state is still not fully mature and they're still likely to push the boundaries that their parents and other authority figures have established. So the personal freedom that more teenagers now enjoy need to be scaled back some so that they're not going outside the limits of society that lead to crime.

Third, there has been an increase of poverty in our cities as a result of a growing population and bad economic years. The number of bad neighborhoods has increased as people moved from the dirty cities to suburbs, while those who couldn't afford the move stayed in their city homes. Without money, these places became more run down and eventually became low cost housing for poorer residents. They often struggle to pay the bills, and the teens in these neighborhoods feel trapped and thus begin to take to crime to try and escapes from poverty. Desperation is often a factor when crime is involved, and teens can feel more desperate than the rest of us when faced with poverty.

To conclude, the reasons that teens are more likely to turn to crime today come from the pressures of modern society. Less parental supervision because of work can lead kids down a path to crime. Too much emphasis on personal freedom is another factor. And finally, more kids are growing up in poverty and they believe that crime is the only way out. So that's why I agree that teenagers are more likely to turn to crime now than in the past.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I think that teenagers are more likely to commit crimes today than in the past.
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2. This is because there is less adult supervision than in the past.

3. There's also more emphasis on personal freedom than in the past that is often abused.

4. Kids often find themselves committing crimes to get themselves and their families by.

5. These societal changes from the past have led to a rise in teenaged crime.

6. While they're out, their kids are no being watched and they could end up getting in all kinds of trouble.

7. Parents need to be aware of what their kids are doing.

8. Their mental state is still not fully mature and they're still likely to push the boundaries that their parents and other authority figures have established.

10. There has been an increase of poverty in our cities as a result of a growing population and bad economic years.

11. The teens in these neighborhoods feel trapped and thus begin to take to crime to try and escapes from poverty.

12. Desperation is often a factor when crime is involved, and teens can feel more desperate than the rest of us when faced with poverty.

13. More kids are growing up in poverty and they believe that crime is the only way out.

Q12. Who is your best friend? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My best friend is Brad.

Support 1: I have known him longer than anybody else.

Support 2: We've been through many things together.

Support 3: He always encourages me to do my best.

Thesis: If I had to choose who my best friend is, I would have to say it's my friend, Brad, for several reasons.

B. Model Essay

I have made many friends throughout my life. Many have come and gone, while others have stayed and played a major role in my life. If I had to choose who my best friend is, I would have to say it's my friend, Brad, for several reasons. First, he is probably the person I've known the longest. Secondly, we've been through many things together. Last, he always encourages me and inspires me to do my best at everything I do.

First, I have known Brad longer than I've known anyone else outside my family. As a child, I moved around a lot. First, I lived in San Diego, California, then right before middle school, I moved to Austin, Texas, and then right before high school, I moved to San Jose, California. This means I didn't get a chance to make many lasting relationships as a child. In high school, though, it's very important to have friends, as socialization is almost as important as education, and to teenagers, even more so. I met Brad through other people, and we quickly connected for our interests in the same type of books, music, and movies. We spent a lot of time together, always discussing what we had read, introducing each other to new bands, or watching movies. Our tastes tended to be a little offbeat, so having someone to share these things with gave us a very strong connection.

Secondly, we've been through many things together. It has often been said that a true test of a friend is whether they stand by you in hard times or not. I can gladly say that despite everything, Brad has always been there for me, and I have always been there for him. Either to support each other through devastating break ups with girls, the poverty of college students who have to spend their food money on textbooks, or making hard situations more bearable, we've always had each other's backs. For example, right after I graduated high school, I joined the U.S. Air Force. During basic training, I was absolutely miserable because when I didn't have drill instructors constantly yelling at me, I had other recruits with superiority complexes trying to boss me around. But every couple days, I received a new letter from Brad, and seeing his name in the return address on the envelope always lifted my spirits. I was very grateful to hear from him so often, and it made basic training so much easier for me.

Last, Brad always encourages me to do my best. Now he's a pretty successful artist in San Francisco, but instead of trying to get people to always appreciate his work, he tries to inspire others in their creative pursuits. He knows I enjoy writing, and he seems to think I'm pretty good at it, so he's always trying to encourage me to do it more, and is always willing to offer constructive criticism whenever I need it. He's also a fun friend to bounce ideas off of because he helps me see things in different ways, and sometimes we'll both try to tackle the same idea to see how it will turn out differently, and laugh at how they've turned out to be so similar sometimes.

Of all the people I've met in my life, and all the friends I've made, I would have to say my best friend is Brad. He is the person I've known the longest, we've been through many difficult situations together, and he always encourages me to do my best. I couldn't ask for a better friend than what Brad has been to me.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I had to choose who my best friend is, I would have to say it's my friend, Brad.
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2. I have known Brad longer than I've known anyone else outside my family.

3. In high school it's very important to have friends, as socialization is almost as important as education.

4. We quickly connected for our interests in the same type of books, music, and movies.

5. Our tastes tended to be a little offbeat, so having someone to share these things with gave us a very strong connection.

6. It has often been said that a true test of a friend is whether they stand by you in hard times or not.

7. I was very grateful to hear from him so often, and it made basic training so much easier for me.

8. Brad always encourages me to do my best.

9. Instead of trying to get people to always appreciate his work, he tries to inspire others in their creative pursuits.

10. We'll both try to tackle the same idea to see how it will turn out differently, and laugh at how they've turned out to be so similar sometimes.

11. We've been through many difficult situations together, and he always encourages me to do my best.

Q13. A university wants to develop a new research center in your country. What sort of research should it focus on?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The university should focus its new research center in my country on medical research.

Support 1: Many diseases are appearing around the world, so this could help find a cure.

Support 2: People in my country could benefit from the medicines and operations that would come from the center.

Support 3: Medical research is the most important scientific field in the world.

Thesis: Because medical research is so important to the world, I would want the university to develop a new medical research center in my country.

B. Model Essay

If a university begins a research center in my country, I would recommend that it focus on medical research. This is because there are lots of new diseases that are appearing throughout the world. Also, the people in my country could benefit from the center through any new kinds of medicines or surgeries that they develop there. Finally, medical research is the most important kind of research in the world. So a medical research center would be the best kind of center for my country.

The first reason I would recommend building a medical research center in my country is because many new diseases are appearing in the world. Two diseases, the avian flu and the swine flu were practically unknown ten years ago, but then began to infect and kill people. These illnesses took doctor and researchers completely by surprise because they couldn't prepare for diseases that could be transferred from animals to

people. With a medical research center, doctors could research and prepare for other possible diseases that could come from other animals.

The next reason I would suggest a medical facility is that the people of my country could greatly benefit from the medicines and operations that come from the center. People in my country are always looking to find ways to extend their lives. Most of the research that doctors do nowadays is in longevity treatments, in which they extend life through nutritional supplements and surgeries. With new treatments such as these, my country can become a new center for medical tourism and doctor's training in the world.

The last reason for a medical research center is that medical research is the most important scientific field in the world. We're living in a time when people can become exposed to fast moving viruses that could cause loss of life around the world. In this era of global travel and international business making, there are more possibilities for people to get new diseases that many in isolated parts of the world have experienced, and more exotic diseases to be spread into the more developed world. Without the vaccinations that can be developed at this new research facility, the possibility of a global epidemic increases. So the importance of medical research cannot be overstated.

The university has many important reasons for creating a medical research facility in my country. New diseases like swine flu continue to show up in the world. People could greatly benefit from the center's discoveries and make the country a top contributor to medicine. And with an increasingly globalized world, medicine is going to be more important than ever to stop the global spread of various diseases. These are the reasons why I would support a medical research center in my country.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I would recommend that it focus on medical research.

2. The people in my country could benefit from the center through any new kinds of medicines or surgeries that they develop there.

3. These illnesses took doctor and researchers completely by surprise because they couldn't prepare for diseases that could be transferred from animals to people.

4. With a medical research center, doctors could research and prepare for other possible diseases that could come from other animals.

5. People in my country are always looking to find ways to extend their lives.

6. With new treatments such as these, my country can become a new center for medical tourism and doctor's training in the world.

7. Medical research is the most important scientific field in the world.

8. In this era of global travel and international business making, there are more possibilities for people to get new diseases.

9. Without the vaccinations that can be developed at this new research facility, the possibility of a global epidemic increases.

10. People could greatly benefit from the center's discoveries and make the country a top contributor to medicine.

11. With an increasingly globalized world, medicine is going to be more important than ever to stop the global spread of various diseases.

Q14. Do you think spending a lot of time on cell phones is a good idea?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't think it's a good idea to spend a lot of time on cell phones.

Support 1: It could cause cancer.

Support 2: People miss out on the things going on around them.

Support 3: People forget how to have normal conversations.

Thesis: While I think cell phones and especially smart phones have made life more convenient, I don't think spending a lot of time on cell phones is a good idea.

B. Model Essay

Many people spend most of their days talking on cell phones. And since the advent and subsequent popularity of smart phones, people spend even more time on their phones, either messaging other people, reading the news, or playing games. While I think cell phones, especially smart phones have made life more convenient, I don't think spending a lot of time on cell phones is a good idea.

First of all, spending too much time on cell phones may lead to cancer. Scientific studies have proven that low levels of radiation are emitted from the batteries of cell phones. Not only that, but phones are constantly using microwaves to send and receive information. While the technology is still so new that we don't know the long-term effects, and while it's possible that there is only a fraction of radiation coming from cell phones when compared to, say, an atomic bomb, since many people use their cell phones near their heads, common sense would dictate that prolonged exposure would eventually lead to some very harmful and unhealthy effects.

Secondly, when people spend too much time on their cell phones, they miss out on the things going on around them. This has been proven over and over again by drivers who use their phones while in their cars. This has been such a major cause of car accidents, because drivers are too distracted on their phones to pay attention to the road, that most states in the U.S. have banned the use of cell phones while driving. But there are also other cases of when using cell phones can cause people to miss out on the things around them. For example, I went hiking with a friend a few weeks ago. She was so attached to her cell phone the whole time that she missed out on all the beautiful things we saw on the mountains, and didn't get a chance to experience the same awe of nature as I was able to experience.

Lastly, when people spend too much time on their cell phones, they forget how to have normal conversations. Many people have very limited data contracts, which means they can only spend so much time on their phones before being charged exorbitant fees, so they feel that they have to cram as much into a conversation as quickly as possible. This means people are more interested in talking than listening. Additionally, when people use text messaging, they use a form of shorthand known as "Netspeak" to save on the size of messages and make typing them on small keyboards fast and easy. As a result of this, many people forget how to spell and use grammar correctly.

While cell phones have given us many conveniences, I don't think it's a good idea for people to spend a lot of time on their cell phones. First, it could lead to some harmful and undesirable effects, such as cancer. Secondly, people who spend too much time on their cell phones miss out on the things around them, which could lead to car accidents or not being inspired by a nature walk. And last, when people spend too much time on their cell phones, they forget how to have normal conversation. For these reasons, I don't think it's a good idea for people to spend a lot of time on cell phones.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Many people spend most of their days talking on cell phones.

2. Since the advent and subsequent popularity of smart phones, people spend even more time on their phones.

3. While I think cell phones, especially smart phones have made life more convenient, I don't think spending a lot of time on cell phones is a good idea.

4. Scientific studies have proven that low levels of radiation are emitted from the batteries of cell phones.

5. Prolonged exposure would eventually lead to some very harmful and unhealthy effects.

6. When people spend too much time on their cell phones, they miss out on the things going on around them.

7. Most states in the U.S. have banned the use of cell phones while driving.

8. She was so attached to her cell phone the whole time that she missed out on all the beautiful things we saw on the mountains.

9. When people spend too much time on their cell phones, they forget how to have normal conversations.

10. While cell phones have given us many conveniences, I don't think it's a good idea for people to spend a lot of time on their cell phones.

Q15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A person should always listen to other people's advice.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree that a person should always listen to other people's advice.

Support 1: The person giving the advice might only tell you what they want you to do, not what is best for you.

Support 2: Not everybody's advice is good advice. A person might tell you something and it could lead to a bad situation.

Support 3: If you listen to several people and they give you conflicting advice, it will only cause more confusion for you.

Thesis: Since you could be in a worse situation, I disagree that we should always listen to other people's advice.

B. Model Essay

Sometimes an issue comes up in which you don't know what to do. You might be tempted to seek counsel from other people in order to find a solution, but this isn't always the best thing to do. First, other people might only tell you what they want you to do. Secondly, not everyone has the right advice for every situation and if they give the wrong advice, it could be very bad. Last, if you ask several different people for advice, they'll give conflicting advice that will only cause you more confusion. Therefore, I disagree with the statement a person should always listen to other people's advice.

First, when getting advice from other people, they might only tell you what they want you to do. You might think they have your best interests in mind, but in reality they're more interested in their own best interests. For example, when starting university, you might not know what you want to major in. So, you ask for help in deciding from your parents. Your parents

will probably suggest you study something practical because they want you to succeed. However, you might not be interested in any of the practical subjects at the university, and you think you might want to study something impractical. So, even if your interests lie in something else, they will want you to do what they think is best, and will try to talk you out of doing what you want.

Secondly, not everyone has the right advice for every situation and if they give the wrong advice, it could be very bad. A lot of people like to think that they're experts in everything, and when a problem comes up, they are very vocal about what to do. However, most of the time, a lot of these people don't know what they're talking about. For example, if there's a problem with an airplane, the pilot may be the expert at flying it, but a mechanic is actually trained to fix it. So the pilot may think he knows what's wrong and how to fix it, but the mechanic actually does. It could be disastrous if you listened to the pilot instead of the mechanic, because if the problem isn't fixed, then it could result in the plane crashing.

Last, when you ask for advice from several people, they could give conflicting advice which could cause you to be just as confused as when you asked for advice in the first place. For example, you might have a friend coming into town and would like to take them to a nice place for dinner. You're not sure where to take him, so you ask your friends. One friend may suggest one place. Then another friend contradicts them and suggests another place, while another may contradict both of them and suggest another place. And then your friends may start fighting about which place is best, and in the end, you still don't know where you should take your friend for dinner when he comes into town.

Issues may come up in which you need advice from someone, and you may be tempted to just listen to whatever they say, but I think this is a bad idea. First, they'll only tell you what they want you to do. Secondly, not everyone has the right advice for every situation and it could be very bad if they give the wrong advice. Last, you might just end up confused if you ask several people for advice. For these reasons, I disagree with the statement that you should always listen to other people's advice.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Sometimes an issue comes up in which you don't know what to do.

2. You might be tempted to seek counsel from other people in order to find a solution, but this isn't always the best thing to do.

3. Not everyone has the right advice for every situation.

4. They'll give conflicting advice that will only cause you more confusion.

5. I disagree with the statement a person should always listen to other people's advice.

6. When getting advice from other people, they might only tell you what they want you to do.

7. Will try to talk you out of doing what you want.

8. A lot of people like to think that they're experts in everything.

9. Most of the time, a lot of these people don't know what they're talking about.

10. When you ask for advice from several people, they could give conflicting advice which could cause you to be just as confused as when you asked for advice in the first place.

**Q16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Movies have no useful purpose.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree that movies have no useful purpose.

Support 1: Going to the movies gives people an escape from the pressures they face in the outside world.

Support 2: Movies are an art form that shows us a snapshot from our past ancestors.

Support 3: Many people earn a living from making movies, such as the movies stars, producers, costume designers, make-up artists, and more.

Thesis: Since there are many useful purposes of making movies, I disagree that movies have no useful purpose.

B. Model Essay

I don't believe that movies have no useful purpose. I feel that people's enjoyment is the main purpose that movies fulfill, and that people need things to enjoy to forget about life's troubles for a while. Movies are also one of many forms of art that have defined human civilization since the beginning of time. Also, movies are one of the biggest money making businesses in the world, it wouldn't have been successful if there weren't any use for them. These are how movies are useful, they present an escape from life, they civilize humanity, and they make money.

Modern life is filled with many pressures, such as work, school, relationships, debt, and fulfilling expectations from them all. With all the stress in the world, people need to get away from it in any way they can. For many people, going to the movies represent the best way of doing that. When they go into the movie theater, they can take a break from all the pressures of the outside world. That escape helps people refresh

themselves and get them ready to face their challenges with renewed vigor.

Movies are a form of art, and art is one of the many factors that go into making humans a cultured animal, the only cultured animal in the world. Since our ancestors were living in caves, we have told stories and communicated with one another through drawings, and paintings. As humans evolved and technology advanced, they found new ways of expressing themselves, painting, sculpture, photography. Movies are just one part of that long process, and like the art forms that came before, they portray the human condition of the time they're made in. So movies are part of the long, civilizing tradition of art.

The biggest purpose that movies fulfill is the making of money for the film-making industry. This is one of the biggest industries in the world and it has made many people very rich. But beyond that, movies require the talent, energy, and skills of hundreds of people, with writing, shooting, acting, directing and producing. But beyond the more notable jobs in movie making, there are also customers, make-up artists, carpenters for building sets, artists for drawing the costumes and sets, and hundreds of technicians. These people all make a part of the film and they all get paid for their labor.

So it would be greatly inaccurate to say that movies have no useful purpose. Movies allow people to get away from the stress of modern life and help us relax. They are part of the human tradition of expressing ourselves and telling about the world around us that has existed since pre-historic times. And finally, movies are a money making enterprise. These are all useful purposes of movies, so it would be wrong to say that they have no use.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't believe that movies have no useful purpose.

2. Movies are also one of many forms of art that have defined human civilization since the beginning of time.

3. Also, movies are one of the biggest money making businesses in the world, it wouldn't have been successful if there weren't any use for them.

4. Modern life is filled with many pressures, such as work, school, relationships, debt, and fulfilling expectations from them all.

5. As humans evolved and technology advanced, they found new ways of expressing themselves, painting, sculpture, photography.

6. The biggest purpose that movies fulfill is the making of money for the film-making industry.

7. Movies require the talent, energy, and skills of hundreds of people.

8. So it would be greatly inaccurate to say that movies have no useful purpose.

9. Movies allow people to get away from the stress of modern life and help us relax.

10. They are part of the human tradition of expressing ourselves and telling about the world around us.

11. It would be wrong to say that they have no use.

**Q17. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People are less healthy today than they were in the past.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that people are less healthy today than the people in the past.

Support 1: People eat less healthy foods nowadays, due to the increase and ease of fast foods.

Support 2: People are exercising less now than they did in the past.

Support 3: Drugs have become an easy fix to our health problems, but they have many negative side effects.

Thesis: Since people are not as active and eat less healthy foods nowadays, I agree that people in the past were healthier than the people today.

B. Model Essay

We live in an age where technological advances are occurring almost daily that seem to enhance our lives and make living easier. But while it seems like we are living healthier lives than in the past because of this, I don't think it's necessarily true. First, people eat less healthy food these days. Second, people get less exercise. Lastly, we rely more on drugs today than people did in the past. For these reasons, I agree with the statement that people are less healthy today than in the past.

First, people these days eat less healthy food. People lead such busy lives nowadays that quick, easy-to-prepare meals are preferred over meals that take a while to prepare and eat. This need has been filled by companies and restaurants who offer processed foods at cheap prices. A lot of these processed foods are made with substances that contain a lot of calories and sugar that eating them regularly makes it difficult to burn off. This is a phenomenon unique to the modern world. Before, families would

take the time to prepare a healthy meal with fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, and moderate amounts of meat because processed foods weren't as available as they are today.

Secondly, people got more exercise in the past than they do now. A lot of this came from doing manual labor at work for adults, and children would play sports to entertain themselves. But machines now do most of the manual labor that people used to do, and most jobs require people to sit at desks for hours on end. Watching TV and playing computer or video games have become activities that children prefer doing over sports to entertain themselves nowadays. As a result, children and adults don't get as much exercise as those in the past, and so they have fewer opportunities to burn the excessive calories that they get from eating processed meals.

Lastly, there were fewer drugs available in the past. In the last 20 years, pharmaceutical companies have been mass-producing pills for any ailment that might bother us. This might be seen as a sign that we have become more healthy, and it is true that many diseases once thought to be untreatable or incurable can be treated or vaccinated against, but, at the same time, we have become more dependent on these drugs for everyday problems. Before, drugs were less widely available, so were often used as a last resort for when people had any type of illness that couldn't be treated naturally. But now, instead of seeking out natural treatments, many people prefer to just take whatever pill they think they need. This leads to dependency, and sometimes even addiction, and there is nothing healthy about that.

Technology has advanced at a very high rate in the last century offering us many conveniences that are ultimately bad for our health. We now have many processed foods that didn't exist in the past, we are getting less exercise than in the past, and we rely on too many drugs to get through our days than in the past. Therefore, I agree with the statement that people are less healthy today than in the past.

C. Useful Expressions

1. We live in an age where technological advances are occurring almost

daily that seem to enhance our lives and make living easier.

2. While it seems like we are living healthier lives than in the past because of this, I don't think its necessarily true.

3. People these days eat less healthy food.

4. People lead such busy lives nowadays that quick, easy-to-prepare meals are preferred over meals that take a while to prepare and eat.

5. A lot of these processed foods are made with substances that contain a lot of calories and sugar.

6. People got more exercise in the past than they do now.

7. Machines now do most of the manual labor that people used to do.

8. Watching TV and playing computer or video games have become activities that children prefer doing over sports to entertain themselves nowadays.

9. There were fewer drugs available in the past.

10. In the last 20 years, pharmaceutical companies have been mass-producing pills for any ailment that might bother us.

11. Instead of seeking out natural treatments, many people prefer to just take whatever pill they think they need.

12. Technology has advanced at a very high rate in the last century offering us many conveniences that are ultimately bad for our health.

13. We now have many processed foods that didn't exist in the past, we are getting less exercise than in the past.

14. We rely on too many drugs to get through our days than in the past.



Q18. Your school has recently received a grant to either remodel the athletics field or put in a new swimming pool. Which one would you choose and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If my school received a grant to remodel the athletics field or put in a new swimming pool, I would want them to put in a new swimming pool.

Support 1: A new swimming pool would allow the students to have swimming classes as part of their school curriculum.

Support 2: Having a new swimming pool would give the students an opportunity to relax during their school breaks.

Support 3: We could have a swimming club that would build a sense of school pride.

Thesis: Since there are many advantages of having a swimming pool and we already remodeled the athletics field five years ago, I would want the school to use the grant money to build a new swimming pool.

B. Model Essay

If my school got a grant to remodel the athletics field or put it in a new swimming pool I would want them to put in a new swimming pool. Our school remodeled the athletics field five years ago, we don't need them to do that again, and a new swimming pool would allow the students to have swimming classes, pool parties, and a swimming club.

If our school got a new swimming pool we would be able to have a swimming class. In this swimming class we would focus on fitness and cardiovascular health. Fitness allows our body to stay in tune, while helping our heart and lungs stay healthy. A swimming class will help us students stay healthy.

I think having a pool party right before summer break would allow us students to relax and have fun with our friends we won't be able to see during the break. It'll also give us a chance of unity and pride for our school, since other schools don't have pools. We will be able to make fun memories with our friends.

If we got a pool, we'd be able to have a swimming club. In this club, we would be able to go to different swimming tournaments and our school could win trophies and/or money. We can work really hard on competing, and doing our very best to become the best. We will bring honor and pride to our school.

If our school was given a grant to upgrade its sport and physical facilities I would want them to build a swimming pool. For if our school has a swimming pool we can have a swimming class that would allow us to be fit, a pool party so we could have fun before the summer break and a swimming club, which we could win tournaments for our school.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I would want them to put in a new swimming pool.

2. A new swimming pool would allow the students to have swimming classes, pool parties.

3. If our school got a new swimming pool we would be able to have a swimming class.

4. Fitness allows our body to stay in tune, while helping our heart and lungs stay healthy.

5. I think having a pool party right before summer break would allow us students to relax and have fun with our friends.

6. We will be able to make fun memories with our friends.

7. we would be able to go to different swimming tournaments and our

school could win trophies and/or money.

8. We can work really hard on competing, and doing our very best to become the best.

Q19. Which is a better prize for winning a school contest: college scholarship or cash gift?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think winning a college scholarship is better than a cash gift.

Support 1: Earning a college scholarship is a great merit.

Support 2: A college scholarship can help reduce the costs of a college education.

Support 3: College scholarships can help a student establish their future.

Thesis: Due to its many advantageous benefits, a college scholarship serves as a better prize than a cash prize.

B. Model Essay

I think that a college scholarship is a more beneficial prize than a simple cash prize. When the two are compared, one can see that earning a college scholarship is a great merit, reduces college tuition fees, and offers a secure start to a student's future. These apparent advantages are the reasons why a college scholarship is a better prize than a cash prize.

Winning a college scholarship is no small feat, and people recognize such merit. In terms of education, a scholarship can help a student's chances during the application screening process, for it reflects a student's level of academic aptitude. The same qualities can also be used when the student applies for internships or jobs. Employers will recognize the scholarship as a positive factor in a student's resume. Whether it is applying to college or a company, a college scholarship will prove to be useful in many ways.

Getting a college education is extremely expensive these days, so any form of financial help is welcomed. A college scholarship does exactly that by helping students pay for their undergraduate education. Tuition fees can easily reach prices of tens of thousands of dollars, and that is

excluding boarding and living expenses. Whether it is a small or large amount, a scholarship will go directly to reducing that large fee.

The biggest impact a college scholarship can have on a student is the prospect of providing a secure future. As mentioned before, a college scholarship not only helps pay for an undergraduate education, but also may help with acceptances and work placement. Simply put, it can act as a way of giving a student's academic and professional career a jump start.

In this day and age, when a college education is so important and jobs so hard to find, a scholarship can offer help in ways that no cash prize can. A scholarship is a merit recognized by many people, a great way of paying tuition fees, and a good headway into starting a successful career. A college scholarship extends its uses far beyond what a simple cash infusion can; hence that is why I think it makes a much better prize than an amount of cash.

C. Useful Expressions

1. One can see that earning a college scholarship is a great merit, reduces college tuition fees, and offers a secure start to a student's future.

2. Winning a college scholarship is no small feat, and people recognize such merit.

3. In terms of education, a scholarship can help a student's chances during the application screening process, for it reflects a student's level of academic aptitude.

4. Employers will recognize the scholarship as a positive factor in a student's resume.

5. Whether it is applying to college or a company, a college scholarship will prove to be useful in many ways.

6. A college scholarship does exactly that by helping students pay for their undergraduate education.

7. Whether it is a small or large amount, a scholarship will go directly to reducing that large fee.

8. The biggest impact a college scholarship can have on a student is the prospect of providing a secure future.

9. As mentioned before, a college scholarship not only helps pay for an undergraduate education, but also may help with acceptances and work placement.

10. A scholarship can offer help in ways that no cash prize can.

Q20. Some schools think that parents should have a say in what gets taught in the classroom. Do you support or oppose this idea? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that parents should have a say in what gets taught in the classroom.

Support 1: A teacher might teach something that goes against what the parents want their children to learn.

Support 2: The student might learn about a subject the parent is uncomfortable discussing with the child.

Support 3: A parent may not want their child to do something that may be required by the teacher.

Thesis: Since a parent might not want their child to learn certain things, I agree that parents should have a say in what is being taught in their child's school.

B. Model Essay

Some schools think parents should have a say in what gets taught in the classroom and I agree. A teacher might teach something that is contrary to what the parent is teaching their child. A child may ask questions about a subject that the parent isn't comfortable talking about, and a parent may not want his child to do something that may be required by the teacher. I think parents should have a say for these reasons.

First, teachers are always teaching the material that is given to them by the Board of Education or their school. If a teacher is going to teach something that has the possibility to undermine a parents, way of thinking I think the parent has a right to tell the teacher or even the Board of Education not to teach the subject. For example, teaching children about God in school. There is a separation of church and state, and a parent may

have a different belief from the teacher.

Second, children are always repeating what someone said and a child may come home from school telling their parents about a subject they learned in school and then questions that may make the parent uncomfortable. For example, sex education in school. If the parent doesn't feel comfortable about their child learning about it, then the child should either have another assignment for that day or not come to school so that their parent won't feel uncomfortable about talking about it.

Last, parents know a lot about their children, their likes and dislikes, eating habits, and the likes, however a teacher may require the child to do something the parent doesn't want the child to do. An example of this is a teacher forcing the child to do five hundred sit-ups. Doing sit-ups aren't bad, but that many is too much.

I agree with the statement that parents should have a say in what gets taught in the classroom, because a teacher might teach something contrary to what the parent is teaching the child. Also, a child may repeat something from school which the teacher taught, and the parent may feel uncomfortable talking about the subject. Finally, a parent may not want their child to do something that may be required by the teacher. Parents should have a say about their children's education.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Some schools think parents should have a say in what gets taught in the classroom.

2. A teacher might teach something that is contrary to what the parent is teaching their child.

3. Teachers are always teaching the material that is given to them by the Board of Education or their school.

4. The parent has a right to tell the teacher or even the Board of Education not to teach the subject.

5. Children are always repeating what someone said and a child may come home from school telling their parents about a subject they learned in school.

6. Parents know a lot about their children, their likes and dislikes, eating habits, and the likes.

7. Doing sit-ups aren't bad, but that many is too much.

8. The parent may feel uncomfortable talking about the subject.

**Q21. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People are easily fooled into believing anything they see in
newspapers or on TV.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that people are easily fooled into believing anything they see in newspapers or on TV.

Support 1: People consider newspapers and TV reports as an authority that they can trust and accept as the truth.

Support 2: Due to the amount of funding received, they are able to conduct more credible research.

Support 3: The appeal to know more information is a basic emotion of humans.

Thesis: Since people are raised to trust the information in newspaper and on the TV, people are easily fooled into believing it as the truth.

B. Model Essay

I think that people are easily fooled into believing anything reported in the newspapers or on television. This is because news reporters are considered an authority and people are conditioned to trust and accept authority. Reporters gain a lot of funding to spread their message so their reach increases as their funding increases. Most importantly, appeals to basic emotion are the most powerful factor in shaping public consciousness. These are the reasons why people will believe anything they see or hear in the news.

First, the press are an important source of authority in the democratic world. We get a lot of our information from the news and we expect it to be unbiased and true. Unfortunately, many of the owners of the newspapers and TV channels have agendas and they purposely change the tone of the news to fit their views. While advertising themselves as a fair

source of news, they let people believe that their distortions are based on hard facts and the viewers believe them because they believe the advertising. So news agencies abuse their authority to get people to believe in their worldviews.

The next thing that makes people believe in anything they hear or see is that reporters get paid a lot of money to get their stories on the air. People tend to be more attracted to lurid or shocking stories, and newspaper editors will pay a lot of money for these more popular stories. And the more money that gets spent on these stories, the more they get released to the public. If a story is believable enough, people will take them to heart and either become angry or demand that action be taken. This is a big business and they use their generated wealth to build more influence and release more stories to the public.

The final factor that causes people to readily believe anything they see or hear in the news is that the news agencies often play to basic emotions, like fear or hatred. In one notorious example, a news website released a story on a shocking plan to build an Islamic community center in Lower Manhattan in New York City. Because of the site's proximity to the site of the September 11 attacks, they called this the "Ground Zero Mosque" and announced it as a sign of victory of Muslim terrorists. After that, the story became even more exaggerated, and soon people were believing that there was going to be a giant mosque overshadowing the place where thousands died, as they believed, in the name of Islam, and thousands of demonstrations were held in protest. The stories were proven to be bogus but people believed them and a lot of anger was stirred up around Islamophobia, the fear and hatred of Muslims. This shows the power of believing exaggerated news stories.

So these are the reasons why people are so willing to believe anything they hear in the news. News agencies abuse their authority to push their agendas, while the public trusts them to deliver accurate news without ulterior motives. They spend money on spreading these stories to every part of the public and the more they spend, the more believable they become. And, people will believe anything that plays on their basest

emotions, such as fear, anger, or hatred. So for these purely human and devious reasons, people will believe anything they hear from the news.

C. Useful Expressions

1. People are easily fooled into believing anything reported in the newspapers or on television.

2. This is because news reporters are considered an authority and people are conditioned to trust and accept authority.

3. Appeals to basic emotion are the most powerful factor in shaping public consciousness.

4. We get a lot of our information from the news and we expect it to be unbiased and true.

5. While advertising themselves as a fair source of news, they let people believe that their distortions are based on hard facts.

6. News agencies abuse their authority to get people to believe in their worldviews.

7. People tend to be more attracted to lurid or shocking stories.

8. The more money that gets spent on these stories, the more they get released to the public.

9. They use their generated wealth to build more influence and release more stories to the public.

10. The final factor that causes people to readily believe anything they see or hear in the news is that the news agencies often play to basic emotions.

11. The stories were proven to be bogus but people believed them.

12. News agencies abuse their authority to push their agendas, while the public trusts them to deliver accurate news without ulterior motives.

Q22. Who do you respect most? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My cousin Lynn is the person I respect the most.

Support 1: She's intelligent.

Support 2: She's kind and positive.

Support 3: She is able to put anyone at ease.

Thesis: I respect my cousin Lynn the most because she's intelligent, kind and positive, and can put anyone at ease.

B. Model Essay

In my life, I have met a lot of interesting people and many of them have shaped who I am today. While the list of people who I respect is very long, and it's very difficult to narrow it down to one person, but if I had to choose who I respect the most, I would have to say that I respect my cousin, Lynn, the most. What I respect about her the most is her intelligence, the way she embodies kindness and is always positive, and she always makes the people around her feel completely at ease.

Lynn is a very intelligent woman. She's the kind of person who has an insatiable appetite for knowledge, and didn't give up on learning after finishing college. In her house, she has a small library, and she has so many books that she's doesn't even have enough shelf space to hold them all. She has so many books on every subject that interests her, from astronomy to Zen Buddhism, and I have no doubt that she has read them all. She is very curious about the world around her, and she has passed this down to her children, who she helps understand what they've learned at school by doing special projects at home, often making the lesson more clear for them than their teachers.

Lynn is also a deeply spiritual person. She was raised as a Catholic, and in adulthood has spent lot of time studying and thinking about the

Eastern philosophies. While all religions have their negatives, Lynn has managed to clear away all the negative aspects of all these religions and embodies all their positive aspects. As such, she is a very loving, kind and positive person. By her example, she has taught me what compassion truly means, as she is the kind of person to always think about others before herself. And she is such a positive person, that she can find something good in any situation.

Because she was so warm and loving, she is able to put anybody completely at ease. I can talk to her without worrying about being judged, and she gives me thoughtful advice instead of clichés. I feel that I can talk to her about anything, even stuff that I don't want anybody else in the family to know about. She is so warm and inviting. that, at family gatherings, it's hard to get in a word edgewise because everybody else wants to be near her and talk with her. But she makes the effort to spend as much time with everyone and give them her full attention.

Because she has many traits I find admirable in a person, the person I respect the most is my cousin, Lynn. She's extremely intelligent, kind and positive, and is able to put anybody completely at ease.

C. Useful Expressions

1. In my life, I have met a lot of interesting people and many of them have shaped who I am today.

2. It's very difficult to narrow it down to one person, but I would have to say that I respect my cousin, Lynn, the most.

3. She always makes the people around her feel completely at ease.

4. She's the kind of person who has an insatiable appetite for knowledge

5. She has so many books on every subject that interests her, from astronomy to Zen Buddhism.

6. Lynn has managed to clear away all the negative aspects of all these religions and embodies all their positive aspects.

7. She has taught me what compassion truly means, as she is the kind of person to always think about others before herself.

8. Because she was so warm and loving, she is able to put anybody completely at ease.

9. I can talk to her without worrying about being judged, and she gives me thoughtful advice instead of clichés.

10. She makes the effort to spend as much time with everyone and give them her full attention.

11. Because she has many traits I find admirable in a person, the person I respect the most is my cousin, Lynn.

Q23. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A hero is someone who is willing to put others ahead of himself.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that a hero is someone who is willing to put the needs of others before their own needs.

Support 1: Heroes put their community's needs ahead of their own, such as financially.

Support 2: A hero puts himself at risk in order to help another person who is in danger.

Support 3: A hero stands up against others and says when something is wrong.

Thesis: Since a hero helps others without thinking of the effects to them, I agree that a hero is somebody who is willing to put their needs behind the needs of others.

B. Model Essay

I agree that a hero is someone who is willing to put the needs of others before their own. Sometimes a hero has to put his own conscience ahead of the demands of his community. At other times, a hero has to put his own safety at risk in order to help another person in danger. And sometimes, a person has to stand up and say that something is wrong. These are what someone must do in order to be a hero because heroes are expected to always do what is right.

In many cases, a hero is one who puts his own conscience ahead of those in authority in society. A noteworthy example of this would be Oscar Schindler, the subject of the film *Schindler's List*. A businessman in Austria at the start of WWII, he was a loyal Nazi Party member, until he learned of his party's plans to exterminate Jews. In response, he employed as many Jewish people in his enamelware and ammunition factories so that

they would be spared the trips to the death camps. He spent his entire fortune helping the people he employed to escape and survive the horror of the Holocaust. He died broke but he never regretted his decision to help whom he referred to as “his children.” He went against the expectations of the authorities in the name of conscience, and that is what makes him a hero.

At other times, a hero has to put the needs and safety of other people ahead of his own in order to do what he thinks is right. A good example of this is a firefighter rushing into a burning building to save a child. Even though firefighters are trained for exactly this kind of situation, he knows full well that any number of things could go wrong, which could lead to the loss of his life. Still, he has an obligation to save that life, so he rushes in ready to die so that another can live. This willingness to lay aside one's own safety for another is another hallmark of a hero.

A third point that has to be made in what a hero has to be is that a hero must stand up for what he believes is right and against what he believes is wrong, despite the potential consequences. A good example of this is Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa. He stood up to the atrocities of the apartheid and was imprisoned for his outspokenness. But he continued to write and speak out against the regime and international pressure built up against South Africa. Eventually, apartheid collapsed, Mandela was freed, and he led South Africa into a new era as a rainbow nation, where all races were celebrated. His willingness to go to prison for what he believed in makes Mandela a hero for standing up and saying that the system was wrong.

The marks of a hero putting others ahead of his own interests are clear in these examples. Schindler shows us that putting your conscience over negative authority is one sign of a hero. A firefighter saving a baby shows us that a hero always considers the safety of others before his own. And Mandela shows us that standing up against injustice, despite the consequence of imprisonment, makes that person a hero. That's why I agree that a hero must always put others ahead of himself.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I agree that a hero is someone is willing to put the needs of others before their own.

2. Sometimes a hero has to put his own conscience ahead of the demands of his community.

3. A hero has to put his own safety at risk in order to help another person in danger.

4. A noteworthy example of this would be Oscar Schindler.

5. He was a loyal Nazi Party member, until he learned of his party's plans to exterminate Jews.

6. He died broke but he never regretted his decision to help whom he referred to as "his children."

7. He went against the expectations of the authorities in the name of conscience, and that is what makes him a hero.

8. A good example of this is a firefighter rushing into a burning building to save a child.

9. Still, he has an obligation to save that life, so he rushes in ready to die so that another can live.

10. He stood up to the atrocities of the apartheid and was imprisoned for his outspokenness.

11. But he continued to write and speak out against the regime and international pressure built up against South Africa.

12. The marks of a hero putting others ahead of his own interests are clear in these examples.

**Q24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Students who don't learn about ethics in school are more likely to
grow up to be criminals.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree that students who don't learn about ethics in school are more likely to grow up to be criminals.

Support 1: People are programmed from birth to know the differences between right and wrong in everyday life.

Support 2: If parents teach ethics to their children correctly, then the schools involvement will be unnecessary.

Support 3: Children become criminals because they see no other way to behave.

Thesis: Since it is the parent's continuous responsibility and not just the schools responsibility, I disagree that students who don't learn about ethics in school are more likely to grow up to be criminals.

B. Model Essay

I don't think that students will turn to criminals if they're not taught ethics in school. Because people are programmed from birth to know what is right and what is wrong from everyday life. Parents should be the ones to teach ethics and if they do it right, school involvement won't be necessary. Thirdly, kids don't become criminals simply because they don't know better; they become criminals because they see things other way. It is naive to think that just because schools don't get involved in the moral training of students as those students will get in trouble with the law.

From when we are born, we are given indicators that some things are right and some things are wrong. This is done through interactions with authority figures, parents, teachers, police officers, etc. Often when we go

outside these bounds, we learn about the consequences, often through some form of discomfort or punishment. This is the first reason why schools shouldn't have to teach ethics to their students because ethics are taught to us everyday from early childhood.

As stated above, parents are the main ethical trainers from early childhood and if they do it right, school instruction in ethics would become unnecessary. Even after we grow out of toddlerhood and into later childhood and adolescence, parents continue to be our source for ethical instruction. If the parents are consistent in this role, then a child would be fully ethical by the time they're eighteen years old. However, if a parent is not consistent in his or her ethical training, then the child will be in danger of sliding outside the expected ethical conduct of the society. It is only in this situation that the school should intervene. If the parents are upholding their responsibility, however, this should not be necessary.

The most important factor that we have to remember is that sometimes people turn to crime not because they're unethical, but because they're desperate. In many cases, kids who turn to crime come from very poor backgrounds. They are prone to steal and do other minor crimes just so they and their families can get something to eat. In a way, any society that expects children to learn ethics is often at fault for not even acknowledging their dire situation and teaching them how they can relieve their poverty, except through some assurance that acting ethically will help them out eventually. If their parents were poor, they might even show hostility towards the society and blame their situation on its authority figures and ethics. Children are highly susceptible to this influence and can cause them to rebel against the society and the school may not have any input in this situation.

So the ethics of a society are not the responsibility of the school for these reasons. First, we learn ethics naturally as we grow up from infancy to adolescence because of our environment. Secondly, parents are the main source of ethical education and they need to take responsibility for their kids behavior. Finally, kids are more susceptible to crime because their families are poor and the society needs to do more for this situation than

they are doing now. These are why ethics should not have to be the domain of schools.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't think that students will turn to criminals if they're not taught ethics in school.

2. People are programmed from birth to know what is right and what is wrong from everyday life.

3. It is naive to think that just because schools don't get involved in the moral training of students, those students will get in trouble with the law.

4. From when we are born, we are given indicators that some things are right and some things are wrong.

5. If the parents are consistent in this role then a child would be fully ethical by the time they're eighteen years old.

6. The most important factor that we have to remember is that sometimes people turn to crime not because they're unethical, but because they're desperate.

7. Children are highly susceptible to this influence and can cause them to rebel against the society and the school may not have any input in this situation.

8. We learn ethics naturally as we grow up from infancy to adolescence because of our environment.

9. Parents are the main source of ethical education and they need to take responsibility for their kids behavior.

Q25. If you saw your friend cheating on a test, would you hide the fact or would you report it to the teacher? Give specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I saw my friend cheating on a test, I would most likely report them to my teacher.

Support 1: If I don't report my friend, I might be accused of helping them cheat.

Support 2: I believe that everyone should be honest or else they will become more apt to be a criminal.

Support 3: If my friend cheats, they are only harming their own chances of becoming successful in the future.

Thesis: Since there is more harm than good, I would report my friend if I saw them cheating on a test.

B. Model Essay

If I saw my friend cheating on a test, I would most likely report that friend. The first reason I would report my friend is that if she gets found out by someone else, I might be accused of having something to do with it, so reporting it might remove all suspicion from me. Second, I believe that everyone should be honest, lest they should become more deceitful as they grow up and become criminals. Finally, if my friend cheats, then she is only harming her own chances of becoming successful in the future. These things are really important to me, so I would report my friend if I catch her cheating.

The first thing I have to consider in finding my friend cheating is that we have such a close relationship that we are often considered to be accomplices in breaking rules. That's why the first reason I would report her is so that I don't get accused. Sometimes we get punished for

something the other one did, or for simply knowing about it and not coming forward. It may seem callous to say this, but the truth is that I don't need to be getting in trouble with her and getting punished with her all the time, even though we're supposed to support each other. But the truth is, I don't want to be getting into trouble for not telling the truth.

Another reason I would report her is because people who are dishonest in their youth only become more dishonest if no one intervenes. Liars tend to tell bigger lies if they aren't called out and cheaters will look to become more brazen in their cheating if nobody stops them. This happened with my little brother. He began telling tales about events that happened at school. At first, my parents didn't pay any attention because they were small lies. But then his stories became bigger and soon became big enough to warrant a call to the school. They said nothing of the sort happened and he got into a lot of trouble for his lying. Since then, he hasn't told any lies about what happened at school. Because they intervened, my brother became honest, so I hope by intervening, my friend will become honest.

The third reason my friend would be reported for cheating is because my friend would only be hurting herself by not putting a genuine effort into studying and succeeding. I want my friend to accomplish her goals and I want her to do it in the most rewarding way possible. The best way to do that is by knowing exactly what you need to know. Cheating may give you a few right answers, but you won't know what those answers mean, and if you were asked to use the knowledge you faked having, you will find that you will not succeed. My mother actually tried this to get a job. She put things on her resume that weren't true, and when she was given a task that required actual experience, she messed it up in a way that it caused property damage. She was fired immediately and hasn't tried to work outside the home since. Therefore, actually knowing something is more beneficial than pretending to.

So even though my friend would probably hate me for doing so, I would report her for cheating for these reasons. My friend and I are often considered to be “partners in crime” so reporting her would clear me of

wrongdoing. Second, like my little brother, if she continues to be dishonest, her dishonesty will get bigger and bigger until she gets caught. Finally, she should be successful on actually learning, as opposed to pretending to know things like my mom's lie on her resume. Those are why I would report my friend for cheating.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I saw my friend cheating on a test, I would most likely report that friend.

2. I believe that everyone should be honest, lest they should become more deceitful as they grow up and become criminals.

3. If my friend cheats, then she is only harming her own chances of becoming successful in the future.

4. The first thing I have to consider in finding my friend cheating is that we have such a close relationship that we are often considered to be accomplices in breaking rules.

5. Another reason I would report her is because people who are dishonest in their youth only become more dishonest if no one intervenes.

6. This happened with my little brother.

7. His stories became bigger and soon became big enough to warrant a call to the school.

8. My friend would only be hurting herself by not putting a genuine effort into studying and succeeding.

9. I want my friend to accomplish her goals and I want her to do it in the most rewarding way possible.

10. She put things on her resume that weren't true, and when she was given a task that required actual experience, she messed it up in a way that it

caused property damage.

11. She was fired immediately and hasn't tried to work outside the home since.

12. I would report her for cheating for these reasons.

13. If she continues to be dishonest, her dishonesty will get bigger and bigger until she gets caught.

**Q26. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Foreign cultures threaten the identity of the nation.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree that foreign cultures threaten the identity of a nation.

Support 1: Foreign cultures are introduced into a nation because foreign nationals want to hold onto something that is familiar to them, not to threaten the host nation.

Support 2: Our national identity has been influenced by foreign cultures for hundreds of years already.

Support 3: It is hateful to think that a foreign culture is a threat to anyone.

Thesis: Since fearing a foreign culture is ignorant, I disagree that foreign cultures are a threat to a nation's identity.

B. Model Essay

I do not agree that foreign cultures threaten anyone's national identity. If a foreign culture enters itself into our society, it is only because foreign nationals living here want to hold on something familiar to them. Also, our national identity has been influenced by foreign cultures for hundreds of years. But most importantly, thinking that foreign cultures are a threat to anyone is just plain hateful. This subject should be explored in great detail in order to realize that this fear is simply ignorant.

First off, the main reason many immigrants bring their culture into the countries they immigrate to is to make them feel more comfortable in their new home. A new country is always going to feel strange and frightening to a newcomer. The new arrivals' customs, food, music, stories, etc., are ways to help them keep a connection to their homeland. Over time, these new practices can become accepted by mainstream society and add to the already diverse fabric of our country. So not only do other national customs not threaten national identity, but they may actually add to it.

Whether we know it or not, our national identity as it is now has been influenced by customs and traditions of many different cultures. We enjoy food such as pasta from Italy, curry from India, and dishes from China and Mexico at restaurants in our own neighborhoods. We watch movies from England or Japan that have a particular take on the national pop culture trends of their countries that can influence our own, such as Japanese animation. We also play sports that were invented in other countries, soccer for example was invented in England, and tennis was invented in France. So all of these foreign influences have affected our entertainment and eating habits and we always tend to forget that.

The most important thing we have to remember is that the idea that foreign influences somehow cause harm or have the potential to harm our country is a sign of bigotry. The world is acknowledging that we are living in a diverse world, filled with many different kinds of people with different belief systems and different tastes in food, music, and entertainment. Anyone who feels that these things should not change or be different cannot acknowledge that and is actually being left behind by the rest of the world as the world move forward. Such a person cannot adjust to change, and adjusting to change has become almost a necessity in today's fast-paced, 24-hour, global society. These people are being ignored simply because they can't accept that foreign cultures might give us something helpful or meaningful.

The idea of a national identity having been the same since the beginning and unchanging throughout is a myth because foreign cultures are and have always been present in our society. They're present whenever we enjoy a taco or a pizza. They're present whenever we watch a sci-fi animation from Japan. And they're present when we live our lives and accept the world as it is, instead of as being corrupted from a seemingly pure past. So it's disagreeable to think that foreign cultures somehow harm our national identity, because foreign cultures are our national identity.

C. Useful Expressions

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2. Our national identity has been influenced by foreign cultures for hundreds of years.

3. Thinking that foreign cultures are a threat to anyone is just plain hateful.

4. This subject should be explored in great detail in order to realize that this fear is simply ignorant.

5. The main reason many immigrants bring their culture into the countries they immigrate to is to make them feel more comfortable in their new home.

6. These new practices can become accepted by mainstream society and add to the already diverse fabric of our country.

7. Whether we know it or not, our national identity as it is now has been influenced by customs and traditions of many different cultures.

8. We enjoy food such as pasta from Italy, curry from India, and dishes from China and Mexico at restaurants in our own neighborhoods.

9. All of these foreign influences have affected our entertainment and eating habits and we always tend to forget that.

10. The most important thing we have to remember is that the idea that foreign influences somehow cause harm or have the potential to harm our country is a sign of bigotry.

11. Anyone who feels that these things should not change or be different cannot acknowledge that and is actually being left behind by the rest of the world as the world move forward.

12. Such a person cannot adjust to change, and adjusting to change has become almost a necessity in today's fast-paced, 24-hour, global society.

13. Is a myth because foreign cultures are and have always been present in our society.

14. It's disagreeable to think that foreign cultures somehow harm our national identity.

Q27. If you could change one thing about your family, what would it be and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I could change one thing about my family, I would change their negative attitude towards my education.

Support 1: My parents don't see any reason to go to college because they never went past the high school level.

Support 2: My parents have racist views and don't want me to go to college because of the mixing of different races.

Support 3: My parents view college professors as elitists who are pushing a progressive agenda that is undermining traditional American values.

Thesis: Since my parents don't understand or accept my desire to go to college, I would change my family's negative views on my need for a college degree.

B. Model Essay

If I could change one thing about my family, it would be their negative attitude towards education. My parents never went past the high school level and don't see any reason for college, despite the fact that college graduates earn more than they do. They also have bigoted views and see colleges as a hotbed for "race mixing." Finally, they see college professors as elitists pushing a progressive agenda that is undermining traditional American values. These views are ignorant and I wish they changed them and became more open to higher learning.

They've never seen a reason for college, even though they've never made anything more than \$5,000 a year. My father was an assembly line worker at a factory and he felt that just having a job was all that one needed to be successful. He had good benefits and was able to provide for

his family, but he was lucky to have his job at a time when manufacturing jobs were still plentiful. He retired just before many of his co-workers were laid off, but he didn't see why the factory was closed and blamed it on foreigners. Still, he was stubborn and stuck to his views on education.

My mother and father are also racists and see a plethora of different races on college campuses. They worry because with younger peoples' propensity for having relations, people of different races will mix together and sweep their race out of existence. I find this to be a rather ugly and uneducated concept, but that's perhaps the point of this argument. Because they haven't been highly educated, they can't see that people are people, regardless of their skin color or country of ancestry.

A third and probably most meaningless part of their objection to higher learning is perhaps their contempt for the level of respect often given to college professors, particularly science professors. When top-level scientists announce things about global warming and evolution, and people give them credence, my parents don't understand why people listen to them. And when there's a new finding in parenting practices, they think anyone acknowledging them is akin to being a Communist. They feel that they have more expertise in parenting because they were parents and that gave them all the knowledge they need. They also take the Book of Genesis literally and it angers them that professors act all high and mighty while contradicting it. Worse, they think professors see themselves as better than everyone else because of their “infinite” knowledge and thus consider them elitists. So professors have the respect of everyone besides my parents because of my parents, closed-mindedness.

Despite my parents, I've begun to think for myself and want more for myself. My parents can't understand it, but I want to make more of myself than my parents did when my father worked at that factory, just so he could have a family. I'm also breaking free of my father's racism, which has led to many fights. And I'm trying to discern who's really “elitist” and who actually knows what they're talking about, and I don't think my parents even know anything about what they're talking about. So I wish my family was more educated than they are now.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I could change one thing about my family, it would be their negative attitude towards education.

2. My parents never went past the high school level and don't see any reason for college, despite the fact that college graduates earn more than they do.

3. I wish they changed them and became more open to higher learning.

4. They've never seen a reason for college.

5. He had good benefits and was able to provide for his family.

6. He retired just before many of his co-workers were laid off, but he didn't see why the factory was closed and blamed it on foreigners.

7. He was stubborn and stuck to his views on education.

8. My mother and father are also racists and see a plethora of different races on college campuses.

9. Because they haven't been highly educated, they can't see that people are people, regardless of their skin color or country of ancestry.

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11. They feel that they have more expertise in parenting because they were parents and that gave them all the knowledge they need.

12. They also take the Book of Genesis literally and it angers them that professors act all high and mighty while contradicting it.

13. I don't think my parents even know anything about what they're talking about.

14. So I wish my family was more educated than they are now.

Q28. Is it right or wrong for parents to adopt a child of an ethnicity different from their own?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think that it is not only right, but necessary for parents to adopt a child of a different ethnicity than their own.

Support 1: Many children around the world need homes; it shouldn't matter where they are from or going to.

Support 2: People of any background should accept any child into their family.

Support 3: Parents who can't have children of their own don't care where their adopted child comes from because they are happy to have a child.

Thesis: Since a child's background doesn't matter to a parent who wants a child badly, it is a great thing for a parent to adopt a different ethnicity child than their own.

B. Model Essay

I think that not only is it right for parents to adopt inter-ethnically, but it's absolutely necessary. There are thousands children around the world who need homes, and it shouldn't matter where those homes are and who's in those homes. With so many needy children, parents should easily accept children from any background, even if it's not like their own. And parents who can't have children of their own often don't care where the children come from. These facts, which will be explored in more detail, should make the ethnicity of adopted children and their adoptive parents a non-issue.

First off, there are tens of thousands of children all over the world looking for a family to call their own. Often, these children are from impoverished countries in Asia or Africa, and their prospects look dire if

they can't find good homes. Denying these children good homes and good families just because the only families interested are of a different race or are in a different country is cruel and inhumane, especially since these are the most vulnerable victims of cruelty you can possibly imagine. Children in poor countries without families are more likely to die before adolescence than anywhere else in the world, and that's before you take into account the diseases and famine that ravage these countries because children without families simply aren't valued in these cultures. So saving these children from certain death is one reason why interracial adoption shouldn't even be an issue.

Also, parents should be able to welcome any child into their home as long as they're capable of providing care for that child. If parents really want to adopt, they must be able to accept the child for who or what he or she is. Parents who are racist don't really show a loving attitude if they're expressing hate for a child who's only loving for someone to love them. Being able to love a child unconditionally should be the primary prerequisite for being a parent, whether they're adopting or not. So parents who can't accept a racially diverse family need to re-examine their values and see if they can really be good parents.

Probably the cruelest reason why inter-ethnic adoptions should not be considered wrong is that many people who adopt cannot have children biologically. These people are desperate for children and they don't care where the children come from or who they are. This goes beyond ethnicity; they're willing to take in troubled kids or even kids with special needs. Denying these parents a chance to adopt a child they've grown to love because of these superficial differences makes absolutely no sense. So parents should be able to take in any child, regardless of what the state thinks is best.

So for these reasons, inter-ethnic adoption should always be an option. First, by denying children a home based on race, we could be condemning them to a life of destitution or even death. Second, parents must always be loving enough to accept a child of any background or else they won't be good, loving parents. Finally, by denying parents a chance to adopt

interracially, the state may be needlessly crushing their hopes for a family. So these are why interracial adoption is not only right, but absolutely necessary.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I think that not only is it right for parents to adopt inter-ethnically, but it's absolutely necessary.

2. There are thousands children around the world who need homes, and it shouldn't matter where those homes are and who's in those homes.

3. With so many needy children, parents should easily accept children from any background, even if it's not like their own.

4. There are tens of thousands of children all over the world looking for a family to call their own.

5. Denying these children good homes and good families just because the only families interested are of a different race or are in a different country is cruel and inhumane.

6. Children in poor countries without families are more likely to die before adolescence than anywhere else in the world.

7. Parents should be able to welcome any child into their home as long as they're capable of providing care for that child.

8. Being able to love a child unconditionally should be the primary prerequisite for being a parent, whether they're adopting or not.

9. So parents who can't accept a racially diverse family need to re-examine their values and see if they can really be good parents.

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11. So parents should be able to take in any child, regardless of what the state thinks is best.

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13. Parents must always be loving enough to accept a child of any background or else they won't be good, loving parents.

14. By denying parents a chance to adopt interracially, the state may be needlessly crushing their hopes for a family.

Q29. Your best friend is going to move away. What would you do with him/her before he/she leaves?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If my friend is going to move away, I would arrange a trip to an amusement park.

Support 1: We had talked about going to this amusement park for a long time, and this would be our last chance.

Support 2: We would have great memories that would last us a long time.

Support 3: Going to an amusement park would be a fun going away party.

Thesis: Since we would have many benefits, I would take my best friend to an amusement park before they moved away.

B. Model Essay

If my friend was about to move away, I would try to arrange a trip to an amusement park we had talked about going to for a long time. This would be our last chance to do this and I don't want to wish that I had done it before when we had the chance. Also, the last memories we have of each other should be good ones. Finally, a trip to the amusement park would make for a special going away party. Let's take a look at these reasons in better detail.

This would be the last chance to do this and I would want to take it while I can. If I don't and I start to think about my friend, or go past that park, I will remember how much we talked about going there and begin to regret not doing so. My parents often regret things that they haven't done and have told me that if the opportunity comes along to do something special, I should take it. My friend is someone I've shared many things with and I want to regret nothing about our friendship. So the first reason I would go on this trip with him is to avoid regretting not to.

With so many good memories already, I would want to make sure that

all of the memories we had of each other were good ones. An amusement park is a place where many good memories can be made, as we ride the rides, play the games, and generally have fun throughout the day. Of course, we'd be taking plenty of pictures so we can keep those memories forever. After our day at the park ends, we will certainly be sure to thank each other for such a wonderful day and for so many good memories. So the good memories would be another reason for going to an amusement park before he moves away.

The last reason why I'd go to the amusement park with him is because it would make a great going away party. Often when people plan to leave for long periods of time, their family and friends throw him a party to wish him well. This party could be held anywhere, a house, a restaurant, or even an amusement park. Our amusement park trip would be just the one to celebrate him and to give him thanks for being a good friend and to wish him luck at his new home. That would be the biggest reason why I'd go to the amusement park with him.

So those are the reasons why I'd take my friend to an amusement park. It's something we always talked about that I wouldn't want to regret not doing. It's a place to make some final good memories. And it would be a great going away party to send him off with good luck. I really like my friend and would never want him to leave, but if he had to, I'd make sure we took that trip so that he could be as happy as can be when he leaves.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If my friend was about to move away, I would try to arrange a trip to an amusement park we had talked about going to for a long time.

2. This would be the last chance to do this and I would want to take it while I can.

3. My parents often regret things that they haven't done and have told me that if the opportunity comes along to do something special, I should take it.

4. An amusement park is a place where many good memories can be made, as we ride the rides, play the games, and generally have fun throughout the day.

5. We'd be taking plenty of pictures so we can keep those memories forever.

6. After our day at the park ends, we will certainly be sure to thank each other for such a wonderful day and for so many good memories.

7. The last reason why I'd go to the amusement park with him is because it would make a great going away party.

8. Often when people plan to leave for long periods of time, their family and friends throw him a party to wish him well.

9. That would be the biggest reason why I'd go to the amusement park with him.

10. I'd make sure we took that trip so that he could be as happy as can be when he leaves.

Q30. Who is your favorite athlete? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Ben Henderson is my favorite athlete.

Support 1: His fights are exciting to watch.

Support 2: He's a good role model.

Support 3: He has had a big influence on my life.

Thesis: Ben Henderson is my favorite athlete.

B. Model Essay

Ultimate Fighting is a very popular sport in our country. Over the years I have watched many fights on TV, and in person. It took me a while to get interested in the sport, but that changed the night I watched Ben Henderson fight Clay Guida. After seeing this fight, Ben Henderson quickly became my favorite athlete. I will explain why.

First of all, Ben's fights are very exciting to watch. His styles include a mix of Kickboxing, Wrestling, Ju-jitsu, and Tae Kwon Do. When he is competing in the octagon, he employs various fighting methods against his opponents. I especially like to watch him take his opponents down, and employ wrestling skills. This is where I believe his skills are the best, putting his opponents into a submission hold, forcing them to tap out.

Second, Ben is not only a phenomenal athlete, but a great role model as well. Ben embraces his Christian beliefs, and even prays for himself and his opponents before his fights. He also embraces a healthy lifestyle as well. He has mentioned in interviews that he never drank alcohol, smoked, done drugs, or gone clubbing. Nowadays, it is very rare to see athletes that behave in a positive way. That's another reason Ben Henderson stands out from the crowd.

Finally, Ben Henderson's training and lifestyle have had an influence

on me personally. Since I like to follow up on him, I've read about his training principles. I try my best to incorporate some of his training ideas into my workouts. Also, his positive lifestyle has encouraged me to live in the best way possible.

Because Ben Henderson is a great athlete, as well as a positive role model, he is now my favorite athlete. It is becoming a rare occurrence these days for athletes to have positive reputations. But, I feel that Ben Henderson can improve upon that, not just for his sport, but for all athletes in general.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Ultimate Fighting is a very popular sport in our country.

2. Over the years I have watched many fights on TV, and in person.

3. After seeing this fight, Ben Henderson quickly became my favorite athlete.

4. When he is competing in the octagon, he employs various fighting methods against his opponents.

5. Ben is not only a phenomenal athlete, but a great role model as well.

6. I try my best to incorporate some of his training ideas into my workouts.

7. It is becoming a rare occurrence these days for athletes to have positive reputations.

Q31. A person you know is about to move to your town. What advice would you give to help him/her settle into your town?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would advise my friend of three things about moving to my town: stay away from downtown, join a club, and buy a metro pass.

Support 1: Getting a good house away from downtown will keep my friend away from the noise and litter.

Support 2: Joining a club will give my friend a social organization to make friends.

Support 3: A metro card will give my friend a discount and help them use the great public transportation more easily.

Thesis: Since these three things provide great advantages, I would tell my friend about where to live, how to make more friends, and how to save money.

B. Model Essay

If someone I knew was about to move to my town, I would give him three pieces of advice. First, I would probably advise him to get a good house away from downtown. Another thing I would tell him is that he should join a club somewhere in town. Finally, I would advise him to get a metro pass to take advantage of our top notch transportation system. I think these things will help him get adjusted to life in my hometown more easily and help him integrate himself into our community.

The first thing I would tell him he should do is to move into an area that's well away from downtown. Downtown is a very noisy and crowded place and if he's too close to the area, he will find it difficult to live there. If my friend were to move close to downtown, he will almost certainly find it impossible to sleep there because of all the noise from the clubs. He

would also find it dirty with all of the litter around the street corners and all the vehicles driving through the area. If he moved away from downtown, he would find it more agreeable with him.

The second thing I would tell him that he should do is to join a local club or social group. In my town, being part of a social organization is a great way to make all important connections that can help get jobs and make business deals. They are also how people make friends and discuss the latest news, all in a friendly atmosphere. They even help organize charity events, such as softball games or dances, so my friend could be able to help out with a good cause. So joining a club would help my friend integrate himself into the social fabric of my town and make it easier to make friends and share contacts.

The third piece of advice I would give him is to get a metro card so that he could take advantage of our excellent public transportation system. People are often concerned about the state of our environment, so the city has established a highly efficient system of buses and subway trains. With the card, he can ride it at a discounted rate and he could take a break from driving on our busy roads and highways. He could also reduce his share of carbon emissions which contribute to climate change. The metro card can help him get around town and integrate him with the city's layout.

Those three pieces of advice are sure to help him get around town. Moving away from downtown will help him live more comfortably and sleep more easily. Joining a club or social group will help him make contacts and maybe help him find a job. And getting a metro card would help him find his way around and help reduce carbon emissions. For those reasons, those would be what I would tell my friend to help him settle into my hometown.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If someone I knew was about to move to my town, I would give him three pieces of advice.

2. First, I would probably advise him to get a good house away from

downtown.

3. Another thing I would tell him is that he should join a club somewhere in town.

4. Finally, I would advise him to get a metro pass to take advantage of our top notch transportation system.

5. Downtown is a very noisy and crowded place and if he's too close to the area, he will find it difficult to live there.

6. If my friend were to move close to downtown, he will almost certainly find it impossible to sleep there because of all the noise from the clubs.

7. Being part of a social organization is a great way to make all important connections that can help get jobs and make business deals.

8. They even help organize charity events, such as softball games or dances, so my friend could be able to help out with a good cause.

9. So the city has established a highly efficient system of buses and subway trains.

10. With the card, he can ride it at a discounted rate and he could take a break from driving on our busy roads and highways.

11. Those three pieces of advice are sure to help him get around town.

12. Moving away from downtown will help him live more comfortably and sleep more easily.

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14. And getting a metro card would help him find his way around and help

reduce carbon emissions.

Q32. Are social skills (the ability to communicate and interact with people) more important than education when looking for a job? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't think that social skills are more important than an education when looking for a job.

Support 1: Even though service industries need social skills, their technical skills are more important when performing the job's basic functions.

Support 2: A college degree is more of a guarantee in finding a better paying job than having a lower level of education.

Support 3: If you get hired based on your social skills but don't have the necessary skills to do the job, it will be disastrous for your career.

Thesis: Since education gets you further in the job market, I disagree that social skills are more important than an education when seeking a job.

B. Model Essay

In today's society, social skills and social connections are highly valued in seeking prospective employees, but I don't think that it has replaced education as the deciding factor in gaining employment. First off, even in so many service industries that require social skills, technical skills are still needed when performing the job's basic functions. Secondly, a college degree is more of a guarantee in finding better paying work than having a lower level of education, something that has always remained true. Thirdly, just getting a job because you charmed the employer or have a good connection with the employer could end up being disastrous if you don't have the necessary skills or knowledge for actually doing the job. So even though social skills are helpful, they're not the paramount factor in

being able to get and hold a job.

Even though in many service industries, talking to customers and providing answers to questions require a good-level of social skills, some of those jobs still require more practical skills. Take banking, for example, when working at a bank, it is necessary to be friendly with customers while they turn over their savings. At the same time, however, the banker must use his calculative skills to make sure those savings are accurately tracked and that no mistakes are made. This is why bankers often go to college to study accounting, because they need to track these accounts correctly and that takes a lot more than a friendly smile. These skills have to be honed as well as social skills when looking for a job.

Many years ago, people who didn't finish high school were seen as hopeless because they didn't have the basic knowledge required for living on one's own. Today, that standard has been raised and now people with college degrees are highly sought after. The prestige that a college education brings cannot be overstated. Studies have shown that people with a bachelor's degree earn more than double a high school graduate. This is because college graduates go on to work in many high tech and financial industries. The skills and knowledge these people bring are the reason why so many successful companies are successful. Education makes for successful and powerful people, not people skills.

If a person gets a job just because he gets to know people or because he's charming, that could bring about disastrous results. One such occurrence is when someone gets a job because he is a relative of the CEO or another high ranking employee. Even though he might be friendly enough to customers, clients, and co-workers, he may not have the skills necessary to perform his job. If he were given a task that he was unprepared for, the result to the company could be a loss in revenue or clientele. So being charming and socially connected cannot guarantee that a person can do a job well the way a good education can.

Those are the reasons why social skills are not as important as an education when it comes to having a job. Service jobs like banking need both social skills and more importantly mathematic skills. Having an

education is more of a guarantee towards getting a job now than in the past. And being socially connected and positive towards others will never guarantee that a job will be well done by a particular individual. That's why I disagree with the statement.

C. Useful Expressions

1. In today's society, social skills and social connections are highly valued in seeking prospective employees, but I don't think that it has replaced education as the deciding factor in gaining employment.

2. Just getting a job because you charmed the employer or have a good connection with the employer could end up being disastrous if you don't have the necessary skills or knowledge for actually doing the job.

3. Even though social skills are helpful, they're not the paramount factor in being able to get and hold a job.

4. Even though in many service industries, talking to customers and providing answers to questions require a good-level of social skills, some of those jobs still require more practical skills.

5. These skills have to be honed as well as social skills when looking for a job.

6. Today, that standard has been raised and now people with college degrees are highly sought after.

7. The prestige that a college education brings cannot be overstated.

8. Studies have shown that people with a bachelor's degree earn more than double a high school graduate.

9. If a person gets a job just because he gets to know people or because he's charming, that could bring about disastrous results.

10. One such occurrence is when someone gets a job because he is a relative of the CEO or another high ranking employee.

11. If he were given a task that he was unprepared for, the result to the company could be a loss in revenue or clientele.

12. Those are the reasons why social skills are not as important as an education when it comes to having a job.

Q33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A child can learn as much or more at home than at school.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that a child can learn just as much as or even more at home than they can at school.

Support 1: Children are easily distracted at school, but at home, they don't have these distractions.

Support 2: Children cannot receive one-on-one training at school, like they can do at home, so this allows them to receive more knowledge.

Support 3: Children at home can learn differently through the use of computer programs or websites.

Thesis: Since a child has a better environment focused on only them, I agree that a student can learn as much, if not more information than when they are at school.

B. Model Essay

I agree that a child can learn as much or even more at home than at school. At school there are many things that can distract the child from learning while at home there isn't as much. Also, a teacher can't give the child a one-on-one training while at home a parent can. Last, there are many computer programs or websites that are aimed at training students. Instead of learning things only the way the teacher may teach, the child can learn differently and efficiently.

First, there are many things that can distract the child from learning in school for example, their friends or other students. Their friends may want to talk about the fun time they had that weekend or what they plan on doing during the weekend. Other students may chat on or play with their cell phones during class. All of these things are a distraction for the child.

Second, it is very difficult for a teacher to give one-on-one teaching to

a student when he or she may have a class of twenty or more students. The teacher's mind is on getting through the material, not if all the students understand what is being taught. If the child is trained at home, he or she will have the individual time they need in order to understand the information being taught.

Last, there are a plentiful amount of computer programs or internet sites that are for teaching students different concepts from those they are or will be learning at school. For example, Kahn Academy (kahnacademy.org) was created by Sol Kahn to tutor his niece in math using YouTube videos. Now people from all over the globe use this site to learn math, science, and other subjects. It's an award winning website for education, one which is endorsed by Bill Gates.

For these reasons, a child has many distractions at a normal school than at home, a teacher can't give a student one-on-one time, and there are many computer programs and internet sites that a child can learn from. I think a child can learn as much or more at home than in the classroom.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I agree that a child can learn as much or even more at home than at school.

2. At school there are many things that can distract the child from learning while at home there isn't as much.

3. Their friends may want to talk about the fun time they had that weekend or what they plan on doing during the weekend.

4. All of these things are a distraction for the child.

5. It is very difficult for a teacher to give one-on-one teaching to a student when he or she may have a class of twenty or more students.

6. There are a plentiful amount of computer programs or internet sites that are for teaching students different concepts from those they are or will be learning at school.

7. For these reasons, a child has many distractions at a normal school than at home, a teacher can't give a student one-on-one time, and there are many computer programs and internet sites that a child can learn from.

8. I think a child can learn as much or more at home than in the classroom.

Q34. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? High schools should offer courses that focus on particular skills to prepare students to find a job in the future.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that high schools should offer courses that focus on particular skills to prepare the students to find a job in the future.

Support 1: Not everybody has money to attend college, so this helps them be better prepared.

Support 2: The increased courses could prove to the public that it is a highly valued school.

Support 3: School might be more interesting if students could have hands-on learning.

Thesis: Since schools could receive many benefits, I agree that schools should offer courses that focus on particular skills that are useful in preparing students to find a job in the future.

B. Model Essay

I agree that high schools should have courses that teach particular skills to prepare students for future job searches. The first reason I agree is that not every high school student is smart enough or rich enough to go to college and they will have to make a living elsewhere. Another reason is that high schools could prove to have more value with students and the public by having training courses in doing skilled work. The last reason I agree is that it might make school more interesting for the students if they do some hands-on learning. I'm going to go into more detail about why this would be a good idea.

First off, not every student in high school is able to go to college. Some students just do not have the grades or the money to make it into college. For them, the only other alternative is to learn a trade and get a job

practicing that trade. It may not be as high paying as someone who's graduated from college, but it will set them on the right track to making a living for themselves. With these classes, the high school can honestly say that they prepare young people for life.

The second reason I agree with the statement is that high schools can prove their relevance to the public by showing that they teach more than just theoretical academics. The biggest complaint about high schools is that their classes on algebra and literature don't carry any weight when it comes to holding down a job in the future. But with job skills classes, they can show that they teach useful life skills that can be used in the real world. If parents can see that their homework requires them to look at electrical systems or programming a computer, they may think a little differently about the value of high schools.

The last reason for my agreement is the idea that students might get excited about the hands on learning that job skills classes may provide. Students often find themselves spending hours sitting around listening to teachers lecture about things that they have no interest in. But if they went to school knowing that they'd be fixing car engines or baking and decorating cakes, they'd be a little more enthusiastic. Hearing about doing things and actually doing things are very different, the former makes people go to sleep. However, the latter makes them wake up and get interested. That would be a big plus in having skills classes at high school.

To sum up, these three reasons are why there should be skills classes in high school. The school will recognize that kids who can't get into college need to find a way to make a living too. People will have a more positive attitude towards high school when their kids actually learn something useful. Finally, the kids will actually look forward to school. These are why I agree that high school should offer courses on job skills for the future.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I agree that high schools should have courses that teach particular skills to prepare students for future jobs searches.

2. First off, not every student in high school is able to go to college. Some students just do not have the grades or the money to make it into college.

3. High schools can prove their relevance to the public by showing that they teach more than just theoretical academics.

4. Biggest complaint about high schools is that their classes on algebra and literature don't carry any weight when it comes to holding down a job in the future.

5. Students might get excited about the hands on learning that job skills classes may provide.

6. If they went to school knowing that they'd be fixing car engines or baking and decorating cakes, they'd be a little more enthusiastic.

7. Hearing about doing things and actually doing things are very different, the former makes people go to sleep.

8. However, the latter makes them wake up and get interested.

9. That would be a big plus in having skills classes at high school.

**Q35. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
There's no such thing as luck.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that there is no such thing as luck.

Support 1: Science cannot prove mystical forces, such as luck, so I don't believe it exists.

Support 2: Everything happens for a reason and those reasons are explainable; it has nothing to do with luck.

Support 3: People would not work for their dreams if luck was the reason for our achievements.

Thesis: Since luck is a mystical belief, I agree that there is no such thing as luck.

B. Model Essay

I agree that there's no such thing as luck for the following reasons. First, the belief in luck would be a belief in a mystical force that science cannot prove exists. Second, there's a reason why everything happens and those reasons are explainable. Third, if everyone depended on luck, no one would do anything with their lives and still get everything they ever dreamed of, a recipe for shutting down the world. I think there's no such thing as luck because luck would not be a positive factor for these reasons.

First, the belief in luck is, when you get down to it, a belief in a supernatural force. These beliefs are based on a kind of faith, like the belief in Heaven, Hell, angels, and demons. I'm a rationally minded individual and I feel that something can only exist if its existence is proven by science. As far as I know, luck cannot be proven by science, all "luck" boils down to is a hope that a smaller probability can come up in an event or a sequence of events. But science has proven that this is merely the outcome of a random occurrence with no influence from any outside

interference, and my worldviews is based on science.

The next point in my disbelief in luck is that there's a reason why everything happens. The forces are being explored by scientists everyday, as they have been for centuries, and everything that can happen has been explained by science. In so called "games of chance," a stray wind or gravity can influence the game in one way or another. For example, in roulette, the air circulating in the casino and the force of the dealer's spin can influence exactly where the small ball will land in the wheel. If anyone could predict the outcome of these forces, they could win everytime, but they can't, and that's why people assume that games like roulette boil down to chance.

Thirdly, if luck actually existed, then no one would have to do any work. All anyone would have to do is place a bet or wish out loud for something to happen, and the results would always fall in their favor. Take education for instance, students who rely on luck rarely, if ever, pass. When relying on luck, students would never need to study and if luck was always in their favor, they would always pass. But in the real world, students who rely on luck tend to always fail, so the existence of luck in this instance is questionable.

So these are the reasons why I don't believe that luck exists. First off, luck is a mystical force that's solely based on faith and not on any hard scientific evidence. Second, everything happens for a reason, like casino games that are based on air conditions and gravity. Finally, if luck really existed, no one would do any work, like a student who relies on luck to pass and ends up failing. That's why I agree with the statement, there's no such thing as luck.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I agree that there's no such thing as luck for the following reasons.

2. First, the belief in luck would be a belief in a mystical force that science cannot prove exists.

3. I'm a rational minded individual and I feel that something can only exist if its existence is proven by science.

4. As far as I know, luck cannot be proven by science, all "luck" boils down to is a hope that a smaller probability can come up in an event or a sequence of events.

5. The next point in my disbelief in luck is that there's a reason why everything happens.

6. The forces are being explored by scientists everyday, as they have been for centuries, and everything that can happen has been explained by science.

7. Thirdly, if luck actually existed, then no one would have to do any work.

8. When relying on luck, students would never need to study and if luck was always in their favor, they would always pass.

9. But in the real world, students who rely on luck tend to always fail, so the existence of luck in this instance is questionable.

Q36. Do you believe that in the future there will be one universal language? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't believe that there will ever be one universal language in the future.

Support 1: It would be difficult for everybody to abandon their own language to learn a new universal language.

Support 2: People would take it as an offense to their own cultures identity.

Support 3: It would be impossible to agree which language would become the universal language to use.

Thesis: Since it would be impossible and offensive to many, I don't think that in the future there will be one universal language.

B. Model Essay

I do not think that there's going to be one universal language that will be spoken around the world. The first reason why not is that it would be difficult for people around the world to abandon their own languages for this one language. The second reason is that some would find a mandated universal language as an open hostilities their own cultures identity and autonomy. The last reason is that no one would ever agree on which language to use as the universal language. Therefore, I would contend that it would be too difficult to ever have a standardized universal language.

People around the world have spoken their own languages for centuries, with only slight modifications in those languages occurring with each generation. The idea that a whole society would give up on its own language is difficult to fathom. It would require a great amount of re-educating millions of people in order to use the new language. This would be time consuming and expensive when you consider the amount of time

that needs to spend on language classes and money spent on learning materials and teachers' salaries. No one would ever put this amount of time or money into remaking an entire culture's linguistic habits to get them in step with the new order. This massive undertaking would be too massive for anyone to take, making the prospect of a universal language low.

In today's globalizing society, people are fighting to protect their own national or cultural identities and a universal language would be detrimental to this. If there were actually an attempt to impose what is seen as a foreign language onto the populace of a nation, then there would be an outcry of resistance, something that happens within countries now (Basque country in Spain, Tibet in China). Soon, there'd be editorials in newspapers outcrying against foreign influence and the government taking away freedoms or committing crimes against cultures, much akin to the U.S. government's eradication of Native American culture. A language is an important part of any culture, and trying to replace that language could create anything from anti-system protests, to a war of rebellion, so the cost in this sense of making a universal language is far too great.

But even if resistance by the populace can be overcome, there's still the issue of who gets to decide what the universal language will be. When world leaders gather together, they discuss a myriad of issues, but more often than not, they will have enormous disagreements about those issues that would lead to a break down in discussions. A discussion on a universal language could end up being the same way because different leaders will have different opinions on what language to use. Even if they discuss a widely used language like English, many leaders may not want to adopt the language as official, especially if they have shaky relations with English-speaking countries. Many world leaders don't want to start a war over this issue.

So these are the problems with trying to establish a universal language. The costs and enormity of a re-education project wouldn't make it feasible. The rights of different linguistic communities would feel threatened. And world leaders would find it impossible to agree on which language to adopt. Therefore, I don't think that there will ever be a

universal language in the future.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I do not think that there's going to be one universal language that will be spoken around the world.

2. People around the world have spoken their own languages for centuries, with only slight modifications in those languages occurring with each generation.

3. The idea that a whole society would give up on its own language is difficult to fathom.

4. It would require a great amount of re-educating millions of people in order to use the new language.

5. In today's globalizing society, people are fighting to protect their own national or cultural identities and a universal language would be detrimental to this.

6. If there were actually an attempt to impose what is seen as a foreign language onto the populace of a nation, then there would be an outcry of resistance.

7. Even if resistance by the populace can be overcome, there's still the issue of who gets to decide what the universal language will be.

8. A discussion on a universal language could end up being the same way because different leaders will have different opinions on what language to use.

9. Even if they discuss a widely used language like English, many leaders may not want to adopt the language as official.

10. The costs and enormity of a re-education project wouldn't make it feasible.

11. World leaders would find it impossible to agree on which language to adopt.

Q37. A local sports team is considering a move to another city. Would you join a campaign to keep them in town? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would join the campaign to keep a local sports team that is considering moving to another city.

Support 1: The local sports team makes our community one.

Support 2: It gives children something to aspire to be.

Support 3: Our community would lose a lot of money if the sports team leaves our city.

Thesis: Since there would be many negative effects, I would join the campaign to keep the local sports team from moving to another city.

B. Model Essay

If my local sports team announced that they are considering moving to another city I would join the campaign to keep them in town. I know the sports team makes our community united. It also gives our children something to inspire to. And our community will lose a lot of money if they leave.

First, I know that the local sports team makes our community one. For example, when I moved into this town as a child, the first thing I noticed was how much everyone got along and how close they were and still are. We became part of the big family when we moved in. Many of the players from our local sports team were there to greet us into the town, and our first game to watch was free. The local sports team is part of our community family, and for their games all of us from the town are rooting for them, which is why we are one community.

Second, the local sports team gives the children in town something to

inspire to. For example, a lot of the boys I grew up with wanted to be part of the local sports team. They all worked very hard. Some would get private lessons from some of the players. When they got out of high school and went into university, some were drafted in, which is why they inspire the children.

Last, if our local sports team leaves then our city will lose a lot of money, which it has invested in for many, many long years. For example, all over the town there are stores that sell our teams merchandise, or flags that are hung during game day. If they leave town, none of these things will profit the community so that is why the community will lose money if the team leaves.

I feel that if the local sports team gives out community oneness, the children in town are inspired to be a part of it, and the city will lose money if the local sports team leaves. For these reasons I would join the campaign to keep them in town.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If my local sports team announced that they are considering to move to another city I would join the campaign to keep them in town.

2. I know that the local sports team makes our community one.

3. The local sports team is part of our community family, and for their games all of us from the town are rooting for them.

4. The local sports team gives the children in town something to inspire to.

5. A lot of the boys I grew up with wanted to be part of the local sports team.

6. If our local sports team leaves then our city will lose a lot of money.

7. All over the town there are stores that sell our teams merchandise, or flags that are hung during game day.

8. If they leave town, none of these things will profit the community so that is why the community.

Q38. Imagine that your parents are considering sending you to a boarding school. That means that you would leave home and stay at the school for the whole year. Would you want to do this? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think that attending a boarding school would be an incredible experience for me, so I would want to do this.

Support 1: I would get to be in a new, exciting place that few people get to experience.

Support 2: I could meet many people my own age and make many friends quickly.

Support 3: A boarding school could provide me with a unique experience that I could not receive at my regular school.

Thesis: Because I would get many new and exciting experiences, I would want to attend a boarding school if my parents were thinking of sending me to.

B. Model Essay

I think that going to boarding school would be an incredible experience for me. First off, it would put me in a new, exciting place where few people ever get to experience. Second, I could meet many people of my own age and we could become fast friends. And finally, a boarding school could provide me with a unique experience that I can't get at my regular school. These reasons for going to boarding school can be made obvious if one really looks deeply into them.

The first reason I would want to go to a boarding school is because boarding schools are a place where very few people ever get to experience. Boarding schools are expensive to go to and are often only experienced by the children of the rich. So going to a boarding school, for me, would be

like being allowed into a very exclusive club. Also, boarding schools are really big places with lots of space to play and relax in between classes so I would have many chances to get out and stretch my legs. A boarding school is a nice looking place where the really rich or smart can study in a lovely atmosphere, something I would relish.

The next reason for wanting to go to boarding school is that it would be a great place for making friends. There would be many students there who would be of my age that I could meet and get to know. And since we would be sharing the same rooms, we would get to know one another very well and talk about a lot of neat things. Also, we could join the same groups and help each other out with classes. It would be like at regular school, except since we'll be living together as well, we'll be able to get closer than possible at regular school.

The final reason that boarding school excites me is that boarding school is really a unique experience. Living on campus with a group of friends and being able to study together and having fun together around the clock would make it seem like a permanent sleepover, except with homework. Then there's the feeling of living at college, but I'm still in middle or high school, with a fancy building and a large grassy area that makes it feel special. Then there's not worrying about hurrying home and missing meals, because I would be eating and sleeping there. Everything I would need would be at school.

Those are the reasons I would look forward to going to boarding school. First, it would be like entering a world of privilege, only experienced by the wealthiest of students. Second, It would be a place to meet lots of new friends. And third, it would be like living at college years before I go to college. Those are my reasons why I would be excited about my parents sending me to boarding school.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Going to boarding school would be an incredible experience for me.

2. The first reason I would want to go to a boarding school is because

boarding schools are a place where very few people ever get to experience.

3. Boarding schools are expensive to go to and are often only experienced by the children of the rich.

4. A boarding school is a nice looking place where the really rich or smart can study in a lovely atmosphere, something I would relish.

5. It would be a great place for making friends.

6. There would be many students there who would be of my age that I could meet and get to know.

7. Since we would be sharing the same rooms, we would get to know one another very well and talk about a lot of neat things.

8. Boarding school is really a unique experience.

9. Living on campus with a group of friends and being able to study together and having fun together around the clock would make it seem like a permanent sleepover, except with homework.

10. Those are the reasons I would look forward to going to boarding school.

Q39. Imagine that your parents are considering sending you to a boarding school. That means that you would leave home and stay at the school for the whole year. Would you want to do this? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal.

Support 1: Because of phones and e-mail, we can now communicate instantly with each other.

Support 2: We can more easily connect with people who live far away.

Support 3: Making plans with others is easier because of phones and e-mail.

Thesis: Since we are able to connect with people more easily, I disagree that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal.

B. Model Essay

Throughout history, people have always felt the need to communicate with people without being able to meet face-to-face. This has been accomplished through letters, and eventually through telephones and e-mail. Some people think that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal, but through these mediums, you can communicate instantly with someone without having to meet in person, you can connect with others who live far away, and it's easier to make plans with others. Therefore, I disagree with the statement that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal.

First, through phones and e-mail, you can communicate with someone else instantly without having to meet in person. It's not always possible to

meet up with friends unless you already see them on a regular basis, either if you work with them or live with them. This is true of family, too. After you move out of your parents' house, you don't see them as regularly. Not being able to see your friends or family all the time doesn't have to mean you can't stay in contact with them. You can just call them up or send them an email, and you can communicate just as easily as if you were seeing them in person.

Secondly, through phones and e-mail, you can connect with others who live far away. It is true that not long ago, long-distance phone calls were very expensive. But as it became more common, the cost has gone down to the point where you can call anyone in the same country for free, and international calls are very cheap. And you can send e-mails to people without having to worry about postage or how long it will take for them to receive it because it arrives instantly. This makes communication very easy. For example, as an American living in Korea, I can easily stay in contact with all my friends and family back home through regular e-mails and occasional phone calls, I just have to make sure they're not sleeping when I contact them.

Lastly, it's easy to make plans to see other people through phones and e-mails. You can easily send invitations to parties to several people at once through e-mail, and you can get RSVPs back just as quickly as you sent the invitation. You can also include links to websites with maps or online gift registries to make sure everybody knows where to meet, or what gifts to give for birthdays or weddings. Before this, it was always easy to get lost trying to meet people and hard to figure out what to give as gifts because other people might have the same gift idea as you. And with the use of mobile phones, if you're running late or you do get lost, you can just call who you're meeting and let them know. Before, you'd have to go back home before you could call anybody, or make sure you had enough change for a pay phone.

Some people may argue that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal. However, I feel that phones and e-mail have done the opposite; that is, it has made communication

between people more personal. First, you can connect with someone without having to meet in person. Second, you can contact people who live far away. Last, you can make plans a lot easier with other people through phones and e-mail. For these reasons, I disagree with the statement that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Throughout history, people have always felt the need to communicate with people without being able to meet face-to-face.

2. This has been accomplished through letters, and eventually through telephones and e-mail.

3. Some people think that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal, but through these mediums, you can communicate instantly with someone without having to meet in person.

4. Not being able to see your friends or family all the time doesn't have to mean you can't stay in contact with them.

5. You can just call them up or send them an email, and you can communicate just as easily as if you were seeing them in person.

6. Not long ago, long-distance phone calls were very expensive.

7. But as it became more common, the cost has gone down to the point where you can call anyone in the same country for free, and international calls are very cheap.

8. It's easy to make plans to see other people through phones and e-mails.

9. You can easily send invitations to parties to several people at once through e-mail, and you can get RSVPs back just as quickly as you sent the invitation.

10. You can also include links to websites with maps or online gift registries to make sure everybody knows where to meet, or what gifts to give for birthdays or weddings.

11. Some people may argue that phones and e-mail have made communication between people less personal.

12. However, I feel that phones and e-mail have done the opposite; that is, it has made communication between people more personal.

**Q40. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Smoking should be illegal.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that smoking should be made illegal.

Support 1: Smoking is highly addictive, which could possibly lead people to do more addictive illegal drugs.

Support 2: Second hand smoke in public places not only affects those smoking, but also those that are innocent bystanders.

Support 3: Tobacco companies disregard the well-being of others health just to make a profit.

Thesis: Since smoking is both a health issue and a moral issue, I agree that smoking should be made illegal.

B. Model Essay

I agree that smoking should be made illegal for the following reasons. First off, it's highly addictive, possibly more addictive than many illegal drugs. Second, people smoke in a lot of public places where they pose a direct detriment to other people's health, which they disregard. Third, tobacco companies disregard any sense of morality when they try to make a profit from other people's suffering. Smoking is both a health issue and a moral issue, which should make it subject to ban by law.

The first argument I would make for banning smoking is because of the addictive nature of tobacco. Science has proven that tobacco have as many an, if not more than, all of the addictive properties of drugs like marijuana, cocaine, or heroin. If the government declared all of those drugs dangerous enough to warrant a ban, then surely tobacco is also dangerous enough to be banned as well. Tobacco contains a chemical called nicotine, which releases relaxants in the bloodstream and makes people want to smoke even more. This is what makes smoking highly

addictive and it's one of the reasons why it should be prohibited everywhere.

The second reason why smoking should be illegal is that when people smoke, they put everyone around them at risk. People always have to feel the need to smoke in public and sometimes, even when it's clearly marked, they'll smoke in a no smoking zone. Sometimes there will be people with breathing problems like asthma, people with allergies, or even children in the area. These people can find cigarette smoke to be irritating or even make them sick. This creates a public health risk which could result in death for anyone unlucky enough to have a severe reaction. This is another reason why smoking should be banned.

The final reason why smoking should be illegal is that the tobacco industry is one of the most crooked and most corrupt businesses in the world. For decades, they continuously hidden and falsified evidence about the dangers of smoking. They've paid off lawmakers to turn a blind eye and keep insiders from speaking out through threats of lawsuits and blackmail. Many of these tactics are applied by drug dealers and cartels when it comes to keeping law enforcement from getting too involved with their operations. The tobacco companies resort to criminal behavior to sell their product, despite it being dangerous and thus should be considered criminals officially.

The reasons for banning smoking are clear to anyone who's willing to see. The addictiveness to tobacco is just as great, if not greater, an any illegal drug. The public's health is put in jeopardy every time someone smokes in public. And tobacco companies act like criminals to keep selling their products. These are the reasons why I agree that smoking should be illegal.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I agree that smoking should be made illegal for the following reasons.

2. The first argument I would make for banning smoking is because of the addictive nature of tobacco.

3. Science has proven that tobacco have as many an, if not more than, all of the addictive properties of drugs like marijuana, cocaine, or heroin.

4. Tobacco contains a chemical called nicotine, which releases relaxants in the bloodstream and makes people want to smoke even more.

5. When people smoke, they put everyone around them at risk.

6. Even when it's clearly marked, they'll smoke in a no smoking zone.

7. Sometimes there will be people with breathing problems like asthma, people with allergies, or even children in the area.

8. The tobacco industry is one of the most crooked and most corrupt businesses in the world.

9. For decades, they continuously hidden and falsified evidence about the dangers of smoking.

10. They've paid off lawmakers to turn a blind eye and keep insiders from speaking out through threats of lawsuits and blackmail.

11. Many of these tactics are applied by drug dealers and cartels when it comes to keeping law enforcement from getting too involved with their operations.

12. The public's health is put in jeopardy every time someone smokes in public.

Q41. 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?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think meditation, walking, and watching movies are the best ways to reduce stress.

Support 1: Meditation helps reduce stress, and helps in many other ways.

Support 2: Walking makes me feel better, as I can act on my stress without hurting anyone.

Support 3: Watching movies helps me forget my problems.

Thesis: While some read, exercise, and others work in their gardens to reduce stress, I think the best ways of reducing stress is through meditation, walking, and watching movies.

B. Model Essay

Since the development of modern society, life has become more convenient than before. However, with all these conveniences, life has become more stressful, and because we are so busy trying to keep up with all these developments, we don't spend as much time taking care of ourselves as we should. Not dealing with stress can cause physical ailments that can eventually lead to death. While some read, exercise, and others work in their gardens to reduce stress, I think the best ways of reducing stress is through meditation, walking, and watching movies.

Meditation is the practice of sitting in a quiet place and focusing your attention on your inner body to clear your mind. This has been practiced for thousands of years by deeply religious people, but it has become more mainstream due to the health benefits associated with it. Scientific studies have shown that meditation not only reduces stress, but helps people stay

focused on other tasks throughout the day, helps them channel their creativity, and improves their moods when stressful situations arise. When I meditate, I often feel refreshed, as if I had slept for a million years, and I feel like I can do anything. When a stressful situation does come up, then I just breathe and think about the situation carefully, so I can deal with it with a clear mind and make sure my actions don't lead to further stress down the road.

Whenever I feel really stressed out, I usually go for a walk and feel much better afterward. Walking has a calming effect on me because it gives me a way to act on my stress without hurting anyone else, and breathing in fresh air and experiencing nature provides the same mind clearing effects as meditation. Or sometimes, the opposite happens, and my mind wanders, and I spend so much time daydreaming that I forget about the problems that were bothering me before I set out on my walk. Walking has the added benefit of giving me aerobic exercise, so it's not only good for my mind, but my body as well.

Lastly, I like to watch movies as a way to reduce stress. Comedy movies make me forget my problems by giving me something to laugh at, while action movies allow me to root for the good guys who are dealing with much bigger issues than I will ever have to deal with, and dramatic movies help me put my problems in perspective. Making an emotional connection with a fictional character is like what happens when I read, but movies are much less time-consuming, and require less commitment, but also I'm more likely to have the desired effect with only a good book, but bad movies are sometimes the most fun to watch because then I make fun of them with my friends.

Sadly, stress is an unavoidable part of life, and it seems to be more prevalent despite all the developments in modern society to make life more convenient, but we don't have to let it consume us. While some people like to read, exercise, or work in their gardens to reduce stress, I think the best ways of reducing stress is through meditation, walking, and watching movies.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Since the development of modern society, life has become more convenient than before.

2. Because we are so busy trying to keep up with all these developments, we don't spend as much time taking care of ourselves as we should.

3. Meditation is the practice of sitting in a quiet place and focusing your attention on your inner body to clear your mind.

4. Scientific studies have shown that meditation not only reduces stress, but helps people stay focused on other tasks throughout the day.

5. When a stressful situation does come up, then I just breathe and think about the situation carefully.

6. Whenever I feel really stressed out, I usually go for a walk and feel much better afterward.

7. Walking has the added benefit of giving me aerobic exercise, so it's not only good for my mind, but my body as well.

8. Comedy movies make me forget my problems by giving me something to laugh at, while action movies allow me to root for the good guys who are dealing with much bigger issues than I will ever have to deal with.

9. Sadly, stress is an unavoidable part of life, and it seems to be more prevalent despite all the developments in modern society to make life more convenient.

10. While some people like to read, exercise, or work in their gardens to reduce stress, I think the best ways of reducing stress is through meditation, walking, and watching movies.

Q42. With more people attending college now than ever before, a college degree is losing its value as a job-seeking tool. Do you agree or disagree?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that because more people are attending college, a college degree is losing its value as a job-seeking tool.

Support 1: A person who had a degree used to have an advantage in getting a job.

Support 2: Despite having a college degree, it is difficult to find a job because the fields are so saturated, so people have to resort to taking a job outside of their major.

Support 3: Experience has become more important than having a degree when it comes to a company hiring an employee.

Thesis: Since companies are looking at other factors and there is no major advantage of having a college degree anymore, I agree that a college degree lost its value as a job-seeking tool with more people attending college now than ever before.

B. Model Essay

I agree with this statement. I have three reasons for my opinion. First, a college degree used to be sought after, and if a person had a degree it was simpler for them to get a job. Second, nowadays, those with college degrees find it difficult to find employment in their field of study and they have to get a job elsewhere. Lastly, employers are looking more into those with experience rather than those with a degree. I will explain my reasons below.

To begin, a college degree used to be sought after and those with them found it easier to find employment. Both of my parents received college degrees; my mother had a four-year degree while my father got a Master's

Degree. When I was a child, my father always had a job and worked very hard for our family. When my little brother went into school, my mother decided to work too. It only took my mother a couple of days to find a job and be hired. I figured, once I got a degree, this would be the same, however I was wrong.

Second, nowadays those with college degrees find it difficult to find employment in their field of study and they have to get a job elsewhere. For example, after I graduated college, I had nowhere to go for a job. I searched and searched, but no one was hiring. A lot of the companies were on a job-freeze, meaning they weren't hiring anyone. I used as many contacts as I knew to get a job, but sadly all I could get was working at a bookstore and clothing shop. I was told by one company that if I had more experience I could get hired there, so I resorted to retail for a while.

Last, employers are looking more into those with experience rather than those with a degree. As I searched and searched for employment after graduating from college, I was told I needed more experience. For example, my brother works for Hewlett-Packard in their Pre-Sales division. He has some college behind him, but with his job you need to have an outgoing personality and one who knows the different products well. He is a trained hacker and that is exactly what is needed for his job. He gets paid far more than what I have ever been paid. He told me that if I had more experience in my field, I could probably get paid more than him.

In conclusion, I agree with this statement. With more people attending college now than ever before, a college degree is losing its value as a job-seeking tool. A few years back a college degree was sought after and now it isn't. It's difficult for those with a college degree to find employment in the field of degree and employers are looking more into experience than with having a degree.

C. Useful Expressions

1. To begin, a college degree used to be sought after and those with them found it easier to find employment.
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2. Both of my parents received college degrees; my mother had a four-year degree while my father got a Master's Degree.

3. When my little brother went into school, my mother decided to work too.

4. It only took my mother a couple of days to find a job and be hired.

5. Nowadays those with college degrees find it difficult to find employment in their field of study and they have to get a job elsewhere.

6. I used as many contacts as I knew to get a job, but sadly all I could get was working at a bookstore and clothing shop.

7. I had more experience I could get hired there, so I resorted to retail for a while.

8. Employers are looking more into those with experience rather than those with a degree.

9. He is a trained hacker and that is exactly what is needed for his job. He gets paid far more than what I have ever been paid.

10. He gets paid far more than what I have ever been paid.

11. With more people attending college now than ever before, a college degree is losing its value as a job-seeking tool.

12. Employers are looking more into experience than with having a degree.

**Q43. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Today's younger generation have less respect for their elders than those in the past.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that younger people have less respect for their elders than in the past.

Support 1: Elderly people are often confused on how to use modern technology, so they are ridiculed for it by the younger technically savvy generations.

Support 2: Due to illness in older ages, the elderly are less productive than the younger population which causes disruptions in work environments.

Support 3: The elderly people don't recognize that society has changed and treat their younger peers with old fashioned views.

Thesis: Since society has changed and brought about many differences, I agree that the younger generations have less respect for their elders now than they did in the past.

B. Model Essay

I agree that today's youth has less respect for their elders than those in the past. There are three reasons to support my opinion. First, there used to be terms of respect said towards elders in the past. Second, elderly people are put into nursing homes more often. Third, the elderly people don't understand the different values of the younger generation.

First, there used to be terms of respect said towards elders in the past, but this doesn't happen as often anymore. Children would speak to anybody older than them by referring to them as sir or ma'am. For example, an older woman would be speaking to a younger boy; he would respond to her questions and answers by saying "yes ma'am" or "no

ma'am." This doesn't happen anymore. A boy nowadays would respond with a "yeah" or an "ok." I think that by just saying these simple words, it shows a great deal of respect towards anybody.

Second, elderly people are put into nursing homes. In the past, a family would take care of each other. Nursing homes were reserved for the sick and dying, not for the healthy. Today, people rush to throw their parents in to a nursing home because then somebody else will take care of them. This mentality shows no respect towards the people who raised them and took care of them for, usually, 20 years of their lives. The least we could do to pay them back, is to take them into our own homes and support them in any way possible, like they did for us all those years.

Third, the elderly people don't understand the different values of the younger generation. When a young couple moves in with each other before marriage, the older generation looks down upon them. The same goes for getting a divorce or wearing excessively revealing clothing. When the older generation was young, these things were not heard of! Wearing your skirt to show your ankle was thought to be showing too much skin. So imagine how uncomfortable and how much they feel like a fish out of water. Because of this, the younger generation calls them 'old fashioned' and that they need to come with the times now.

Since the elderly people are treated differently by the youth now than those in the past, I agree that they are not shown respect as much as they used to be. Things have changed and the elderly people are still living in the past. This is neither wrong nor right. It is the way it is. But I do feel that the youth should still show respect towards the elderly. They have lived through much harder times than we are going through now and have earned our respect by surviving through it all.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Today's youth has less respect for their elders than those in the past.

2. There used to be terms of respect said towards elders in the past, but this doesn't happen as often anymore.

3. Children would speak to anybody older than them by referring to them as sir or ma'am.

4. Today, people rush to throw their parents in to a nursing home because then somebody else will take care of them.

5. This mentality shows no respect towards the people who raised them and took care of them.

6. The least we could do to pay them back, is to take them into our own homes and support them in any way possible, like they did for us all those years.

7. The elderly people don't understand the different values of the younger generation.

8. Because of this, the younger generation calls them 'old fashioned' and that they need to come with the times now.

9. They have lived through much harder times than we are going through now and have earned our respect by surviving through it all.

Q44. Some say that television and video games are causing children to fail in school. Do you agree or disagree?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that television and video games are causing children to fail in school.

Support 1: Watching too much TV ruins children's eyesight and leads them to be lazier.

Support 2: Parents are the root of this and should limit their amount of time doing these activities so that they can focus more on their academics.

Support 3: Children are left unsupervised more often nowadays, so the children are doing what they please instead of what they should be doing, such as school work.

Thesis: Because children are being distracted too much by television and video games, I agree that children are failing in school because of their excessive use of television and video games.

B. Model Essay

I agree that video games and television cause children to fail in school. The first problem is that it's too much television that causes problems, but too much of anything is never good. Next, the problem of too much is something the parents should control. Finally, the question of latchkey kids should be brought into question because when kids are unsupervised, they'll do whatever they want. Television and video games cause failure at school because parents let them.

First off, we can say that watching television too much is detrimental to children. If we only watch it a little at a time, then television can be a relaxing distraction. Children, however, want too much distraction at times and if they're allowed, they'll watch too much television. Too much

television can ruin one's eyesight and make one lazy and not get enough exercise. It's important to know when the television needs to be turned off and children have to be taught that early in life.

With the amount of television needed to be regulated, it's up to parents to control the television when children are at home. The adults of the family must ultimately be responsible in making sure that their children get their homework done and that they get enough sleep for school in the morning. If the kids are allowed to watch an unlimited amount of television, they'll neglect their homework and possibly stay up too late. This could become detrimental to their studies and should be looked at carefully.

The biggest problem that's causing this is the fact that there are so many kids left on their own. When children are unsupervised, they will do whatever they want, including watching TV without doing their homework. Parents need to be at home more often to make sure their kids don't fall into this pit, but with so many working parents today, that has become difficult. So parents should have someone, a baby-sitter, nanny, or tutor, come by their house to make sure their homework gets done when they aren't there. This would solve the problem once and for all, because latchkey kids are the reason why this is allowed to go on.

So those are the reasons why television and video games have allowed to let children fail in school. First off, too much television can cause issues of laziness in anyone. Second, unsupervised television could lead to children getting little sleep or not get homework done. Finally, children without any adults at home will watch unsupervised television if given the chance. So we have to make sure that children don't get the chance to watch unsupervised television.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I agree that video games and television cause children to fail in school.

2. Watching television too much is detrimental to children.

3. If we only watch it a little at a time, then television can be a relaxing distraction.

4. Too much television can ruin one's eyesight and make one lazy and not get enough exercise.

5. It's important to know when the television needs to be turned off and children have to be taught that early in life.

6. It's up to parents to control the television when children are at home.

7. If the kids are allowed to watch an unlimited amount of television, they'll neglect their homework and possibly stay up too late.

8. When children are unsupervised, they will do whatever they want, including watching TV without doing their homework.

9. Parents need to be at home more often to make sure their kids don't fall into this pit, but with so many working parents today, that has become difficult.

10. Parents should have someone, a baby-sitter, nanny, or tutor, come by their house to make sure their homework gets done when they aren't there.

Q45. Some people believe that wars will disappear over the next hundred years. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree that wars will completely disappear over the next hundreds of years.

Support 1: There will always be leaders with strong opinions that will influence their followers to do negative things.

Support 2: Hatred by specific groups towards of certain groups has and always will be around.

Support 3: War will never cease if we keep making weapons that can be used on each other.

Thesis: Since history repeats itself and people will never change, I disagree that war will disappear over the next hundreds of years.

B. Model Essay

I think it's unrealistic to say that war will completely disappear from the world in a hundred years. First off, there will still be many leaders with strong opinions about the rest of the world. Next off, there will still be some groups of people who will have historical hatred for one another. And third, the only way that war will be eliminated is if everyone stopped making weapons. I think that as long as human beings are human, there will always be the potential for war.

The first reason why I feel that war won't disappear in a hundred years is that there will be strong leaders who have a major influence on their subjects. Anyone with a platform and a really long reach can get their audience to believe anything they want about a certain country, or get them to believe that there's a threat to them. Leaders have their own agendas and they will pursue those agendas, regardless of the cost of

human lives. And if their message is loud or popular enough, the people could grant their support for any endeavor their leader wishes. So as long as leaders have an agenda to go to war, then war will always exist.

Another reason why war will still exist after a hundred years is because there will still be ethnic groups or countries who will still see each other as enemies. For example, even though it's been nearly a hundred years since the First World War, the Serbs still have a list of ethnic grievances against Muslims and Germans. Even today, there are still small skirmishes in Serbia and other surrounding countries. Also, there are issues between other subjugated peoples, such as the Uighur of western China and the Kurds in Turkey. So as long as whole ethnic groups feel oppressed or dislike one another, there will be potential for conflict.

Finally, the reason that war will still exist after a hundred years is that people will still be making weapons. In the modern world, making weapons is a big business and billions of dollars are made in the making and selling of guns, missiles, and other war machines. Weapon makers have a lot of pull with governments, so to maintain their profiteering, they will continue to pull their direction towards war and conflict. If these companies lost influence and weapons were no longer being made and bought, then war could start to cease. However, greed and profit will make that outcome completely impossible.

So these conditions have to stop in order for war to be completely eradicated in a hundred years. First, leaders have to moderate their views and keep their subjects away from jingoism. Second, ethnic groups need to overcome their differences and let the past rest. Finally, weapons companies need to lose influence and close down. But these will never happen so I don't think that wars will disappear in a hundred years.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I think it's unrealistic to say that war will completely disappear from the world in a hundred years

2. The first reason why I feel that war won't disappear in a hundred years

is that there will be strong leaders who have a major influence on their subjects.

3. Leaders have their own agendas and they will pursue those agendas, regardless of the cost of human lives.

4. If their message is loud or popular enough, the people could grant their support for any endeavor their leader wishes.

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9. So these conditions have to stop in order for war to be completely eradicated in a hundred years.

Q46. What is your favorite method of transportation?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My favorite method of transportation is the subway.

Support 1: First, the subway is fast.

Support 2: Second, the subway is the most convenient form of transportation.

Support 3: Third, the subway is very expensive.

Thesis: I like using the subway the most.

B. Model Essay

My favorite method of transportation is the subway. I enjoy taking the subway for three main reasons: it is fast, convenient, and cheap. The other methods of transportation do not have as many benefits to me.

First, the subway is fast. I can generally get anywhere faster by using the subway. If I used a car, bus, or taxi, I would have to deal with traffic, stop lights, and weather conditions. I save a lot of time by taking the subway because I don't have to wait more than 10 minutes for the next train to come.

Second, the subway is the most convenient form of transportation. In the city I live in now, there are subways everywhere. I can easily take a subway from one side of the city to the other side of the city in only 40 minutes. All the major sight-seeing locations and universities have a subway line nearby; if they don't, they are in the process of constructing one now. I have a subway line not even 5 minutes from my home and work, so I can conveniently take a subway to meet my friends anywhere.

Third, the subway is very inexpensive. One trip on the subway costs me less than a dollar! A taxi would cost me at a minimum of three to four dollars. A bus would cost me about the same, but I have to deal with very

small, crowded spaces while waiting outdoors in all types of weather conditions. It's not worth it to me. For the price of the subway, it is the most cost-efficient mode of transportation.

Since I can save money, find it easily, and I can get around quickly, I like using the subway the most. Other methods of transportation have positives too, but the subway has the most. There are also many other positives that are not mentioned above, such as: it's clean and always developing better technology to make it even more safe and convenient.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I enjoy taking the subway for three main reasons: it is fast, convenient, and cheap.

2. I can generally get anywhere faster by using the subway.

3. I save a lot of time by taking the subway because I don't have to wait more than 10 minutes for the next train to come.

4. I can easily take a subway from one side of the city to the other side of the city in only 40 minutes.

5. All the major sight-seeing locations and universities have a subway line nearby

6. I have a subway line not even 5 minutes from my home and work, so I can conveniently take a subway to meet my friends anywhere.

7. A bus would cost me about the same, but I have to deal with very small, crowded spaces while waiting outdoors in all types of weather conditions.

8. Other methods of transportation have positives too, but the subway has the most.

9. There are also many other positives that are not mentioned above.

Q47. If you could go back in time and tell yourself something about the future, what would it be and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I could go back in time and tell myself something about the future, I would tell myself not to get upset with my mother when she scolded or punished me

Support 1: My mother is more loving and warm than she is angry or upset, so it would be a good thing to remind my younger self.

Support 2: By reminding myself in the past of this, I would be reinforcing the fact that it is the parent's duty to teach their children right from wrong.

Support 3: Through this reminder, my younger self would be able to appreciate my mother's efforts more.

Thesis: Since I could receive many life lessons, I would go back and tell myself not to be upset at my mother for scolding or punishing me when I do wrong.

B. Model Essay

If I could go back in time and tell myself something about the future, I would tell myself not to get upset with our mother whenever she scolds or punishes me. I would remind myself that she was a warm and loving person more often than when she was angry or upset at us. I would also remind that it's a parent's duty to teach his or her children right and wrong, and that punishment is an unfortunate but necessary component in education. But most importantly, I would remind him that we should always appreciate our mother's efforts, because we may never know when we'll lose that source of love and comfort. My mother was one of the most important people in my life, and I would remind myself of her love and kindness, even at times when she didn't seem so loving or kind.

First off, I would remind myself that our mother was a gentle person the majority of the time. Whenever I got hurt or sick, she was always there to take care of me. Whenever we had a bad day or a nightmare, she would always come and hug me and tell me it was alright. I would also remind my other self that she rarely got angry and only did so when I did something I knew was wrong and did it anyway. Even after she punished me, she would hug me and tell me that she loved me, and I would certainly remind myself of that.

Another thing I would remind myself is that part of a parent's responsibility is to make sure that their children know right from wrong and that punishment is part of that responsibility. One particularly memorable incident was that when I was seven, I pushed my little sister into the stream during an argument. After fishing her out, my mother took us home, lectured me about how my sister could've gotten hurt or worse, and then spanked me. I yelled at her and told her that I hated her. My sister then came in and told me that she was sorry that I got spanked, and I told her I was sorry for pushing her in the stream. The three of us shared a long hug and she told me that I was forgiven because now I knew what I did was wrong. That's when I knew why parents punish children, to teach them right from wrong.

The last thing I would tell myself is that I should appreciate her kindness now and to remember it when being punished because I would lose her at a young age. Last year, my mother had a car accident. She was killed instantly. Before that accident, I would have arguments with her over things like homework and curfews. We would often yell things that we would later regret saying to each other. That was the case just before the accident, I had told her earlier in the day that I hated her and I wished she were dead. And when I heard about the accident, I was devastated. I couldn't believe I said such a hateful thing to my mother just before she died. It took me months of therapy to finally work through the guilt, but that one moment will always haunt me. That's the main reason why I would remind myself to remember my mother's kindness.

So if I could travel back in time and talk to myself, I would ask myself

to always love my mother whenever she punished or scolded me. I would remind myself of her gentleness when I was young because she took care of me when I was sick or scared. I would remind myself that a parent has to punish their children to teach them right and wrong, like the incident with my sister at the stream. Finally, I would tell myself to appreciate her now because she would die in a car crash when I'm a teenager. My mother was a wonderful person in hindsight and I wished that my anger never got the better of me with her before she died, that's why I would tell my past self about that.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I could go back in time and tell myself something about the future, I would tell myself to get upset with our mother whenever she scolds or punishes me.

2. I would remind myself that she was a warm and loving person.

3. My mother was one of the most important people in my life, and I would remind myself of her love and kindness.

4. Whenever I got hurt or sick, she was always there to take care of me.

5. Whenever we had a bad day or a nightmare, she would always come and hug me and tell me it was alright.

6. Even after she punished me, she would hug me and tell me that she loved me.

7. One particularly memorable incident was that when I was seven, I pushed my little sister into the stream during an argument.

8. The last thing I would tell myself is that I should appreciate her kindness.

9. I couldn't believe I said such a hateful thing to my mother just before

she died.

10. It took me months of therapy to finally work through the guilt,

11. That's the main reason why I would remind myself to remember my mother's kindness.

12. So if I could travel back in time and talk to myself, I would ask him to always love my mother whenever she punished or scolded me.

13. My mother was a wonderful person in hindsight.

Q48. What do you think is the most negative aspect of modern life and how do you think it should change?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: People not spending as much time outdoors is the most negative aspect of modern life.

Support 1: Because most people have office jobs, they are spending too much time indoors.

Support 2: People are spending their leisure time indoors watching TV or surfing the Internet instead of being outside and playing.

Support 3: If we had an educational program, more people would spend their free-time outdoors.

Thesis: Since people are not going outdoors anymore, I think that the most negative aspect of modern life is the lack of time being spent outdoors.

B. Model Essay

The most negative aspect about modern life is the lack of time people spend outdoors. Most people now have office jobs, or other jobs where they're spending too much time inside. People often spend their leisure time inside, looking at the internet or watching television. There ought to be some sort of educational campaign aimed at getting people to spend more time outdoors. Only then can people return to a more natural balance of spending time inside and outside.

The first thing that's causing too much indoor time for people is that more people are working indoors than out. Today, in our cities, more people are working in office environments where they spend time typing at computers or doing other activities that don't require physical motion. The lack of exercise, sunlight, and fresh air make office buildings a good place to become less healthy as they go on working. Factories are the same,

except that the air they breathe has much more indoor pollution, putting their health at greater jeopardy. So modern jobs are one cause of the detriment of too much indoor time.

Another thing that's contributing to the surplus of time spent indoors is the large amount of indoor entertainment that people engage in. In just about every home in the developed world, there's a television set, and in all of those homes, entire families sit in front of it for their entertainment. It has been said many times before, but people are watching too much television. The proof in this is that more people are obese than before from the resulting lack of exercise. Also, there are more problems with eyesight and many children mimic what they see on television. All the while, people are not getting the fresh air and sunlight they need.

To combat this problem, there needs to be an effort to promote outdoor activities in the mass media. People need to be educated about the benefits of exercise and spending time outdoors with the family. Also, children need to be motivated to play outside by their schools and by their role models. To top it off, governments and companies need to recognize that not every piece of land needs to have a building on it, sometimes it needs to be a place where people can go outside once in a while. Without these open spaces and time for them, people will become more sick as they spend more time outdoors.

So the biggest problem in modern life is too much indoor time that people spend. They spend too much time working indoors in offices and factories. They spend too much leisure time indoors because of television. And the only solution is a concerted effort to promote outdoor time. If this problem is solved, people can once again lead balanced, healthy lives.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The most negative aspect about modern life is the lack of time people spend outdoors.
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2. Today more people are working in office environments where they spend time typing at computers or doing other activities that don't

require physical motion.

3. More people are obese than before from the resulting lack of exercise.

4. To combat this problem, there needs to be an effort to promote outdoor activities in the mass media.

5. People need to be educated about the benefits of exercise and spending time outdoors with the family.

6. Children need to be motivated to play outside.

7. Most every piece of land needs to have a building on it, sometimes it needs to be a place where people can go outside once in a while.

8. The biggest problem in modern life is too much indoor time that people spend.

9. The only solution is a concerted effort to promote outdoor time.

Q49. You have just received 10,000 dollars. How would you spend that money and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would go on a trip to Hong Kong if I were given \$10,000.

Support 1: I like Kung-Fu movies and Hong Kong is where these movies are made.

Support 2: Hong Kong is a great place to go shopping at.

Support 3: Sailing a boat is something I like to do, and Hong Kong's harbor is a great place to sail.

Thesis: Since Hong Kong has many things that I enjoy doing, I would go to Hong Kong if I had \$10,000 to use as I wanted.

B. Model Essay

If I were given ten thousand dollars, I would go on a trip to Hong Kong. This is because Hong Kong is a city where Kung-Fu movies are made, which is my favorite. Hong Kong also has a lot of great places to go shopping. Also, Hong Kong's harbor is a great place to sail on the water, and I like sailing boats. These are the main reasons why I would use my \$10,000 on a trip to Hong Kong.

The first reason I would go to Hong Kong is because that's where a lot of Kung-Fu movies are made. I really like Kung-Fu movies and I think it would be really exciting to see the studios and locations where they were filmed. My friend, who liked the Lord of the Rings trilogy a lot, got to tour New Zealand and see where the films were made. He was really excited about that trip and I want to feel the same thing in Hong Kong like he felt in New Zealand.

Another reason for my trip to Hong Kong is that it is one of the great shopping cities in the world. The most notable store chains in Asia and

some of the finest luxury brands in the world have branches in Hong Kong's shopping districts and malls. I could spend my money well, buying some fine fashion and electronics. I might run out of money there, but the money was given to me to do whatever I want with it. That money could be put to good use in Hong Kong when I go shopping there.

The third reason for going to Hong Kong is that I would get a chance to take a cruise on Hong Kong's beautiful harbor. Ever since I was little, I was fascinated by boats. I once sailed along the Han River in Seoul. My friend told me that he got to go sailing in Auckland while on his Lord of the Rings tour in New Zealand and I envied him greatly. A boat ride in Hong Kong would certainly top both of those experiences. The harbor of Hong Kong would be one of the finest places to go on a boat when I go there.

\$10,000 would certainly buy me a great time in Hong Kong. I could see the famous Kung-Fu movie studios there. I could go shopping in some of the finest stores in the world. And I can sail on Hong Kong's beautiful harbor. So if I got \$10,000, I would go to Hong Kong.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I were given ten thousand dollars, I would go on a trip to Hong Kong.

2. The first reason I would go to Hong Kong is because that's where a lot of Kung-Fu movies are made.

3. I think it would be really exciting to see the studios and locations where they were filmed.

4. I want to feel the same thing in Hong Kong like he felt in New Zealand.

5. The most notable store chains in Asia and some of the finest luxury brands in the world have branches in Hong Kong's shopping districts and malls.

6. That money could be put to good use in Hong Kong when I go shopping

there.

7. I would get a chance to take a cruise on Hong Kong's beautiful harbor.

8. A boat ride in Hong Kong would certainly top both of those experiences.

9. The harbor of Hong Kong would be one of the finest places to go on in a boat.

10. \$10,000 would certainly buy me a great time in Hong Kong.

Q50. Many students who play sports hope to become professional athletes and therefore they neglect their studies. Is this a good idea or a bad idea?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: It is a bad idea for a hopeful professional athlete to neglect their studies.

Support 1: The risk of injury makes an uncertainty about the future of one's career.

Support 2: The field of professional sports is highly competitive and the hopeful athlete may never make it to the top.

Support 3: The pressure of success may lead a person to conduct risky behaviors.

Thesis: Since there are many uncertainties in a hopeful professional athlete's life, neglecting their studies is detrimental to their future.

B. Model Essay

It is always a bad idea to skip one's studies in favor of a pursuit with no guarantee of success, even sports. First off, the risk of injury makes any future career in sports an uncertainty. Second, the field is a highly competitive one and many never make it to the top. Finally, the pressure to succeed could lead to a lot of risky behavior, such as drugs and over exercising. These factors make sports a field not worth neglecting one's academics for.

There's always the risk of a serious injury putting a player out of the game for good, and the player has to always keep that in mind. I remember reading a story in the newspaper about a college basketball player who had a bright career ahead of him after scoring a buzzer beater in a championship game. But a week later, he got into a car accident that

shattered his right kneecap. Even after four operations, he couldn't get it back to playing condition and his playing days were over. After dropping out of school for rehab, he had to re-enter as a freshman and at that time was working at a grocery store. Every time I hear about someone leaving school early to go professional, I'm reminded about that man because he risked his future on playing basketball and lost.

Then there's the issue of so many young players wanting to go pro. What these kids tend to forget is that there are thousands of others pursuing the same goal and there's a limited number of slots on player rosters. And the only ones guaranteed spots on teams are the ones that the media tends to fixate on. If you don't make a big enough impression on reporters, then your chances are lower than those who've made that impression. Those who don't get full attention have to settle for playing in minor or independent leagues and hope to make a big enough impression there. If they don't then they'll never achieve their dreams. So the competition for many athletes is too high for them to risk not studying.

The last thing to factor in is that when students are still young, they tend to do things that can greatly affect their health in negative ways. Some take performance enhancing drugs or drugs that block pain from injuries so they can try to play longer. Some exercise a lot or stop eating in some sports to drop weight, or eat more to gain weight. The drugs can have a myriad of side effects, such as organ failure. The overeating could lead to hypertension and the anorexic practices and over exercise could lead to blackouts. If young people are willing to put their health in jeopardy to pursue a career, then they need to look at their priorities.

So these factors make the neglect of studying for a career in sports a risky proposition. An injury, like the college basketball player's knee, could end my hope of ever going pro. The high competition resulting from too many players and too few slots makes it even less likely that they'll make it. And the risky behavior of overeating, under eating, drugs, and too much exercise course put their health at risk for no reason. These are why I feel that students giving up academics for athletics are only harming themselves and their futures.

C. Useful Expressions

1. It is always a bad idea to skip one's studies in favor of a pursuit with no guarantee of success.

2. There's always the risk of a serious injury putting a player out of the game for good.

3. I remember reading a story in the newspaper about a college basketball player who had a bright career ahead of him.

4. He got into a car accident that shattered his right kneecap.

5. Even after four operations, he couldn't get it back to playing condition and his playing days were over.

6. After dropping out of school for rehab, he had to re-enter as a freshman and at that time was working at a grocery store.

7. What these kids tend to forget is that there a thousands of others pursuing the same goal and there's a limited number of slots on player rosters.

8. If you don't make a big enough impression on reporters, then your chances are lower than those who've made that impression.

9. The competition for many athletes is too high for them to risk not studying.

10. They tend to do things that can greatly affect their health in negative ways.

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12. Some take performance enhancing drugs or drugs that block pain from injuries so they can try to play longer.

13. The drugs can have a myriad of side effects, such as organ failure.

14. If young people are willing to put their health in jeopardy to pursue a career, then they need to look at their priorities.

Q51. If you had the choice of living in the mountains or living by the sea, which would you choose and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I had the choice to live in the mountains or to live by the sea, I would choose to live by the sea.

Support 1: I find the sounds and smells of the sea to be relaxing.

Support 2: I could enjoy playing in the sand and the water.

Support 3: Living at a lower altitude, I find, is easier on my body.

Thesis: Since I would find great joys, I would choose to live by the sea rather than in the mountains.

B. Model Essay

If I had the choice between living in the mountains and living by the sea, I would choose to live by the sea. First off, I like the sounds and smells of the sea because I find them relaxing. I would also have a place where I can have fun on the sand and in the water. And finally, I find living at a lower altitude to be easier on my body. The sea is just a more comfortable place for me to live than the mountains.

The first reason why I'd choose the sea is because I find the smells and sounds of the sea relaxing. I would like to fall asleep to the sound of the waves crashing up on the shore. I also find the salty smell of the sea air to be a relaxing influence on my often frayed nerves. Also, the sound of sea gulls is always nice to hear as I relax on the beach or look out on the water from my house. These sounds and smells, along with their soothing effect on me is the first reason why I'd choose to live by the sea.

The second reason I would choose to live by the sea is that there are plenty of ways that I can have fun on the beach and in the water on my days off. In the morning, I would go for a swim just before the sun gets too high in the sky. In the afternoon, I would go out on a boat and explore the

sea a little further out. In the evening I would gather with friends and we'd play games like paddleball or volleyball. And at night, we would have a barbecue on the sand. A fun-filled day would be easy to have when I live by the sea.

The third reason why I would live by the sea is that it would be easier for me to live down in lower altitudes. At higher altitudes, like in the mountains, the air is thinner, and I would have a hard time breathing because of my asthma. Also, just climbing up the mountain would cause my sinus cavities to flare up in pain. No too mention that the pressure in my ears would be very uncomfortable. The altitude would drive me away from the mountains and closer to the sea it's more comfortable for me to live in the lowlands.

The sea is more attractive to me as a place to live than the mountains for these simple reasons. First off, the sea has the soothing sounds of the sea and sea gulls, along with the salty air to relax me. Second, the sea has many fun activities for me, like swimming, sailing, and barbecues. And finally, I would just feel more comfortable by the sea because the mountains' higher altitude make it hard for me to breathe and live because of the pain. So for those reasons, I would choose to live by the sea.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I had the choice between living in the mountains and living by the sea, I would choose to live by the sea.

2. I find the smells and sounds of the sea relaxing. I would like to fall asleep to the sound of the waves crashing up on the shore.

3. I would like to fall asleep to the sound of the waves crashing up on the shore.

4. I also find the salty smell of the sea air to be a relaxing influence on my often frayed nerves.

5. There are plenty of ways that I can have fun on the beach and in the

water.

6. In the morning, I would go for a swim just before the sun gets too high in the sky.

7. In the afternoon, I would go out on a boat and explore the sea a little further out.

8. In the evening I would gather with friends and we'd play games like paddleball or volleyball.

9. At night, we would have a barbecue on the sand. A fun-filled day would be easy to have when I live by the sea.

10. It would be easier for me to live down in lower altitudes.

11. Closer to the sea it's more comfortable for me to live in the lowlands.

12. The sea is more attractive to me as a place to live than the mountains for these simple reasons.

Q52. Would you support a new shopping center in your neighborhood, even if it meant a lot of people would have to leave their homes? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would not support a new shopping center in my neighborhood, which means that a lot of people would have to leave their homes.

Support 1: We already have so many shopping centers; we don't need to build another.

Support 2: There is no need to build a new one when we could just use the many abandoned shopping malls that are already built.

Support 3: The shopping centers success is not guaranteed, so it would be an unnecessary move for those that had to.

Thesis: Because there is no need for a new shopping center to be built, I would not support a new one being built in my neighborhood.

B. Model Essay

Shopping centers offer a chance for consumers to select things to buy or eat from a multitude of choices. Department stores and shopping malls contain a variety of stores and restaurants in one place, giving customers the opportunity to get everything they need without having to travel to several different places. While retail spending is a sign of a city's economic strength, it often comes at a hefty cost. Suburban landscapes, areas where people live, are being destroyed to make room for more shopping centers. This seems absolutely unnecessary. First, there are already plenty of shopping centers around. Secondly, there are many vacant lots and places where shopping centers were built before that can be used for a new shopping center. Lastly, when shopping centers are not successful, they just become a blight on the landscape, and the people who

had to move had to leave unnecessarily. For these reasons, I would not support a new shopping center in my neighborhood, even if it meant a lot of people would have to leave their homes.

First, in almost every city, there are already plenty of shopping areas. There are many malls and department stores that not only contain the same stores, but you can find almost the same exact products everywhere. While the ubiquity of shopping areas offers many conveniences, like catering to people who live in different parts of town, these are often centrally located so they're easy for anyone to get to. For example, San Francisco has two major shopping malls, one downtown, and one in the western part of the city where many people live. These are both easily accessible with parking lots designated for them and by public transportation. Because they offer many of the same shops and services, and are centrally located and easy to get to, it would be unnecessary to build any more just because some people in some other part of town can't make it to either of the two already offered.

Secondly, businesses come and go, and this is especially true of retail centers. Many stores close just as soon as they open due to lack of business or other financial problems. Sometimes these buildings get destroyed and a vacant lot is left in its place, or these buildings remain waiting for new occupants. These are better places to build a shopping center than in a place where people already live and asking them to move away. For example, again in San Francisco, in downtown, there were many empty stores and buildings from businesses that once existed but had since gone out of business. When the city decided to building a new shopping center, they just decided to use all these empty stores than build a brand new building somewhere else. Additionally, other shopping areas were built in the once-industrial part of the city, utilizing the vacant lots and empty warehouses. Doing this not only saved the city from displacing residents, it also revitalized parts of town that were in desperate need of it.

Lastly, when shopping centers are not successful, they just become a blight on the landscape, and the people who had to move had to leave unnecessarily. When a shopping center is no longer used, it often falls into

disrepair and becomes an eyesore for the people who have to see it every day. Additionally, it's not fair to make people who live somewhere move away just to build a shopping center that no one uses. For example, in downtown Baltimore, many people were forced to move from their homes to build a new shopping center. A lot of these people had families and could scarcely afford to move somewhere else. Instead of generating the income the city had hoped, the shopping center was rarely used. Soon all the businesses that set up shop there went out of business, and the stores became empty, and eventually the shopping center fell into disrepair. So not only was this shopping center massively unsuccessful and destroyed a part of the city that was really beautiful, it also displaced a lot of poor families in the process of being built.

While ostensibly offering many benefits to a city, building a shopping center where people already live is not only unnecessary, but can result in negative consequences. First, there are already plenty of shopping centers that can people can visit to buy anything they need. Second, there are many vacant lots and abandoned buildings where shopping centers can be built instead of where people already live. And third, if a shopping center is unsuccessful, it will only result in being a blight on the landscape and making many people who had homes and lives homeless. Therefore, I would not support a new shopping center in my neighborhood, even if it meant a lot of people would have to leave their homes.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Shopping centers offer a chance for consumers to select things to buy or eat from a multitude of choices.

2. Department stores and shopping malls contain a variety of stores and restaurants in one place, giving customers the opportunity to get everything they need without having to travel to several different places.

3. While the ubiquity of shopping areas offers many conveniences,

4. These are often centrally located so they're easy for anyone to get to.

5. Sometimes these buildings get destroyed and a vacant lot is left in its place,

6. These are better places to build a shopping center than in a place where people already live and asking them to move away.

7. When shopping centers are not successful, they just become a blight on the landscape.

8. When a shopping center is no longer used, it often falls into disrepair and becomes an eyesore for people.

9. While ostensibly offering many benefits to a city, building a shopping center where people already live is not only unnecessary, but can result in negative consequences.

Q53. You have just been chosen to represent your country in a global cultural festival in another country. What would you do to represent your culture? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I was given the chance to represent my country in a global cultural festival in another country, I would represent my culture by performing traditional dances.

Support 1: In all the world festivals I have seen, I have never seen my country's dancing performed.

Support 2: I am a good dancer and I know people would enjoy seeing me dance.

Support 3: It would be a great step for my country and for me as well.

Thesis: Because traditional dance has many benefits for others to see, I would choose to perform traditional dance at an international festival to represent my country.

B. Model Essay

If I could represent my country at an international festival, I would learn to perform one of the traditional dances that my country is famous for. The first reason for doing this is whenever I see all these world festival dances, I never see one from my country. Another reason is that I'm a good dancer and I like it when people watch me dance. Finally, being able to dance in front of an international audience would be a great big step for me and my country. These are why I would learn a folk dance and perform it at the global cultural festival.

The first reason is that whenever I see costumes and dances from other countries at some international friendship display or event, I never see one from my country. This saddens me because many of these displays

are for children and when I tell them where I'm from, they don't know anything about my country. If I could put on such a display for the children, they might want to know more about where I'm from and their curiosity will, in turn, result in more displays about my country. So if I put on a dance for this cultural festival, my country can finally be represented in terms of dance and costume.

Another reason is because while I'm representing my country, I can finally have the opportunity to dance in front of a large audience. I have been a practicing dancer since kindergarten, and while I have danced for my family and friends at recitals, I never danced in front of any more than a handful of people. This would be a chance to make a name for myself in the entertainment world, should I pursue that route. Not only that, but the thrill of performing in front of hundreds of people from all over the world just sends my excitement soaring. So the chance of dancing in front of that big an audience would be another reason why I'd choose to dance.

The last reason also has to do with the audience, but it's less about myself and more for my country. This performance would be a matter of pride for my country, and if I dance well, many people will be impressed with the beautiful dancing that my country offers. Then the style of dancing that I perform will be copied all over the world and people will recognize the dancing style of my country whenever they see it being performed. Then everyone will know about the dancing tradition of my country.

So those are the reasons why I would do a traditional dance at an international cultural festival. I would finally put on a dance that represents my country and let children know where I'm from. I would dance in front of the largest and most exciting audience I had ever danced in front of. And my dance and I would become sources of pride for me and my country. These are the reasons why I would dance at a global cultural festival.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I could represent my country at an international festival, I would learn

to perform one of the traditional dances that my country is famous for.

2. Whenever I see costumes and dances from other countries at some international friendship display or event, I never see one from my country.

3. This saddens me because many of these displays are for children.

4. If I could put on such a display for the children, they might want to know more about where I'm from.

5. If I put on a dance for this cultural festival, my country can finally be represented in terms of dance and costume.

6. While I'm representing my country, I can finally have the opportunity to dance in front of a large audience.

7. The thrill of performing in front of hundreds of people from all over the world just sends my excitement soaring.

8. If I dance well, many people will be impressed with the beautiful dancing that my country offers.

9. The style of dancing that I perform will be copied all over the world and people will recognize the dancing style of my country whenever they see it being performed.

Q54. If you could learn one difficult skill, what would it be? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I could learn one difficult skill, I would learn to build and fly a model airplane.

Support 1: It is very difficult to learn how to use the remote to control the model airplane.

Support 2: There are many intricate details and steps required to put them together, and I love a good challenging puzzle.

Support 3: I hope to become a pilot someday, and by building and flying model airplanes, I could gain great experience for my future career.

Thesis: Since it would help me to advance in my hopeful career as a pilot, I would learn to build and fly a model airplane if I could learn one difficult skill.

B. Model Essay

If I could learn one difficult skill, I would learn how to build and fly a model airplane. Model airplanes that are flown by a remote-controller are very difficult to build and to control. There's a lot of intricacy in putting together a model airplane and I enjoy challenging puzzles such as this. Finally, I hope to become a pilot someday and I think this would be a good way to prepare for that career. So building and flying a remote control model airplane is one skill I would try to learn.

Many people think of remote control planes as merely toys, but in fact they're simply smaller versions of their real world counterparts. Learning to fly one takes a lot of people and since the models themselves are expensive, crashing one is something you really want to avoid. You would also have to look out for things like trees, birds and changes in the wind,

any one of these could cause your model to crash and do a lot of damage. You really need to learn how to operate the controls and you have to be persistently aware at all times. So that awareness and alertness are important when operating a small expensive machine like a model airplane.

Another thing that people have to realize about model airplanes is that they take a long time and a lot of patience to build. Each piece has to be assembled correctly or the model will not work properly and the motor itself is the hardest part to build. And you can't try to do it all at once, you have to go step by step for days so that the glue and decals can dry. But once all the pieces are assembled, it will look and work just like the real thing. Completing the model brings a feeling of accomplishment and being able to fly it only increases that feeling.

My dream one day is to become a pilot and flying a remote control model seems like a great way to prepare myself for that career. As I said before, models are merely miniature versions of real planes. Being able to fly one of those could well be my first step towards being a real pilot. The control of a model plane are very similar to the controls of the plane, with separate controls for pitch, roll and yaw. Once I've mastered those controls, I can very well master the controls of a real plane.

The reasons for building and flying a model airplane are very profound. Remote control planes are hard to master so doing so will be a great accomplishment. Building one takes a lot of time and patience, so there would be a lot of character building. And since I want to become a pilot, this would be a good way to prepare for that. These are the reasons why I want to learn to build and fly a remote control model plane.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I could learn one difficult skill, I would learn how to build and fly a model airplane.

2. There's a lot of intricacy in putting together a model airplane

3. Building and flying a remote control model airplane is one skill I would try to learn.

4. Many people think of remote control planes as merely toys, but in fact they're simply smaller versions of their real world counterparts.

5. Any one of these could cause your model to crash and do a lot of damage.

6. You really need to learn how to operate the controls and you have to be persistently aware at all times.

7. Another thing that people have to realize about model airplanes is that they take a long time and a lot of patience to build.

8. Each piece has to be assembled correctly or the model will not work properly and the motor itself is the hardest part to build.

9. Completing the model brings a feeling of accomplishment and being able to fly it only increases that feeling.

10. My dream one day is to become a pilot and flying a remote control model seems like a great way to prepare myself for that career.

11. The control of a model plane are very similar to the controls of the plane, with separate controls for pitch, roll and yaw.

Q55. Your friend was badly hurt in an accident and has to stay in the hospital for a while. What would you do for him/her?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If my friend was badly hurt in an accident and had to stay in the hospital for a while, I would bring them a computer, a teddy bear, and a pot of her favorite flowers.

Support 1: My friend would be able to enjoy reading books and watching movies on the computer.

Support 2: A teddy bear would bring comfort and company to my friend.

Support 3: A pot of my friend's favorite flowers would cheer up the room and my them happy.

Thesis: Because my friend would not be bored, they would receive company and they would have a part of nature with them, I would give my friend a computer, a teddy bear and a pot of my friend's favorite flowers if they were in the hospital.

B. Model Essay

If my friend was sick in the hospital for a while I would bring her a computer, a teddy bear, and flower pot with her favorite flowers growing in it. When someone is in a hospital for a long time, I feel it is important to bring things that will entertain, comfort and enlighten them. I will further explain why I have chosen the objects above for my friend.

To begin with, in this day and age technology brings a lot of entertainment, and a computer with Wi-Fi access allows a whole new world of entertainment at ones' fingertips. When my friend and roommate Emily was sent to the hospital, I made sure to give a her laptop. She loves reading Japanese graphic novels and watching movies on her computer, so that is why I chose to bring her the computer. She was very grateful it kept her entertained for her long stay.

Second, being in the hospital for a long time makes one feel lonely for home and other comforts a person may miss. It's very important to bring something to comfort them, like a teddy bear. Teddy bears, in my opinion, have become a universal gift for anyone who needs comfort. When Emily became very, very sick. I gave her a fluffy, brown teddy bear. Later, when she was released, she thanked me for it gave her comfort and company, since she was a long way from her home.

Last, I think it's important to give someone in the hospital something from nature. I feel nature is where true beauty and enlightenment lies, which is why I would give a pot with the parent's favorite flower growing in it. Another gift I gave Emily while she stayed in the hospital was a flower pot full of daisies. It livened her hospital room and gave it a fresh smell.

As mentioned above, I think it is important if a friend of mine were to go into a hospital that I would bring her a computer, a teddy bear, and a flower pot with her favorite plant, because it's important for a person to be entertained, comforted, and enlightened in a long stay at the hospital.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If my friend was sick in the hospital for a while I would bring her a computer, a teddy bear, and flower pot with her favorite flowers growing in it.

2. When someone is in a hospital for a long time, I feel it is important to bring things that will entertain, comfort and enlighten them.

3. Technology brings a lot of entertainment, and a computer with Wi-Fi access allows a whole new world of entertainment at ones' fingertips.

4. She loves reading Japanese graphic novels and watching movies on her computer, so that is why I chose to bring her the computer.

5. Being in the hospital for a long time makes one feel lonely.

6. It's very important to bring something to comfort them, like a teddy bear.

7. When she was released, she thanked me for it gave her comfort and company.

8. I think it's important to give someone in the hospital something from nature.

9. I feel nature is where true beauty and enlightenment lies, which is why I would give a pot with the parent's favorite flower growing in it.

10. It's important for a person to be entertained, comforted, and enlightened in a long stay at the hospital.

**Q56. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Mothers should always put their children's needs ahead of their own.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't agree that mother should put their children needs ahead of their own.

Support 1: A mother could become exhausted.

Support 2: A mother could lose their sense of self.

Support 3: They will have no time for anything else.

Thesis: A mother needs to meet her own needs, or she will become very unhappy.

B. Model Essay

I do not agree with the statement that mothers should always put their children needs ahead of their own. There are three reasons to support my opinion: they will suffer from exhaustion and stress, they will lose who they are, and they will have no time to do anything.

First, a mother who focuses only on their children will be exhausted and stressed out. Yes, mothers should focus primarily on their children; however, they will get burnt out very quickly by doing this. Being a mother is a 24-hour job but the mom needs a break once and a while. For example, a stay at home mom of a young child doesn't get much time to themselves because the child is so needy. So the mother barely gets time to take a rest, eat, or even shower. Maybe, the husband can put the baby down once and while to let the mom have a few minutes of peace and relaxation.

Second, a mother will lose who they are. After years or even months of raising children, the mom becomes so enveloped into their child's life that they no longer have their own lives. Take for example a mother who has three children all above the age of 10. This mother has passed up

friends' weddings and other events in order to take care of her children. She starts to let her looks go because she doesn't have time to focus on anything else but her children. This then starts wearing away at her self-esteem. Just because you are a mom, it doesn't mean that you can't take a few minutes to go get your hair done or to do something you enjoy doing, such as painting or dancing.

Third, they will have no time to do anything for themselves. If a mom is always putting their child's need before their own, they won't be able to spend time with their husband or other people without the kids. It is healthy for a marriage to have a date night once a month for a husband and wife, even after they have kids. Who says that you have to spend every minute of your day on your children? What about your marriage? Isn't it the reason for your kids in the first place? The love between two people, most of the time, created a child. Keeping that relationship strong will make the children's lives better.

There are many reasons why a mother needs to have time for herself. It is okay for a mom to take a break, just as long as the children are being taken care of by a responsible person. If a mom always puts their children's needs ahead of their own, the mom will eventually become very unhappy. This then causes the children, family, and others around them to be unhappy as well.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Mothers should focus primarily on their children; however, they will get burnt out very quickly by doing this.

2. The mother barely gets time to take a rest, eat, or even shower. Maybe, the husband can put the baby down once and while to let the mom have a few minutes of peace and relaxation.

3. After years or even months of raising children, the mom becomes so enveloped into their child's life that they no longer have their own lives.

4. Just because you are a mom, it doesn't mean that you can't take a few minutes to go get your hair done or to do something you enjoy doing.

5. It is healthy for a marriage to have a date night once a month for a husband and wife,

6. Keeping that relationship strong will make the children's lives better.

7. It is okay for a mom to take a break, just as long as the children are being taken care of by a responsible person.

8. If a mom always puts their children's needs ahead of their own, the mom will eventually become very unhappy.

Q57. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Airplanes are the safest way to travel. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that airplanes are the safest way to travel.

Support 1: The increased security at the airports has made terror attacks next to impossible.

Support 2: Airplanes are the most technically scrutinized machine in the world, so there are very minimal mechanical errors.

Support 3: Airplanes pilots are closely monitored to meet safety and performance standards.

Thesis: Since airplanes and the pilots are closely maintained and supervised, I agree that airplanes are the safest way to travel.

B. Model Essay

I agree that airplanes are the safest way to travel, even though people often associate terrorism with attacks on airplanes. But these are only highlighted by the media to attract viewers and readers, and they're the exception. First of all, security at airports have made terror attacks next to impossible. Second, airplanes are the most technically scrutinized machines in the world. Finally, airline pilots are closely monitored and scrutinized to meet safety and performance standards. These make airplanes the safest means of transport in the world.

First of all, the heightened security at airports has made terror attacks difficult to the point that they're almost impossible. Since 2001, airports around the world have been looking for ways to keep people from smuggling weapons and bombs onto planes. They've also began to monitor passengers for any suspicious behavior. Although some have complained of inconveniences and privacy issues, they can rest easier knowing that

they're not going to be the victims of terrorism. Security professionals continue to find better ways to protect passengers from those who would use airplanes as weapons of terrorism.

Second, airplanes are among the most mechanically and technically scrutinized machines in the world. Airplanes hold many human lives at any given time and they're an expensive investment for airlines, so maintenance is crucial. Mechanics who work on airplanes have to be highly trained and can only work on airfields if they're certified by aviation authorities. Every mechanical problem that pilots and airport staff report has to be documented and fixed immediately. If just one thing is wrong with the plane, no matter how small, it does not go up. These mechanical standards make sure that passengers board safe, reliable aircraft.

In addition to security and mechanical considerations, the operators of the aircraft are also intensely scrutinized. Any sign of unfitness exhibited in pilots is an immediate cause for the termination of the pilot's license and job. Pilot licenses are more highly regulated than driver's licenses and the training that pilots undergo is designed to root out anyone who would be incapable of handling the stress of operating a complex machine like a jetliner. Along with regular retraining and recertification, pilots are also monitored for any sign of intoxication before entering the cockpit. If pilots are found to be unfit, then they're immediately removed as a pilot. The scrutiny of pilots are one last insurance passengers can count on in order to insure airplanes' safety.

So those three variables make airplanes a safe way to travel. Airport security has made terrorist threats a rarity in air travel. The mechanical checks that planes undergo also make sure that they're fit to fly. And the pilots' fitness to fly is also heavily scrutinized so that any pilot who's unfit will be taken of the job immediately. These assurances make flying the safest way to travel in the world.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Airplanes are the safest way to travel, even though people often

associate terrorism with attacks on airplanes.

2. The heightened security at airports has made terror attacks difficult to the point that they're almost impossible.

3. Airports around the world have been looking for ways to keep people from smuggling weapons and bombs onto planes.

4. They've also begun to monitor passengers for any suspicious behavior.

5. Although some have complained of inconveniences and privacy issues, they can rest easier knowing that they're not going to be the victims of terrorism.

6. Airplanes are among the most mechanically and technically scrutinized machines in the world.

7. Mechanics who work on airplanes have to be highly trained and can only work on airfields if they're certified by aviation authorities.

8. Every mechanical problem that pilots and airport staff report has to be documented and fixed immediately.

9. If just one thing is wrong with the plane, no matter how small, it does not go up.

10. Pilot licenses are more highly regulated than driver's licenses and the training that pilots undergo is designed to root out anyone who would be incapable of handling the stress of operating a complex machine like a jetliner.

11. Along with regular retraining and recertification, pilots are also monitored for any sign of intoxication before entering the cockpit.

12. The scrutiny of pilots are one last insurance passengers can count on in

order to insure airplanes' safety.

13. Those three variables make airplanes a safe way to travel.

Q58. If you had the opportunity to open up and run your own store, where would it be and what would you sell? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I had the opportunity to open up and run my own store, I would run a stationary store outside a major university in my country.

Support 1: I enjoy writing and I want to share my passion with others.

Support 2: It is a very good business decision because these supplies are in demand by college students.

Support 3: I think that stationary stores are an enjoyable place to look around and shop, so I think that it will be enjoyable to others as well.

Thesis: Since it is a natural decision and beneficial in many ways, I would open up a stationary store outside a major university

B. Model Essay

If I could open and run my store, I would run a stationary store outside a major university in my country. This is because I enjoy writing and drawing and want to share my passion with others. I also think that selling these supplies to college students is a natural business decision. Finally, stationary stores are enjoyable places to look around and shop and I like enjoyable places like that, so it's only natural that I start my own stationary store. I will now go into these reasons in depth.

First, I enjoy writing and drawing and I hope to write and illustrate children's books one day. I have a passion for drawing and I always look to share it with others. With a stationary store, I could offer other people the tools to begin their own writing and art projects, much like how I pursue my interest. To be a successful artist or writer, you must practice

frequently and to do that, you need the supplies to pursue your practice. So if others have my passion, I can sell them what they need to fulfill that passion.

Another thing I would mention is that placing a stationary store near a college would be a smart business move. With students needing to take notes in their classes, they need the notebooks and pens to take those notes. They'll also need paper with which to print out reports and binders to bind and present them. Art students can also get the pens, pads, ink, pencils, and charcoals they need to produce their in class work and their assignments. I would be able to offer students everything they need to pass their classes if I go into business near a university.

One more thing that I should point out is that all the stationary stores I've been in are really nice places to look around. I always enjoy going through the rows of notebooks, pens and paintbrushes. There are also fun things for children and I've always enjoyed their bright and happy colors. The artist in me also enjoy going through the section where there are model hands and bodies and all of the easels for painters to set up their canvases and all the colors of paints that any artist needs in oils, pastels, watercolors and more. I love going through those things and I know many others do as well.

So these are why I would start a stationary store near a university. First, I could share my passion for drawing with others. I could help student get the supplies they need for classes. Finally, they're just great places to look around. These are why I would open a stationary store near a college campus.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I could open and run my store, I would run a stationary store outside a major university in my country.

2. This is because I enjoy writing and drawing and want to share my passion with others.

3. I also think that selling these supplies to college students is a natural business decision.

4. Stationary stores are enjoyable places to look around and shop.

5. With a stationary store, I could offer other people the tools to begin their own writing and art projects.

6. Placing a stationary store near a college would be a smart business move.

7. To take notes in their classes, they need the notebooks and pens to take those notes.

8. They'll also need paper with which to print out reports and binders to bind and present them.

9. I would be able to offer students everything they need to pass their classes if I go into business near a university.

10. All the stationary stores I've been in are really nice places to look around.

11. The artist in me also enjoy going through the section where there are model hands and bodies and all of the easels for painters to set up their canvases and all the colors of paints.

Q59. Which would you prefer as a class trip: a camping trip in the woods or a vacation at a beach resort?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would prefer to go on a camping trip in the woods.

Support 1: There are many things to do in the woods.

Support 2: The woods are safer than the beach.

Support 3: Everyone else goes to the beach on vacations.

Thesis: Since there are many benefits for our class, I would prefer to camping the woods.

B. Model Essay

I would prefer to go on a camping trip in the woods if I was given a choice for our class trip. Camping in the woods has many benefits and fun activities that our class could enjoy. If our class went on a vacation to a beach resort, there would be many negatives.

The first reason I would want to go on a camping trip in the woods is because there are many things to do in the woods. During the day, we can go hiking, fishing, and observing nature. At nighttime, we can make a campfire, roast marshmallows, and tell ghost stories. It would be a lot of fun and also educational.

Additionally, the woods are safer than a beach for our students. At the beach, many dangerous things can happen. For instance, a student can drown if they don't know how to swim or they can get badly sunburned if they don't keep their skin protected. Also, it is very hard to supervise all the students on a public beach. In the woods, the children can wonder around, and if they get lost, they can call for help.

Finally, most people go to the beach already as a family vacation, so camping in the woods would be something new for our class. So many

families go to beach resorts for their family vacations. This would give them a chance to try something new and see how well they can survive on basic supplies. It's a fun and important challenge for the students to experience only living with a tent, basic foods, and a fire.

Since there are many benefits for our class, I would prefer to go on a camping trip in the woods rather than a vacation at a beach resort. The students will learn and experience something new, there are many activities to do in the woods, and it is safer.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Camping in the woods has many benefits and fun activities that our class could enjoy.

2. For instance, a student can drown if they don't know how to swim or they can get badly sunburned if they don't keep their skin protected.

3. In the woods, the children can wonder around, and if they get lost, they can call for help.

4. This would give them a chance to try something new and see how well they can survive on basic supplies.

5. It's a fun and important challenge for students to experience only living with a tent, basic foods, and a fire.

6. I would prefer to go on a camping trip in the woods rather than a vacation at a beach resort.

Q60. You have volunteered to spend one hour a day for a week to help a child from a poor background. What would you do with the child you volunteered to help?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I would volunteer take a child from a poor background to three different locations for my one hour a day for the week. I would take them to a library, to a playground, and on a picnic at a park.

First, I would take the child to a library. If the child is from a poor background, then the most likely don't have the resources to go to a library often. I would help them to learn to read better and also to expand their imaginations. Reading books is such a fundamental in life. When we read books, we can travel to other places in the world, and learn about more than our own little daily environments we interact with.

Secondly, I would go to a playground with the child. But we wouldn't just go to any playground; we would go to the best playground in the city. This child's playground in their neighborhood isn't very good quality. He would have so much fun playing and not being worried about splinters or broken equipment. Furthermore, he could meet new friends that don't care about his background. This would help build his confidence.

Finally, I would invite the child and their friends on a picnic in a park.

Here, they could enjoy sandwiches, fruits, vegetables, and other various picnic snacks. Once we are all done eating, we would fly kites, play ball games, and tag. The children would have such a great time and would forget for just a few moments about their poor background.

Since taking a child to all these places would benefit the child and they would have fun, I would take the child from a poor background that I volunteer with an hour for a week to a library, a playground, and on a picnic. The child would build his confidence, learn some new things, and have fun.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If the child is from a poor background, then the most likely don't have the resources to go to a library often.

2. I would help them to learn to read better and also to expand their imaginations.

3. When we read books, we can travel to other places in the world, and learn about more than our own.

4. He would have so much fun playing and not being worried about splinters or broken equipment.

5. He could meet new friends that don't care about his background.

6. The children would have such a great time and would forget for just a few moments about their poor background.

7. The child would build his confidence, learn some new things, and have fun.

Q61. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents should give their children everything they want. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree with this statement because I believe that giving children everything they want makes them spoiled brats.

Support 1: The first problem with giving children everything they want is that this will lead the children to always expect instant gratification.

Support 2: The second problem will always giving into children's demands is that they will demand more things that would only get more elaborate as time goes on.

Support 3: The third problem I have mentioned is that when the child's family has visitors, they will notice that the children are very rude to them and to the parents.

Thesis: Giving children everything they want is a bad idea because it results in some negative consequences.

B. Model Essay

I disagree with the statement because I believe that giving children everything they want makes them spoiled brats. They would expect instant gratification from the first time someone gives into their demands. They would become more demanding as they got more and more of what they wanted. Thirdly, they would become disrespectful not only to their parents, but to other adults who would probably disapprove of their lack of decorum. The problem is that giving children everything they want will lead to a breakdown of discipline and give kids control of the house.

The first problem with giving children everything they want is that this will lead the children to always expect instant gratification. As we all

know, to truly enjoy the best things life has to offer, we have to show patience and restraint, because sometimes, we experience disappointment. If a person expects instant gratification all the time and doesn't get it, that person would get frustrated. Children get especially frustrated if they expect to get their own way and don't get it. They will vocalize this frustration a lot and if left unchecked, will make them selfish, lazy and rude. So this giving into demands will break down their patience and make them feel wrongfully entitled to get everything they want.

The second problem with always giving into children's demands is that they would demand more things that would only get more elaborate as time goes on. First, they'll start demanding treats and pretty soon, they'll be demanding to determine the menu for all the family meals. They start by demanding smaller toys and as those demands get fulfilled, they'll demand bigger and more expensive toys. This will lead the children to eating unhealthy junk food all the time and cause a drain on the family finances as the toys they demand would take money away from more important expenses, like food and utility bills. A child's demands could make the child fat and living without water or power if he keeps being demanding.

The third problem I have mentioned is that when the child's family has visitors, they will notice that the children are very rude to them and to the parents. This could be a shocking sight, as the visitors might have certain expectations on the behavior of children. This could become a source of embarrassment to the parents, who could be looked down upon as poor parents who let their kids run wild. A parent is expected to keep their kids in line and to maintain discipline in their house, and it would look very bad if it appears that the kids are calling the shots. So this societal aspect is another reason why it's a bad idea to give kids everything they want.

Giving children everything they want is a bad idea because it results in some negative consequences. It turns the kids into self-gratification expecting brats who throw temper tantrums when they don't get their way. It can cause a drain on finances as they demand and get expensive toys and

their health as they are given more and more junk food as they demand it. And it makes the parents look like indulgent wimps when they're expected to run the house, not the kids. So these are the reasons why kids shouldn't get everything they want.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I believe that giving children everything they want makes them spoiled brats.

2. They would become more demanding as they got more and more of what they wanted.

3. They would become disrespectful not only to their parents, but to other adults who would probably disapprove of their lack of decorum.

4. If a person expects instant gratification all the time and doesn't get it, that person would get frustrated.

5. Children get especially frustrated if they expect to get their own way and don't get it.

6. They will vocalize this frustration a lot and if left unchecked, will make them selfish, lazy and rude.

7. They start by demanding smaller toys and as those demands get fulfilled, they'll demand bigger and more expensive toys.

8. When the child's family has visitors, they will notice that the children are very rude to them and to the parents.

9. This could become a source of embarrassment to the parents, who could be looked down upon as poor parents who let their kids run wild.

10. A parent is expected to keep their kids in line and to maintain discipline in their house.

11. It would look very bad if it appears that the kids are calling the shots.

12. Giving children everything they want is a bad idea because it results in some negative consequences.

13. It turns the kids into self-gratification expecting brats who throw temper tantrums when they don't get their way.

14. It can cause a drain on finances as they demand and get expensive toys and their health as they are given more and more junk food as they demand it.

Q62. A friend of yours is about to leave the country for a year. What would you get him as a going away present: a camera, or a dictionary?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

If my friend was to leave the country, I would give my friend a dictionary as a going away present. First off, a dictionary would be helpful in case my friend ever needed help from any of the locals. Second, even if my friend had no trouble, a dictionary would be a helpful tool in experiencing the local culture and in making new friends. Third, a camera would be a frivolous thing to take on a trip where the person is not going to be on vacation. For a year overseas, a dictionary would be a more practical gift than a camera.

The first reason is that a dictionary could help my friend out if he needed help from the locals. Living abroad presents its own set of unique challenges and one of those challenges is being able to ask for help in the event of an emergency. If a person becomes the victim of a crime or an accident, then that person must be able to speak to doctors or the police. If they cannot do that, then they cannot report the crime that happened or get whatever medical treatment is required. This could result in the person being broke, seriously injured, or dead. So a dictionary could end up being very important to anyone traveling for a year.

Another reason why a dictionary would make for a better gift is that even if my friend doesn't encounter a major emergency, he could still find a dictionary useful while encountering the local culture and people. My friend is the type of person that loves to learn about new things and traveling abroad could give him the opportunity to do just that. With his new dictionary, he can learn all the words and phrases he needs to carry on a conversation and ask questions about the country's customs, art, music, and food. He can learn a lot with his dictionary and from the people of the country he is traveling in if he had a dictionary.

But while a dictionary is a useful thing to have, a camera would not be as useful. Although it is certainly fun to take pictures, taking pictures is mainly an activity for tourists and someone who is going away for a year certainly won't be a tourist. Knowing my friend, he wouldn't go away on a year's vacation, he would go somewhere to live only if he had a job or was a student in the country or countries he would be living in. A foreign worker or student would have no time for frivolous activities like taking pictures of tourist traps. So the lack of a practical use for a camera would be the third reason for my choice of a dictionary.

The need for a dictionary over a camera for someone traveling abroad for a year seems patently obvious to me. My friend could use it to seek help in case of an emergency, such as a crime or accident. It could help him communicate with locals and help him learn about the native culture of the country he is in. And these uses would trump the triviality of a camera. So for these reasons, I would give a dictionary over a camera to a friend who's traveling abroad for a year.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If my friend was to leave the country, I would give my friend a dictionary as a going away present.

2. A dictionary would be helpful in case my friend ever needed help from any of the locals.

3. A dictionary would be a helpful tool in experiencing the local culture

and in making new friends.

4. A camera would be a frivolous thing to take on a trip where the person is not going to be on vacation.

5. For a year overseas, a dictionary would be a more practical gift than a camera.

6. If a person becomes the victim of a crime or an accident, then that person must be able to speak to doctors or the police.

7. If they cannot do that, then they cannot report the crime that happened or get whatever medical treatment is required.

8. With his new dictionary, he can learn all the words and phrases he needs to carry on a conversation.

9. Although it is certainly fun to take pictures, taking pictures is mainly an activity for tourists and someone who is going away for a year certainly won't be a tourist.

10. A foreign worker or student would have no time for frivolous activities like taking pictures of tourist traps.

11. The need for a dictionary over a camera for someone traveling abroad for a year seems patently obvious to me.

12. My friend could use it to seek help in case of an emergency, such as a crime or accident.

13. It could help him communicate with locals and help him learn about the native culture of the country he is in.

Q63. If you had the chance to write about something you'd like to see changed in your city, what would you write about? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I would probably write about the seemingly overbearing amount of surveillance cameras around the city. It would seem as if though everyone was living under a repressive police state because everyone was being watched all the time. Also, we are a very safe city and it feels like a city this safe shouldn't need so many surveillance cameras. And most disturbing, it can be abused to spy on people that could be perceived as a threat but aren't. So I think someone should write to the local paper to address the issue of there being too many surveillance cameras.

First of all, the overabundance of surveillance cameras make it feel like we live in a police state. The only place that would need so many cameras watching many people at once that I can think of that would need that many cameras crowded around is prison. It makes me feel like someone wants to control me while I'm doing my daily activities. And if they're not trying to control me, they want to know everything about me so that they can watch me all the time if they have to. This may sound paranoid, but I genuinely feel that someone wants to control every aspect of my life when I notice the abundance of security cameras. No one should

have to feel spied upon when they're just living their lives, doing nothing wrong.

Secondly, crime is very low in my city, that it seems hardly necessary to have so much surveillance. Many say that crime is down because there's so much surveillance but I think that is a simplistic idea. I think crime is down because our law enforcement and the court system have gotten better in catching felons and locking them up. Surveillance can play a part in stopping crime but sometimes crimes happen despite the surveillance. Many places have even more surveillance cameras than we do and their crime rates are worse. So I think that surveillance stopping crime is a false idea that doesn't show true with the evidence.

The third thing about surveillance that I find particularly disturbing is that it can be used to spy on people that are under suspicion just because of their race or dress. Everyone seems to have an idea of what a criminal or terrorist looks like, but these ideas are simply prejudice. A surveillance officer can watch someone for a long time just because they are of a certain skin tone or are wearing certain kinds of clothing. The person may not even know they're being watched and they could end up being on a watch list or being denied basic services because they were being spied upon. This potential of abuse questions the actual necessity for surveillance cameras in my city.

I would write about the overuse of surveillance cameras because I feel that it need to change. It needs to change because it makes me feel like I'm living in a police state. It needs to change because my city is very safe and it doesn't really deter crime anyway. And most importantly, it needs to change because of the potential of profiling individuals as suspicious. These are the reasons why I would write about the overuse of video surveillance cameras in my city.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I would probably write about the seemingly overbearing amount of surveillance cameras around the city.
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2. The overabundance of surveillance cameras make it feel like we live in a police state.

3. It makes me feel like someone wants to control me while I'm doing my daily activities.

4. No one should have to feel spied upon when they're just living their lives, doing nothing wrong.

5. Crime is very low in my city, that it seems hardly necessary to have so much surveillance.

6. Many say that crime is down because there's so much surveillance but I think that is a simplistic idea.

7. Surveillance can play a part in stopping crime but sometimes crimes happen despite the surveillance.

8. Many places have even more surveillance cameras than we do and their crime rates are worse.

9. It can be used to spy on people that are under suspicion just because of their race or dress.

10. Everyone seems to have an idea of what a criminal or terrorist looks like, but these ideas are simply prejudice.

11. The person may not even know they're being watched and they could end up being on a watch list or being denied basic services because they were being spied upon.

Q64. People believe they study or work better with music. Do you agree or disagree with this belief?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I do believe that people work better with music. People in offices or factories always have radios on to boost morale. Music can make working less burdensome and more enjoyable. Music can also help relieve stress allowing workers to work in a more relaxed state of mind. These are the reasons why I feel music can help people work or study better.

Whenever you go into a workplace such as an office or a factory floor, chances are you're going to hear music playing somewhere. This is because those in charge have the radios on so that music can be heard throughout. Supervisors know that people work better when they're happy and music can make anybody happy. So the music that is played throughout the workspace can help the morale of the workers there and they'll perform better and go on for longer without stopping. Music gives people energy and that can help people be more efficient in the workplace.

I found in doing housework or homework that having the radio on can make the work feel less burdensome. At first, the task I need to do looks like a lot and will feel like a lot. However, when I turn my music on, I can work along with the music. While I'm enjoying the music, I feel the energy go through my body and suddenly, the weight of the work feels a

lot lighter. It's as if I just took a strength enhancing supplement and it instantly makes me stronger. The task gets done and it feels like it wasn't as hard as I originally thought. So music certainly helps the work get done by making it seem easier.

Working can be very stressful, especially if one doesn't really like what he's doing at the time. This is where music can come into play. Music is known for relaxing the mind and reducing the stress that one feels when doing a job that he finds hard to enjoy. The reduced stress can help the person's mind relax and can also help reduce his blood pressure and any aches and pains he might feel. The music can help ease a person into performing his task regardless of his state of mind.

So music can certainly help people work by lifting their spirits. Supervisors in factories and offices know this so they play the radio. I find it a great energy booster that helps me through even the most burdensome of tasks. And many people find it a great stress reducer when they work. That's why I agree that people can work or study better with music.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I do believe that people work better with music.

2. Music can make working less burdensome and more enjoyable.

3. Music can also help relieve stress allowing workers to work in a more relaxed state of mind.

4. Music gives people energy and that can help people be more efficient in the workplace.

5. While I'm enjoying the music, I feel the energy go through my body and suddenly, the weight of the work feels a lot lighter.

6. It's as if I just took a strength enhancing supplement and it instantly makes me stronger.

7. Music certainly helps the work get done by making it seem easier.

8. Working can be very stressful, especially if one doesn't really like what he's doing at the time.

9. Music is known for relaxing the mind and reducing the stress that one feels when doing a job that he finds hard to enjoy.

10. Music can certainly help people work by lifting their spirits.

**Q65. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Olympic athletes promote peace better than politicians.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I do agree that Olympic athletes are better promoters of peace than politicians. This is because athletes are found to be more honest in their pursuit than politicians. They also use gentler rhetoric about their opponents than politicians. And they also don't pander to fear, stereotyping and distrust in the way many politicians do. These reasons will now be explained in greater detail.

First off, athletes are generally believed to be more honest than politicians. When competing, there are strict guidelines and rules that prevent an athlete from gaining an advantage over his opponents. There are clear rules to follow and the judges of the contest cannot be argued with when they make a decision that an athlete disagrees with, and there's nothing the athlete can do to change it. A politician on the other hand might employ underhanded tactics such as intimidation, bribery, and what is generally called "stuffing the ballot box" in order to win, this happened long ago and even though there are safeguards against this kind of behavior, the stereotype persists. So athletes are generally kept honest more stringently than politicians and are generally considered to be more honest because of this.

Secondly, athletes are more cordial and sporting when they talk about themselves and their competitors while politicians are generally less cordial. An athlete is supposed to be considered a sportsman, and that means displaying sportsmanship, never cheating, never lying, and never slandering another athlete that he is competing against. Athletes speak of their opponents with respect and they find that respecting their opponents and their abilities can help them find ways to defeat them. Politicians on the other hand speak of themselves with pompous arrogance and self-promotion while the language they use to describe their opponents is often derogatory, using phrases and words like “liar”, “unpatriotic”, “soft on crime or terrorism”, and “philistine.” This difference in rhetorical tone shows why athletes are better at diplomacy than politicians.

Thirdly, it has been shown that politicians will often use hateful messages to rally the support of the public. If one turns on any news channel in America, and you are likely to find some political commentator or office holder speaking against people of certain nationalities or religions, calling them “terrorists” or a threat to America. Their usual solution to these perceived threats is to launch a war and they are willing to call anyone who disagrees with them a threat to the country. The speech is so hateful, that it would shock anyone who’s doesn’t see things as a threat. Athletes don’t pursue this kind of fear and hate campaign, they just want to compete and do well and they find friendship through their competition. So that hate speech is the third reason athletes are more qualified to promote peace than politicians.

So the reasons are clear that Olympic athletes promote peace better than politicians. They play more fairly and follow the rules more closely than politicians. They also talk about their competitors with more respect and less vitriol than politicians. And they don’t appeal to fear, hate, and misunderstanding. That’s why Olympic athletes promote peace better than politicians.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I do agree that Olympic athletes are better promoters of peace than politicians.

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2. Athletes are generally believed to be more honest than politicians.

 3. When competing, there are strict guidelines and rules that prevent an athlete from gaining an advantage over his opponents.

 4. A politician might employ underhanded tactics such as intimidation, bribery, and what is generally called “stuffing the ballot box” in order to win.

 5. Athletes are more cordial and sporting when they talk about themselves and their competitors while politicians are generally less cordial.

 6. Athletes speak of their opponents with respect and they find that respecting their opponents and their abilities can help them find ways to defeat them.

 7. Politicians speak of themselves with pompous arrogance and self-promotion while the language they use to describe their opponents is often derogatory,

 8. It has been shown that politicians will often use hateful messages to rally the support of the public.

 9. Their usual solution to these perceived threats is to launch a war and they are willing to call anyone who disagrees with them a threat to the country.

 10. Athletes don't pursue this kind of fear and hate campaign, they just want to compete and do well and they find friendship through their competition.
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Q66. If you had the opportunity, would you move to a town of the rich and famous? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I don't think I would move to a town filled with rich people. First off, I would have to leave all of my friends many I have known since childhood. Second, I don't think that I would fit in with rich neighbors. And third, I don't like displays of having a lot when there are so many people who have nothing. These are the reasons I would not want to move to a rich neighborhood.

The first reason I would move to a rich town is because it would mean leaving all the friends I have now. I have many good friends, some of whom I have met in kindergarten. We have grown to be so close that even my parents like to think of them as members of the family. Leaving my old town would mean leaving all of my friends, and I think that I would miss them too much to ever want to leave them. I know I could send them e-mails and such, but it's no substitute for personal interaction, where we can go downtown and hang out. My friends are the first reason I wouldn't want to move away.

Second, I don't think I can fit in with the people I would be living near. Rich people tend to be snobbish and have a lot of arbitrary etiquette rules. If I were to be invited to their homes, I would be completely nervous

about making myself look foolish or less refined than they would be. Also, I wouldn't be able to talk about interests since they would have different interests that would require a lot of money to enjoy, such as country club activities. Also, I would have to wear expensive clothing to get them to respect me, and I don't think I can afford it. So not being able to find common ground with my new neighbors is another reason why I would move to a rich city.

The third reason is one I really feel strongly about, I think it's vulgar to display enormous wealth when there are people who have nothing. There is a lot of poverty in the world, even in our country. The rich like to ignore their plight and forget that people are happy when they just have small things. Their large houses and cars are like an advertisement to the less fortunate, saying that they're rich and thus better. To someone who has to work for a pittance, this is frustrating and insulting and is a cause for uprising and revolutions. Thoughtless displays of wealth are the biggest why I can't even fathom moving to a rich neighborhood.

I would never want to move anywhere else, especially in a rich neighborhood. I would miss my friends because I wouldn't see them or hang out with them like we always do. I would not be able to fit in with the people I would be living near. And biggest of all, I find it disgusting to display wealth when there's poverty in the world. Therefore, I would never move to a town of the rich and famous.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't think I would move to a town filled with rich people.

2. Leaving my old town would mean leaving all of my friends, and I think that I would miss them too much to ever want to leave them.

3. I know I could send them e-mails and such, but it's no substitute for personal interaction,

4. I don't think I can fit in with the people I would be living near.

5. If I were to be invited to their homes, I would be completely nervous about making myself look foolish or less refined than they would be.
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6. I wouldn't be able to talk about interests since they would have different interests that would require a lot of money to enjoy
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7. I would have to wear expensive clothing to get them to respect me, and I don't think I can afford it.
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8. I think it's vulgar to display enormous wealth when there are people who have nothing.
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9. Their large houses and cars are like an advertisement to the less fortunate, saying that they're rich and thus better.
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10. To someone who has to work for a pittance, this is frustrating and insulting.
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**Q67. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Outward appearance is just as important as true value.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I do believe that outward appearance is just as important as true value. This is because we are predisposed to like things that are attractive in appearance. Also, the appearance will often be an indicator of how the item in question will perform or how well-made it is. And outward appearance is a badge of pride for whoever is presenting the item to the public. So when one thinks about it, outward appearance is a very important aspect for anything or anyone.

The first reason is that people are predisposed to judge something or someone by their outward appearance. People always judge other people by the outward appearance that the person displays. This is true in job interviews. The interviewer isn't just reviewing the applicant's qualifications and the answers to their questions, they're also looking over their appearance. That's why it's always advised to dress professionally and to be neatly groomed. If the person puts on a professional and confident appearance, they are more likely to get the job. So outward appearance is a judgment that is always made in real-life circumstances like job interviews.

The second reason is that outward appearance is usually an indicator

of how well something functions or performs. This is often the case of cars. When we go shopping for a car, we always get attracted to the cars that look good. This indicates that the car is well made and, in the case of a used car, is well maintained. If a car is not polished and shiny, or if it's dented or scratched, it may still work well, but people will think that it is a junk car. So dealers not only maintain the engine, but they also maintain the body. So the appearance of a car is often judged as an indicator of worth and that is the second reason I agree with the statement.

The third reason is that people and company pride themselves on their packaging or their dress. When people wear expensive clothes, they are showing of the fact that they have enough money to afford such luxurious clothes. The clothing makers also show that they can make such well made clothes by putting their name on it. That name become synonymous with quality clothing worn by people who have a lot and the fact that they have the money for it is shown through the clothes. This badge of pride becomes an indicator of value and is the third reason why outward appearance is as important as true value.

So outward appearance is important for these three reasons. People judge someone or something by their appearance, like in a job interview. Outward appearance can be an indicator of functionality, like when buying a car. And outward appearance can be a badge of pride, like wearing expensive clothes. So that's why I agree that outward appearance is just as important as true value.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I do believe that outward appearance is just as important as true value.

2. People are predisposed to judge something or someone by their outward appearance.

3. The interviewer isn't just reviewing the applicant's qualifications and the answers to their questions, they're also looking over their appearance.

4. If the person puts on a professional and confident appearance, they are more likely to get the job.

5. Outward appearance is usually an indicator of how well something functions or performs.

6. When we go shopping for a car, we always get attracted to the cars that look good.

7. If a car is not polished and shiny, or if it's dented or scratched, it may still work well, but people will think that it is a junk car.

8. People and company pride themselves on their packaging or their dress.

9. When people wear expensive clothes, they are showing of the fact that they have enough money to afford such luxurious clothes.

10. The clothing makers also show that they can make such well made clothes by putting their name on it.

11. This badge of pride becomes an indicator of value.

Q68. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students today are more stressed out from their studies than those in the past. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I agree that students have more stress from studying than in the past. The first reason I agree with this is that students today have more competition in a global society. The second reason is that there are more things to study now than in the past. And the third reason is that parents and teachers put a lot more emphasis on homework than they probably should. These reasons are why students are more stressed out and this essay will explain those reasons in better detail.

First off, there's more competition in our global society and global economy. Today's parents are aware that more people are leaving their countries and entering the students' country for economic opportunities. They also know that more international business is done now than in the past. So students are expected to be ready for this competition so their made to study languages and advanced math, often before they're ready. This pressure puts children under great stress and it's making them lose their childhood and making them sick. Parents need to know how much competition they can handle before throwing them into advanced studies.

Secondly, there are more things students are made to study now. Today's curriculum is a lot more complex, with languages, social studies, and different kinds of science. This is a long way from simply teaching kids to read and count, which was what education basically consisted of more than a century ago. Kids are expected to learn at least one language now because we find ourselves hearing multiple languages in our society. Education has become more complicated than when teachers were kids and the kids today have to live up to even more expectations. This is another reason why students today are under more pressure.

Thirdly, teachers are giving more homework than ever before. This is a demand from parents so that they can monitor their kids' education. However, with so much homework, they are losing the chance to play and have fun. Playing is how children relieve stress and without this outlet, their stress is only going to build up. More homework is a source of more stress for kids and they're losing the chance to relieve that stress and that stress is building up even more. This is why children lash out, because they have no other outlet for stress. So homework is keeping kids from playing and making more stress for them.

Kids are getting more stress because education is getting harder for them. The competitiveness is making parents push their children more. The complexity of education today is contributing to stress by making education harder. And the build up of homework is not only building up the stress, but keeping kids from relief they get through play. This is why I agree with the statement, student have more study based stress today than in the past.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I agree that students have more stress from studying than in the past.

2. There's more competition in our global society and global economy.

3. Students are expected to be ready for this competition so they're made to study languages and advanced math, often before they're ready.

4. Parents need to know how much competition they can handle before throwing them into advanced studies.

5. Today's curriculum is a lot more complex, with languages, social studies, and different kinds of science.

6. Education has become more complicated than when teachers were kids and the kids today have to live up to even more expectations.

7. Teachers are giving more homework than ever before.

8. With so much homework, they are losing the chance to play and have fun.

9. Playing is how children relieve stress and without this outlet, their stress is only going to build up.

10. Kids are getting more stress because education is getting harder for them.

11. The competitiveness is making parents push their children more.

Q69. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Today children eat too much junk food. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

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Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

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Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I do believe that kids eat too much junk food these days. I believe this because children are bombarded by junk food advertising on TV. I also believe it because kids don't get enough education on nutrition at school. Thirdly, parents aren't paying enough attention to their kids' diets. I will now explain these reasons in greater detail.

The first reason I agree with the statement is that there's a lot of advertisements for junk food on television. The commercials on television are flashy and loud and they are attractive to children. When they see them for candy or other such treats, they will start begging their parents for these treats, parents will eventually cave in and buy them the treats. Candy companies know that a lot of money can be made through these ads and they'll make them flashier, louder, and more fun-looking. So television advertising is a big influence on the eating habits of children that needs to change.

The second reason for my agreement is that kids aren't getting enough nutritional education. More schools are getting food that is more attractive to kids but isn't as nutritious than before. There are even soda and candy

machines in schools and that makes the problem worse. The schools find it easier to raise money this way and they also cut funding for project that would actually help kids eat healthier. So schools are beginning to put money ahead of children's health and that is making junk food more available and intrusive in our kids' lives.

The third reason is that parents aren't paying enough attention to their kids' diets. As stated above parents will often cave into their kids' demands for snacks and treats. They also don't cook or prepare meals as often as in the past and leave the kids to fend for themselves. So kids will either get fast food or they'll get instant food, that might have a lot of salt in them. This also contributes to the problem of children eating too much junk food, because they don't get enough of the nutrition they need and will just eat things that they like. So this is the third problem.

Childhood obesity and diabetes are on the rise, and the proliferation of junk food is contributing to it. The advertising children see are influencing them to ask for more junk food from their parents. The schools are cutting funding for nutrition programs and buying less healthy foods for lunch because it's cheaper. And the parents aren't paying enough attention to these disturbing trends. That's why I agree with the statement, children eat too much junk food today than in the past.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I do believe that kids eat too much junk food these days.

2. There's a lot of advertisements for junk food on television.

3. The commercials on television are flashy and loud and they are attractive to children.

4. So television advertising is a big influence on the eating habits of children that needs to change.

5. Kids aren't getting enough nutritional education.

6. More schools are getting food that is more attractive to kids but isn't as

nutritious than before.

7. There are even soda and candy machines in schools and that makes the problem worse.

8. The schools find it easier to raise money this way and they also cut funding for project that would actually help kids eat healthier.

9. Parents aren't paying enough attention to their kids' diets.

10. Parents will often cave into their kids' demands for snacks and treats.

11. They also don't cook or prepare meals as often as in the past and leave the kids to fend for themselves.

12. Childhood obesity and diabetes are on the rise, and the proliferation of junk food is contributing to it.

Q70. Recently, your country has received a large gift of money from a neighboring country. What should the government do with that money?

A. Essay Outline

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B. Model Essay

My country should use the money to promote science education in my country. This is because we, as a country, are always looking for ways to become known as a technological powerhouse. We are also worried about falling behind our competitors in terms of production and educational success. And the more advances in scientific progress there are, the more we advance our civilization. So the promotion of scientific education makes sense.

First off, the leaders of my country are always looking for ways to stay technologically on the cutting edge. We have several technology firms that are spending money trying to find the newest advance in entertainment and telecommunication technology. The people these companies hire must have the best knowledge of technical science and be the best trained that can be found. The learning these people must have has to be free from any anti-scientific prejudices and have the latest discoveries made in institutes and universities from around the world. We need to pour our resources into this latest knowledge if we are going to train the best scientists and technicians in the world.

Second, we are always thinking about the competition that is out there in the field of science and technology. A recent poll showed that science is a bigger priority among our “trade partners” than in our own country. This is why we end up importing a good amount of our technological goods. We could create more jobs and start exporting more if we had the education to create the talent needed for making new technologies. So the investment in science education could lead to a boost in our economy.

The third reason is that it is science that helps us advance as humans and as a civilization. From the beginning of time, experimentation and invention have helped humanity advance and grow. The invention of agricultural tools have helped us settle down, build cities, and form societies. The creation of faster transportation methods has helped us explore our own world and discovered all parts of our world. And the age of the computer has increased the speed of how ideas and information are exchanged and disseminated. All these advances came from scientific knowledge and anyone who doesn't keep up with it all is going to be left behind.

So again, these are the reasons my government should spend its gift money on promoting science education. The country always wants to put out the newest technologies and scientific knowledge. The increase in well-trained engineers and technicians will help boost my country's economy. And the advance of science has led to the advance of mankind throughout the ages. So these are why that should the country receive a gift of money, we should use it to advance science education.

C. Useful Expressions

1. My country should use the money to promote science education in my country.

2. The leaders of my country are always looking for ways to stay technologically on the cutting edge.

3. We have several technology firms that are spending money trying to find the newest advance in entertainment and telecommunication

technology.

4. We need to pour our resources into this latest knowledge if we are going to train the best scientists and technicians in the world.

5. We are always thinking about the competition that is out there in the field of science and technology.

6. We could create more jobs and start exporting more if we had the education to create the talent needed for making new technologies.

7. It is science that helps us advance as humans and as a civilization.

8. The invention of agricultural tools have helped us settle down, build cities, and form societies.

9. The creation of faster transportation methods has helped us explore our own world and discovered all parts of our world.

10. The age of the computer has increased the speed of how ideas and information are exchanged and disseminated.

11. The increase in well-trained engineers and technicians will help boost my country's economy.

Q71. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In the last hundred years, women have made strides in career advancement and in the near future women managers will outnumber male managers. Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

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B. Model Essay

I don't think there will be an overtake of female managers that soon in the future. First off, advancement is based on past performance and not on the favoritism of one gender over another. Secondly, many women don't learn leadership skills when they're working because few have the ability to command. And thirdly, there are still cultural biases against women in many parts of the world. This would make it difficult for there to be a majority of woman managers in the near future.

The first thing we have to realize is that performance has to be the main driving factor in advancement, not whether the person is a man or woman. Men typically have the advantage because there have been more men in the workplace at the midway point of the century and women are only starting to catch up. And there are a lot of men in managerial positions today that are still fit and healthy that have worked for their companies for years. It would take many of them to retire or die before women can even have a chance to break into the club. This is the first reason why women managers won't outnumber men managers that soon.

The next thing we have to remember is that women don't really learn how to command authority, even when they have worked in their company for years. This is because female nature is more inclined to listening and following, as opposed to deciding and leading. This has come from the tendency for mothers to be the gentle nurturers of society, the child minders, the caretakers. Leadership has to require a certain amount of toughness that can only come from hard decision making, which came from the traditional male role of hunting and fighting in wars, where survival is crucial. So nature acts as a hindrance to women becoming managers.

With those points in mind, there are still parts of the world where women are still placed in a position of cultural bias. This doesn't just mean certain countries, it also means parts of countries and whole industries, traditionally dominated by men. The countries and regions where this is prevalent often cling to outdated religious beliefs or traditions that are considered sacred, or are indicators of cultural degradation if people turn against them. And of course, men in male-dominated industries are always going to favor other men because of the culture of the industry they work in. So these cultural biases are another factor.

So women still have many obstacles to overcome before there can be an overabundance of female managers. There needs to be more women who are qualified to advance. There needs to be an adjustment of our species away from our hunter-gatherer roots of provider men and caretaker women. And there needs to be fewer cultural biases against women. Until these issues are dealt with, there won't be a majority of female managers in the near future.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't think there will be an overtake of female managers that soon in the future.

2. Performance has to be the main driving factor in advancement, not whether the person is a man or woman.

3. There are a lot of men in managerial positions today that are still fit and healthy that have worked for their companies for years.

4. It would take many of them to retire or die before women can even have a chance to break into the club.

5. Women don't really learn how to command authority, even when they have worked in their company for years.

6. This has come from the tendency for mothers to be the gentle nurturers of society, the child minders, the caretakers.

7. Leadership has to require a certain amount of toughness that can only come from hard decision making,

8. So nature acts as a hindrance to women becoming managers.

9. There are still parts of the world where women are still placed in a position of cultural bias.

10. This doesn't just mean certain countries, it also means parts of countries and whole industries, traditionally dominated by men.

11. Women still have many obstacles to overcome before there can be an overabundance of female managers.

Q72. Some believe children closely take after their parents. In what way do children resemble their parents? Give specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

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Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I feel that I resemble my parents closely, and this gives me cause to believe that children do resemble their parents closely. Children resemble their parents in the physical traits that they share. They can also share some common interests as a result in observing their parents' behavior. And they can also resemble their parents' bad habits with the same observations. Parents have a great influence on their children and I will use my own parents to demonstrate this.

The first way children resemble their parents is in the physical traits passed down from parents to their children in their DNA. For example, I resemble my mother because we both have dark hair and dark eyes. We also have the same allergy to shellfish. I inherited my father's broad shoulders, fair complexion and height. I'm also said to have my Dad's trait of having a large nose. So in that sense, kids can resemble their parents physically.

Another way that kids can resemble their parents is in the interests and activities they enjoy doing. I knew I would enjoy basketball, because I see my father watching it all the time, and he would explain what we were

seeing when we watched it together. Today, a big basketball fan, mainly due to my father's influence. My mother told me about how she enjoyed piano music and that inspired me to take piano lessons. Although I don't play anymore, my mother taught me about some great piano music, and I still listen to it today. So their interests were passed down to me, giving me a combined personality from both of my parents' influence.

The last way a child resembles their parents is in picking up their parents' bad habits. For example, my Dad can curse quite a bit when watching a game and he doesn't agree with a referee's call. I hear him and I've picked up on it. I'm smart enough not to swear in front of my parents, but among friends, I can say a few words that my mother would never approve of. Speaking of my mother, I've picked up on her absent-mindedness. She tends to forget things like her wallet or her keys. She tends to lay things down and forget where because she doesn't have a special place for everything. I haven't learned to avoid this faux pas and I too mislay things. So my bad habits of forgetting where I put things and swearing are another way I resemble my parents.

So using myself as an example, I do believe children closely resemble their parents. My physical traits show that children resemble their parents on the genetic level. Children can duplicate their parents' interests, like with my interests in piano music and basketball. And they can duplicate their parents' bad habits, just as I had duplicated my mother's forgetfulness and my father's use of foul language. So I agree with the statement in that children do resemble their parents.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I feel that I resemble my parents closely.

2. Children resemble their parents in the physical traits passed down from parents to their children in their DNA.

3. I resemble my mother because we both have dark hair and dark eyes.

4. I inherited my father's broad shoulders, fair complexion and height.

5. Another way that kids can resemble their parents is in the interests and activities they enjoy doing.

6. I knew I would enjoy basketball, because I see my father watching it all the time.

7. My mother told me about how she enjoyed piano music and that inspired me to take piano lessons.

8. A child resembles their parents in picking up their parents' bad habits.

9. My Dad can curse quite a bit when watching a game and he doesn't agree with a referee's call.

10. I hear him and I've picked up on it.

11. Speaking of my mother, I've picked up on her absent-mindedness.

12. She tends to lay things down and forget where because she doesn't have a special place for everything.

13. Using myself as an example, I do believe children closely resemble their parents.

Q73. Which of these two is a better reward for success at school: a new pet or a weekend at an amusement park? Use specific details and reasons to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

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Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

A pet and a weekend at an amusement park both sound like great rewards to get for doing well at school and it's hard to choose between the two. But my choice would be the amusement park. One reason is that it would be a great reliever of stress after working so hard to do well in school. Another reason is that a pet would be too much work to really enjoy. Thirdly, I won't have to worry about something I love getting sick or dying. An amusement park is just pure fun without any physical or emotional baggage to handle.

The first reason I would choose the amusement park trip is because it would give me the chance to let go of all the pressure that got me to that point. It takes many hours of study, homework, and tests to do exceptionally well in school. This is a lot of work and it can take a toll on a person's mind, especially a young person. Going to an amusement park will let me forget about all that stress, even just for a short moment of time. A day of fun will let me release that stress and I'll be ready for the next big challenge at school. So that's the first reason I would choose the amusement park.

The next reason why I'm choosing the amusement park is because would be just another source of stress for me. Pets need constant care and attention, they need to be cleaned up after and they need to be fed. As the pet's owner, I would be expected to walk it, feed it, and clean up after it, and that's a lot of work, so it would add to my stress. After studying so hard to achieve success, the last thin I would want would be another source of work so that's why I would not choose the pet.

The third reason I would not choose the pet is because a pet would be a source of emotional as well as physical stress. I remember my parents worrying about me whenever I get lost or get sick. I would be a lot like a parent if my pet were to end up sick or lost. And if the worst happened, I would certainly lose all emotional control and break down. Pets are like people, in that they can get sick, get hurt, or die. If my pet were to die, I would be very heartbroken. So rather than handle all that baggage just as a short-term reward, I would choose the amusement park.

So those are the reasons why I would choose the weekend at the amusement park. It would be a great reliever of all the stress that had been building up towards the moment of success. It would be less troublesome than looking after a pet. And finally, there's no emotional baggage that comes from worrying about or losing a pet. So for these reasons, I would say that a weekend at an amusement park is a better reward for doing well in school than a new pet.

C. Useful Expressions

1. An amusement park is just pure fun without any physical or emotional baggage to handle.

2. It would give me the chance to let go of all the pressure that got me to that point.

3. A day of fun will let me release that stress and I'll be ready for the next big challenge at school.

4. Pets need constant care and attention.

5. As the pet's owner, I would be expected to walk it, feed it, and clean up after it, and that's a lot of work, so it would add to my stress.

6. A pet would be a source of emotional as well as physical stress.

7. Pets are like people, in that they can get sick, get hurt, or die.

8. If my pet were to die, I would be very heartbroken.

9. So rather than handle all that baggage just as a short-term reward, I would choose the amusement park.

Q74. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? These days, boys and girls are treated equally at school and in society. Use specific details and reasons to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

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Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I would have to say that boys and girls are treated equally at school and in society. This is because the academic curriculum is now the same for all students, with the same requirements and the same expectations. Another reason is that students all attend the same classes. And a third reason is that boys and girls can now compete for the same careers and opportunities on a more level playing field than in the past. I will now go into these reasons in further detail.

First of all, the academic standards for students are the same across the board. In my school, students are required to have a grade point average of at least 3.0 in order to graduate. I'm a boy, and if you look on my report card, it says exactly that. If you look at my sister's report card, you will find the same thing. You will also see the number of point required for each grade level on our cards, and it makes no distinctions for boys and girls. The student handbook also says that, so academic requirements are held to be equal for both sexes.

Next, you will see that boys and girls attend all of the same classes in our school. With the academic requirements being equal, with everyone

needing to take the same classes to graduate, it stands to follow that everyone will attend the same classes, and that's what you'll find. The selection of classes one can take to meet their requirements is open to all students, all they need to do is speak to their guidance counselors to decide which options are best for them. The result is a mix of students taking a variety of classes, each with his or her own goals. Those goals are all valid, whether they be boys' goals or girls' goals.

Thirdly, there is a wide but short selection of careers out in the world. After school, students must be prepared to compete with one another to gain one of these limited positions and employers are prohibited from distinguishing from men and women. They're not going to look at what your name is, but at your schooling. The better one does at school, the better your chances of landing the job. So schooling has become the determining factor, not favoritism.

So sex is no longer a factor in school or society. The school's have equal requirements for all students as stated in the school's student information. The requirements allow for all students to take a mix of classes, each with a mix of students. And the results of schooling carry over into the students' job hunts after graduation. That's why I believe that the schools and society treat boys and girls equally.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Boys and girls are treated equally at school and in society.

2. The academic curriculum is now the same for all students, with the same requirements and the same expectations.

3. In my school, students are required to have a grade point average of at least 3.0 in order to graduate.

4. You will also see the number of point required for each grade level on our cards, and it makes no distinctions for boys and girls.

5. The selection of classes one can take to meet their requirements is open

to all students,

6. The result is a mix of students taking a variety of classes, each with his or her own goals.

7. After school, students must be prepared to compete with one another to gain one of these limited positions

8. Employers are prohibited from distinguishing from men and women.

9. The results of schooling carry over into the students' job hunts after graduation.

Q75. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In this age of 24 hour news and digital information, we are suffering from information overload. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I do believe that we as a society are suffering from information overload as a result of all day news coverage. The first reason is that the news we usually get is of some rare occurrence that we hear often and we think it's mundane. Another reason is that we have to keep watching to keep abreast of goings-on and this could lead to fatigue. Finally, as we continue to trust our sources for news, we begin to confuse what is true news, and what is simply opinion or paranoia. This overload is really hurting us as a society.

The media often goes by the saying, "If it bleeds, it leads." This means that the majority of the news that we see is either about war or crime and the overabundance of it makes it seem like the world is a very dangerous place. This is a phenomenon known as "mean world syndrome" where we think that the world is more dangerous than it actually is. If we take a step back, we can see that violence is actually lower than it has been for most of human history. We would also see that wars are now in far-flung corners of the world and that our own part of the world is very

peaceful and safe. But if we keep watching all of these violent stories, we are going to think we are in constant danger and that gives us enormous amounts of stress, more than we need, and that is one sign of information overload.

Another problem with 24 hour news is that if we get sucked into viewing it, chances are we're going to lose sleep. As we watch with no attention to how long we're watching, it would eventually become so that we watch all through the night. This of course means we're going to lose sleep. And if we do try to sleep, we're going to have trouble doing so because we're thinking about all of the things we have just saw, wars, famine, crime, etc., and it keeps us awake. So that effects us as a society as well.

The last problem is that many channels offering 24 hour news could abuse their position as a trusted source of information. Some channel owners have an agenda and they use their channels to push that agenda. In today's concerns over terrorism, they have found the best way to push that way of thinking on us. They'll lure us in with frightening stories from afar about how terrorists are planning to kill us and the society we love. They'll color people of foreign origin in the most lurid of lights, showing us that they cannot be trusted and anyone who disagrees with this view is on their side. So this can color our thinking in very negative ways.

So this overload can cause many problems for ourselves and our society. They make the world seem more dangerous than it really is by covering the violent stories first. They make us continue watching to the point that we can't sleep. And they turn our thinking hateful and distrustful of anyone who doesn't share the same view. The only way we can keep these from happening is to know when to turn it off.

C. Useful Expressions

1. We as a society are suffering from information overload as a result of all day news coverage.

2. The majority of the news that we see is either about war or crime and

the overabundance of it makes it seem like the world is a very dangerous place.

3. We think that the world is more dangerous than it actually is.

4. Wars are now in far-flung corners of the world and that our own part of the world is very peaceful and safe.

5. If we keep watching all of these violent stories, we are going to think we are in constant danger and that gives us enormous amounts of stress, more than we need,

6. If we get sucked into viewing it, chances are we're going to lose sleep.

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8. Many channels offering 24 hour news could abuse their position as a trusted source of information.

9. They'll lure us in with frightening stories from afar about how terrorists are planning to kill us and the society we love.

10. This can color our thinking in very negative ways.

**Q76. What skill would you learn to become more independent?
Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

One skill I would learn to become more independent is to learn to use a map and navigate around my hometown. One reason I want to do this is I would like to be able to go places without depending on my parents for a ride. Another reason I would want to do this is that I would like to spend an afternoon with my friends without our parents hovering over us. The third reason is that I don't like it when I feel tethered to my parents whenever we go out. I'm hoping that showing my parents that I can get around on my own will let them give me more freedom.

The first reason I would want to learn to navigate my town on my own is that I don't always want to have to ask my parents for a ride. Whenever I say that I want to go somewhere or meet someone at their house, they groan because the last thing they want to do is drive me somewhere, drop me off, then pick me up after a while. They don't like it, but won't let me try to find my own way there in a city with an excellent public transportation system. If I could read maps, bus and train schedules, and see where everything is in my city, it would save me a lot of hassle with my parents and allow me to do anything that I wanted. That would be my first reason.

The second reason I would want to learn navigation skills is that my friends and I cannot stand our parents watching over us all the time. They know that we are essentially good kids and that we're not going to get in trouble. However, they're afraid that we're going to get either lost or snatched. If I knew how to maneuver around the city, I would be able to avoid all the bad parts of town and we would never get lost. So these navigation skills would help allay some of the worries that my parents have of letting me out in the city on my own.

The third reason I would want to learn this is because I don't like the feeling that my parents have a mental leash on me. Until I can drive on my own, I am pretty much limited to my house or where my parents drive me. And seeing my parents standing by to pick me up feels a little embarrassing to me when I'm with a group of kids who don't need their parents to pick them up. It also feels embarrassing when my mother calls me back when I want to go off on my own for a while. It makes me feel a lot younger than I really am. If I could get them to realize that I can go out on my own without them, I would feel much more liberated.

Being able to go out and navigate my hometown on my own would be a great boon to me. It would let me go places without the hassle of asking my parents for a ride. It would allow me and my friends to have a day of fun without our parents hovering over us to make sure we don't get lost or snatched. And it would save me a lot of embarrassment from having my parents keep me on a mental leash. So those are the reasons why I would learn to navigate my hometown to become more independent.

C. Useful Expressions

1. One skill I would learn to become more independent is to learn to use a map and navigate around my hometown.

2. I would like to be able to go places without depending on my parents for a ride.

3. Whenever I say that I want to go somewhere or meet someone at their house, they groan because the last thing they want to do is drive me

somewhere, drop me off, then pick me up after a while.

4. If I could read maps, bus and train schedules, and see where everything is in my city, it would save me a lot of hassle with my parents

5. My friends and I cannot stand our parents watching over us all the time.

6. They're afraid that we're going to get either lost or snatched.

7. If I knew how to maneuver around the city, I would be able to avoid all the bad parts of town and we would never get lost.

8. I don't like the feeling that my parents have a mental leash on me.

9. Seeing my parents standing by to pick me up feels a little embarrassing to me when I'm with a group of kids who don't need their parents to pick them up.

10. It makes me feel a lot younger than I really am.

11. Being able to go out and navigate my hometown on my own would be a great boon to me.

Q77. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that language is an important unifying factor? Use specific details and reasons to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would volunteer to take a child around to three different places.

Support 1: I would take a child to a library.

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Support 3: I would take them on a picnic.

Thesis: I would take a child to their places, because they could have fun.

B. Model Essay

I do agree that language is a great unifying factor for human beings. This is because communities and countries can only be built by people who can communicate with one another without difficulty. Also, we find that differing languages can cause misunderstanding, friction, even mistrust. Finally, the words that people share can lead to great change and make people take action. For these reasons, I believe that language is indeed a great unifying factor among humanity.

The first thing we must remember is that in order to build great cities and great civilizations, the people of those civilizations needed to understand one another. Without this ability, they couldn't do any of the things that civilizations and constructors needed to do to build. A great example of this would be the story of the Tower of Babel, where God felt that the human project was an affront to Him, so he cursed humanity with differing languages. This led to the tower collapsing. We also see in archaeological records that everyone in Rome was able to speak and write Latin while building one of the great cities of the ancient world. This evidence makes it obvious that in order to be a great civilization, you

needed a unifying language.

Another thing we learn is that differing languages can lead to many misunderstandings. These misunderstandings could lead to fighting or distrust among different kinds of people, because they cannot communicate effectively with one another. This is often why we see so many wars between tribes or countries that do not share the same language. These differences can be overcome and could lead to peace and a new sense of trust, but that can be a difficult obstacle to overcome. So language can unify people with other languages if those differences become enormous.

The third reason why I agree with the above statement is that when people share an idea, they can change their society. We can see this in the independence and revolutionary movements of the past and present. A group of individuals began sharing ideas with one another about how they can change things for the better. They disseminated their ideas in literature, speeches, and word of mouth. They used the language of their people to spread their message and when enough people heard and understood it, they became a force for change. So language can unite the people in the struggle for freedom or a better life.

So these are the proof that language is certainly a unifying factor. Without a common language, the great societies of the past and present could not have built themselves, because they needed to communicate with one another. If language cannot unify two differing groups, this could lead to misunderstanding or possibly war. And finally, to bring about great change, ideas need to be formed and shared and that can only happen with a common language. Therefore, language is a great unifier of different peoples.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I believe that language is indeed a great unifying factor among humanity.

2. We must remember that in order to build great cities and great

civilizations, the people of those civilizations needed to understand one another.

3. We see in archaeological records that everyone in Rome was able to speak and write Latin while building one of the great cities of the ancient world.

4. Differing languages can lead to many misunderstandings.

5. This is often why we see so many wars between tribes or countries that do not share the same language.

6. When people share an idea, they can change their society.

7. We can see this in the independence and revolutionary movements of the past and present.

8. Language can unite the people in the struggle for freedom or a better life.

9. Without a common language, the great societies of the past and present could not have built themselves.

Q78. Do you think that students should be required to do community service to graduate from high school? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: High school students should be required to do community service to graduate from high school.

Support 1: High school should focus on academics.

Support 2: Community service takes away from crucial study time

Support 3: It often consists of menial tasks that no one would do if they were paid.

Thesis: High schools should prepare students for their future academically without the enforcement of meaningless community service.

B. Model Essay

I do not think that students should have to do community service in order to graduate from high school. First off, high school should only be about academic performance. Secondly, community service takes away crucial study time away from students. And thirdly, community service often requires menial and or demeaning work that more often than not teaches anything. These are why community service should not be required for high school graduation and this essay will explain why.

First off high school, like any educational institution, should be primarily focused on academics, and not on civic-mindedness. Students have to worry a lot about how well they are doing and they know that it means studying their literature or equations for hours inside of school and outside. Graduation depends on how well the students absorb all of this information and if they can show that they have absorbed it well enough with a standard test. This is indeed the whole point of high school, to learn basic academics and relay that information to prove that they are ready for

the outside world. High school authorities should not worry about whether or not students have given anything back to anyone outside of high school.

The second reason that community service should not play a role in high school graduation is that community service takes away from crucial study time. A person would have to accumulate a set number of hours in order to fulfill a community service requirement and this time is most likely scheduled before hand. If this time is scheduled during a time when the students should be studying, they'll have to study at different times, such as in the middle of the night. Without studying at the right time, they could fall asleep in class or not be able to perform as they would have if they had studied when they were doing community service. So community service can cost a student dearly if their time had been better spent with studying.

The third reason community service shouldn't be a requirement is that it often consists of menial tasks that no one would do if they were paid. These tasks include things like emptying bedpans at hospitals, mowing grass along the highway, or assisting bitter elderly people. None of these things help students prepare for a career and they don't put in any new knowledge that could be found on a test. All they do is make the students work dirty, disgusting, humiliating jobs that make them feel embarrassed. This is the last reason it shouldn't even be considered a graduation requirement.

So community service would not be an ideal thing for students to experience. High school should be about learning things that they need, not doing things they won't have to do later. It eats up the time that a student has to study. And it requires students to do very dirty and demeaning labor. This is why I believe that community service should not be a requirement for high school graduation.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Community service should not be required for high school graduation.

2. High school, like any educational institution, should be primarily

focused on academics, and not on civic-mindedness.

3. Graduation depends on how well the students absorb all of this information and if they can show that they have absorbed it well enough with a standard test.

4. Community service takes away from crucial study time.

5. A person would have to accumulate a set number of hours in order to fulfill a community service requirement.

6. It often consists of menial tasks that no one would do if they were paid.

7. None of these things help students prepare for a career and they don't put in any new knowledge that could be found on a test.

8. High school should be about learning things that you need, not doing things you won't have to do later.

Q79. Recently, a major company has announced it is going to construct a new office building in your neighborhood. Do you support this project? Why or why not? Give specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would not support the new office building project in my neighborhood.

Support 1: Our neighborhood is a quiet, residential neighborhood..\$\$

Support 2: The construction work would be too noisy.

Support 3: The project would put our parks and homes at risk.

Thesis: Since the negatives would outweigh the benefits for our neighborhood, I would not support the project to build a new office building in my neighborhood.

B. Model Essay

I would not support the building of a new office building in my neighborhood. The first reason is because ours is a residential neighborhood, which is quiet and unassuming. The second reason is that it would bring a lot of unwanted noise and hassle to my neighborhood. The last reason is some of our houses or parkland would have to be destroyed in order to make room for the office building. An office building in my neighborhood would not be desirable or positive in any way.

The first reason that an office building would be unwelcome is because our neighborhood is a residential one, filled with people, good homes, and quiet surroundings. Many of my neighbors and my parents moved to our neighborhood to get out of the noise and hassle of the city. If an office building were to be constructed here, much of that hassle will come back to us. The building itself will become an eyesore. In the middle of a ring of well-built and maintained homes with families, backyards and

fences, it would be totally out of place. So, because it would be an unwelcome eyesore is the first reason I would oppose the building of an office building in my neighborhood.

The second reason I would oppose the office building is that its construction would bring a lot of noise into my neighborhood. Construction equipment makes a lot of noise while their building something and it's a reason why people stay away from construction sites. There wouldn't be any way for us to block out the noise, even when we're inside our homes. The neighbors would certainly complain about it and they might even want to move away. The construction of the office building would certainly make our neighborhood a less pleasant place to live.

The third reason that I would be against the project is that it would destroy our precious parkland and possible homes for more people. The park is where children go out to play on sunny days when their parents want them out of the house. Without that, they'll stay cooped up inside. Also, fewer people will have a chance to move here because empty houses would have to be bulldozed to make room for the office building. So, because the kids wouldn't be able to go out and no new people would move into our neighborhood, our neighborhood would be much worse if this thing was built.

Therefore, an office building in my neighborhood would be a negative way in these ways. It would bring the hassle of downtown back to us, who moved here to get away from that. It would cause a lot of noise in the course of its construction. Finally, it would take away the parks where children play and the empty houses that would attract new neighbors. That's why I would oppose building an office building in my neighborhood.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I would not support the building of a new office building in my neighborhood.
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2. An office building in my neighborhood would not be desirable or positive in any way.

3. The first reason that an office building would be unwelcome is because our neighborhood is a residential one, filled with people, good homes, and quiet surroundings.

4. The second reason I would oppose the office building is that its construction would bring a lot of noise into my neighborhood.

5. Construction equipment makes a lot of noise while their building something and it's a reason why people stay away from construction sites.

6. The construction of the office building would certainly make our neighborhood a less pleasant place to live.

7. The park is where children go out to play on sunny days when their parents want them out of the house.

8. So, because the kids wouldn't be able to go out and no new people would move into our neighborhood, our neighborhood would be much worse if this thing was built.

Q80. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Art and sports should not be involved with money.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree with the statement that art and sports should not be involved with money.

Support 1: Art and sports programs need money in order to operate.

Support 2: I would take them to a playground.

Support 3: People have the right to earn a living from their talents.

Thesis: Because art and sports programs need money in order to function, these programs must be involved with money.

B. Model Essay

I don't think that art and sports should totally avoid trying to make money from their activities. First off, these activities need money so that they can continue to function. Secondly, people should be able to make money off their talents. Third, we shouldn't assume that just because something is trying to make money, it's tainted in some way. It would be nice if these things didn't need money, but they do.

The most obvious reason why art and sports shouldn't avoid money is because they need money to run. Sports equipment, uniforms, and art supplies all require money to buy and they're not cheap. If art programs did not have a way to make money, they would run out of paint, clay, markers, and basically everything children and adults need to make art. If sports programs didn't have a source of income, they would end up with old, broken equipment or old torn uniforms (maybe even no uniforms at all), and that would make the game difficult for everyone to play. So without money, there would be practically no sports or art.

The second reason that this statement makes little to no sense is that in our society, people should be able to use their talents to make money.

Doing this shows entrepreneurial spirit, a trait that is highly valued in the capitalist world. If a person can find a job or start a business with those talents, they should be encouraged to do so. Athletes have made millions using their talents, and people with artistic skills have found success either in established industries like advertising or entertainment or as freelance artists. We look up to these people not just for their talents, but because they have found a way to make a living doing something they enjoy. We shouldn't discourage them.

The third reason that the statement is wrong is because there's a misconception that money, either having of it or the pursuit of it, is somehow immoral. "Money is the root of all evil" is a very common phrase, and "profit" has become synonymous with "greed." This is only because people are constantly exposed to dirty businessmen who use illegal methods to increase their profits, such as insider trading or the misrepresentation of products. As we hear these stories, we tend to think they're common, but in fact, they are very rare. Most business people are honest. They have to be or they'll lose a lot, like in those news stories. They pursue their businesses to make a profit, but they won't do anything illegal. If we rethink our attitudes towards business and profit, we'll see that it's actually helpful, not evil.

So, art and sports should and have to be involved with money. These programs need money or they'll shut down. People should feel free to use their talents to make money, because our society encourages it. Finally, the pursuit for money is not as bad as people and the media make it out to be. Therefore, I do not agree that art and sports should not involve themselves with money.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't think that art and sports should totally avoid trying to make money from their activities.

2. Third, we shouldn't assume just because something is trying to make money that it's tainted in some way

3. The most obvious reason why art and sports shouldn't avoid money is because art and sports need money to run.

4. If art programs did not have a way to make money, they would run out of paint, clay, markers, and basically everything children and adults need to make art.

5. If sports programs didn't have a source of income, they would end up with old, broken equipment or old torn uniforms (or no uniforms at all), and that would make the game difficult for everyone to play.

6. The second reason that this statement makes little to no sense is that in our society, people should be able to use their talents to make money.

7. Athletes have made millions using their talents, and people with artistic skills have found success either in established industries like advertising or entertainment, or as freelance artists.

8. "Money is the root of all evil" is a very common phrase, and "profit" has become synonymous with "greed."

9. As we see these stories, we tend to think they're common, but in fact, they are very rare.

10. If we rethink our attitudes towards business and profit, we'll see that it's actually helpful, not evil.

11. So, art and sports should and have to be involved with money.

12. Therefore, I do not agree that art and sports should not involve themselves with money.

Q81. Have you ever been in a fight? What happened?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I have been in a fight and I remember how it went.

Support 1: I was bullied, so I stood up for myself, thus resulting in a fight.

Support 2: The bully and I exchanged punches.

Support 3: We were both suspended from school for two weeks.

Thesis: I remember the fight and the consequences of it, and because of this, I try to avoid fights.

B. Model Essay

I did end up in a fight and I remember how it went. First, there was the incident of someone trying to bully me and how I reacted to it. Then there was the fight itself and every punch thrown and when I bit my opponent. Finally there's what happened after and how I wish I could forget it all. So I did end up in a fight once, and it was probably the most painful experience of my life.

The incident that led to the fight is still pretty fresh in my memory. I was just leaving school, on my way out of the schoolyard when the school bully came up behind me. He started making a lot of mean statements about my face and my clothes, typical bully prodding. I didn't let this get to me, he kept saying similar things about other students. But then he said that he did things with my younger sister that really upset me. I was very protective of my sister and I would not let anyone touch her. I tried not to cave in, but this time, I failed. I threw the first punch and started our fight.

Our fight was pretty rough. I punched him in the face. Then he punched me in the face. I lunged at him and knocked him down and soon, we were wrestling on the ground. He had me in a choke hold, but then I was able to do something I would remember for the rest of my life. I grabbed a hold of his arm and I bit it. After he screamed like a little girl, an

administrator finally pried us apart. We were both dragged into the office and that's where the worst began.

When we were taken to the office, we had to tell our stories to the principal. He knew that the other kid was a bully and he listened patiently to my story of how I was defending my sister's honor. He then called our parents and they were brought in. I was really nervous now, because my parents disapproved of fighting and they knew I would probably be suspended. Well that's what happened, two weeks I was suspended for, and he had too. We also had to have anger management classes. When I got home, my parents said I had to accompany my father to work during that time and warned me that temper was how many people judged you today, not "honor."

So I had when I was younger and it's something I would never forget. This bully goaded me into fighting, when I knew he shouldn't get to me. I remember punching him, and biting him. And I remember I had to spend two boring weeks with my dad at his job. That was something I would try to avoid doing again for the rest of my life.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First, there was the incident of someone trying to bully me and my reaction to it.

2. So, I did end up in a fight once, and it was probably the most painful experience of my life.

3. I was just leaving school, on my way out of the schoolyard when the school bully came up behind me.

**Q82. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People put too much importance on material possessions. Use
specific details to support your answer.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that people put too much emphasis on material possessions.

Support 1: Our interactions, not our possessions, determine how we will get along with others.

Support 2: Material possessions do not display affection.

Support 3: It would be more beneficial to put more emphasis on our futures, instead of possessions.

Thesis: Since material objects don't do much to benefit people, it is more important to put more emphasis on our relationships, not objects.

B. Model Essay

I do agree that people put too much emphasis on material possessions. First of all, the things we own cannot improve our personal skills. Second of all, our things do not love us back, no matter how much love we give them. Thirdly, the expense of our possessions could be used in more practical and useful ways. These are the reasons why people concentrate too much on personal possessions.

The first thing we need to remember is that no matter how impressive our things may be, they won't help improve the way we interact with people. To do that, we need to actually talk to people about things besides our own things. That expensive cell phone may be great to talk on, but only if you have someone to talk with and the only way you can do that is to go out and meet people. They may want to mention your new phone, but only briefly, as they don't think it's a necessary topic of conversation all

the time. So, a fancy gadget like a new phone isn't going to get someone friends, simply talking to people is.

Another thing we need to remember is that we can take care of our things so that they always look nice or function properly, but they never reciprocate that love and attention. Cell phones and clothes are inanimate objects and do not display affection. What do display affection are our loved ones, our pets, and our kids. We really should pay more attention to them than to our gadgets and clothes because feeling ignored is a feeling nobody wants, and a feeling our material possessions don't have, so we won't feel guilty. So, we should love our families and pets more, because we can feel that love in return.

Finally, with all the problems in the world today, it seems foolish to spend all of our money on things that only seem to give us status and nothing else. We should be doing better things with our money, like saving it for an uncertain future. We could also use it to give things to people who don't have things (or anything else, for that matter) and don't have to worry about status, just starvation. Or, we can use it to give our children a better future so that one day they are able to get the things they desire. There are many better ways to use our money other than purchasing expensive things that just take money away and give nothing back to us.

So there you have it, there are several reasons why it's a bad idea to put so much emphasis on material possessions. First of all, they can't build our personal skills, only talking to people can do that. Secondly, we pay attention to them but they don't return that attention the way our pets and families can. Finally, there are many better ways to use our money than to buy expensive things that really don't do anything for us. That's why I agree that we put too much emphasis on material possessions.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First of all, the things we own cannot improve our personal skills.

2. The first thing we need to remember is that no matter how impressive our things may be, they won't help improve the way we interact with

people.

3. That expensive cell phone may be great to talk on, but only if you have someone to talk with and the only way you can do that is to go out and meet people.

4. Another thing we need to remember is that we can take care of our things so that they always look nice or function properly, but they never reciprocate that love and attention

5. So, we should love our families and pets more, because we can feel that love in return.

6. Or, we can use it to give our children a better future so that one day they are able to get the things they desire.

7. There are many better ways to use our money other than purchasing expensive things that just take money away and give nothing back to us.

8. That's why I agree that we put too much emphasis on material possessions.

Q83. Do you think that everyone in the world will one day own his/her own private aircraft to regularly commute, like in science fiction stories in the future?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't think it's realistic for anyone to own their own personal aircraft.

Support 1: Personal aircrafts would be too expensive to build.

Support 2: People would have to learn how to fly.

Support 3: The skies would become overcrowded with these air vehicles

Thesis: Since there would just be too many problems associated with these kinds of vehicles, I do not believe that people will commute by private aircraft in the future.

B. Model Essay

I don't think it's realistic for anyone to own a personal aircraft anytime in the future. First off, it would be expensive to build and buy such crafts. Secondly, it would be more difficult to learn to fly than it is to learn to drive. Third, the skies would become a dangerous place to maneuver these personal aircraft. Therefore, it would be completely improbable to even have personal aircraft in the future.

I think the first problem in having these aircraft would be the expense of building them. Regular air-crafts, such as airliners, are hard enough to build because they need to be specifically engineered to fly and to handle the stress that comes from the high altitude in which they're expected to perform. The aircraft that are often proposed for personal use may not seem to be as complicated, but they would have to be made of some of the same materials and they would have to be mass produced. The amount for the materials alone would be costly, add to that the labor required and the safety check, and the price just keeps increasing. That cost gets passed on

to the consumer and that itself would make personal aircraft less attractive than it would appear to be.

Another problem that would have to be addressed is ordinary people would need to learn to fly. This isn't just like learning to drive, for that only requires one to maneuver two dimensions. With flying, you need to start taking a third dimension into account. This means that you have to learn how to rise and descend as well as watch out for things not just ahead, behind and to the side of you, but also above and below you. This would be a lot more difficult and complicated, and many people would not be able to handle it.

The third thing that we have to remember is that as companies sell more of these personal aircraft, the skies would become overcrowded with these vehicles. This would make the skies very dangerous to maneuver. With the added stress of watching all around and the complications of vertical space, the chances of a collision would increase dramatically. And a collision from that altitude would nearly always result in a fatality from falling from a great height. So, the danger of trying to maneuver one of thousands of these crafts would make owning a personal aircraft even more implausible.

In conclusion, those reasons would make it highly unlikely that we'll ever see personal aircraft as everyone's form of transportation ever. The materials and construction costs would make the vehicles highly expensive. People would find flying to be a lot more difficult to learn than driving. Furthermore, with so many people flying, these things could be more likely to end up in a fatal crash. Therefore, I do not believe that there ever will be sci-fi style personal aircraft.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First off, it would be expensive to build and buy such crafts.

2. Therefore, it would be completely improbable to even have personal aircraft in the future.

3. Regular air-crafts, such as airliners, are hard enough to build because they need to be specifically engineered to fly and to handle the stress that comes from the high altitude in which they're expected to perform.

4. The amount for the materials alone would be costly, add to that the labor required and the safety check, and the price just keeps increasing.

5. That cost gets passed on to the consumer and that itself would make personal aircraft less attractive than it would appear to be.

6. This isn't just like learning to drive, for that only requires one to maneuver two dimensions.

7. This means that you have to learn how to rise and descend as well as watch out for things not just ahead, behind and to the side of you, but also above and below you.

8. With the added stress of watching all around and the complications of vertical space, the chances of a collision would increase dramatically.

9. So, the danger of trying to maneuver one of thousands of these crafts would make owning a personal aircraft even more implausible.

10. Furthermore, with so many people flying, these things could be more likely to end up in a fatal crash.

**Q84. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
School grades are important for success in the future.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that school grades are important for success.

Support 1: College recruiters rely on grades in order to make admission decisions.

Support 2: Grades that teachers give will determine if a student can get a good reference from the teacher.

Support 3: Grades are remembered by social peers, classmates, and co-workers.

Thesis: Since grades can have an affect on ones future, I agree that school grades contribute to one's success.

B. Model Essay

I agree that grades in school are important for future success. This is because college recruiters will look at the grades you received in secondary school to decide if you're the right kind of student. Your teachers will write recommendation letters for you as well, but only if they had given you the right grades to begin with. Furthermore, your grades will reflect how your peers judge you and that's important for gaining contacts. So these points are why grades are important for students in school and how they can determine their future.

First off, college recruiters will almost always look at your high school records first. They do this to see if you're not only intelligent enough, but also disciplined enough to study at their college. High grades will make a good impression because they show that you're a serious student, and that you'll work hard to pass and graduate. Poor grades will not show you in a good light, they'll tell the recruiter that you're lazy and thus won't take studying very seriously. This, along with exams,

determines your entry value for their university, the key to higher education.

Secondly, the grades your teachers give will judge whether or not they will recommend you for jobs. In a way, your teachers are like your first supervisors, they dictate what you have to do and judge how well you do it. They basically give you recommendations for future jobs. If they judge you to have performed poorly, indicated by your poor grades, they will not recommend you. So teacher recommendation can only come from having good grades.

The third thing that makes grades important is that they can be remembered by your social peers, classmates, co-workers, family, etc. Your peers know you well and can also be a big factor in whether or not you get jobs as well. Employers will often contact them, asking for how well you've done in school. They will undoubtedly say positive things, but when pressed, they'll always be truthful. If your friends say that you didn't perform well in school, then that could cause you to lose out on a job.

So again, these are the reasons school grades are important. First, college recruiters judge your eligibility based on them. Your teachers will decide whether to recommend you or not based on the grades you earned in their classes. Finally, your friends will remember how well you did in school when questions. That's why I agree that school grades are important for success in the future.

C. Useful Expressions

1. This is because college recruiters will look at the grades you received in secondary school to decide if you're the right kind of student.

2. Furthermore, your grades will reflect how your peers judge you and that's important for gaining contacts.

3. They do this to see if you're not only intelligent enough, but also disciplined enough to study at their college.

4. High grades will make a good impression because they show that you're

a serious student, and that you'll work hard to pass and graduate.

5. This, along with exams, determines your entry value for their university, the key to higher education.

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8. Your peers know you well and can also be a big factor in whether or not you get jobs as well.

9. They will undoubtedly say positive things, but when pressed, they'll always be truthful.

10. If your friends say that you didn't perform well in school, then that could cause you to lose out on a job.

11. Your teachers will decide whether to recommend you or not based on the grades you earned in their classes.

12. That's why I agree that school grades are important for success in the future.

Q85. If you could choose between making a money donation and doing volunteer work, what would you choose? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If given the choice I would do volunteer work instead of making a money donation.

Support 1: Volunteer work gives one the satisfaction of doing good.

Support 2: You don't really know where the donations are going.

Support 3: Volunteering can be an enriching experience.

Thesis: Because volunteering can be a rewarding experience, I would prefer to volunteer instead of donating money.

B. Model Essay

I would choose to do volunteer work as opposed to simply making a money donation. First off, doing volunteer work is more reassuring than simply making a donation. The second reason is that money can be wasted and not be put towards the intended use of the donor. The last reason is that doing volunteer work is more enriching and rewarding. These are the reasons why I believe that doing volunteer work is a much better choice than just donating money.

The first reason I would choose doing volunteer work is that when you do volunteer work, you know you're doing some good. I spoke to a friend who volunteered at a children's hospital last summer. He remembered all the smiling faces of these kids, you had little joy in their lives, as he performed magic tricks for them. He knew that these children needed something to make them feel better in a way that no doctor or medicine could. If he had just donated money to the hospital, it could have went to new medicines or medical equipment that could make them better. However, he wanted to see for himself that they were feeling better, which is why he volunteered. So volunteering means that you know you're doing

good because you can see it for yourself.

The second reason I would volunteer is that with money, you don't really know where it's going to end up. There are some fake charities out there that claim they're collecting money for the homeless or the poor, but in reality are just trying to make some quick cash. In some other cases, people inside the group could end up stealing the money you donated, but you would never know that. Sometimes, it's going towards a political cause that you don't agree with such as a Middle Eastern charity that actually funds terrorists in the Middle East. That's probably the rarest example, but it shows that once you part with your money, you don't know what's going to happen to it.

The third reason is that being a volunteer is a much more enriching experience than just making a donation, which you would quickly forget. My friend that volunteered at the hospital where he did magic tricks got to meet some of the kids and talk with them. They would tell him how scared they were or remember how much fun they had and how he made their day exciting. He in turn would tell them that they were great kids and they would all hug him and give him crayon drawings or other small tokens of thanks. He has kept every one of those drawings and looks at them with fondness. That's a feeling that you just can't get just for putting a dollar bill in a jar or can. That feeling of meeting someone new and touching their lives is probably one of the best feelings anyone can get.

So those are the reasons I would choose volunteering. There's the proof that you're doing something good right in front of your eyes. There's also not the mystery of whether or not your money is actually doing something good, or perhaps going towards something bad. Then there's the feeling of goodness that comes from those you have helped when they thank you for caring. That's why I would choose doing volunteer work over making a donation of money.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I would choose to do volunteer work as opposed to simply making a money donation.

2. The second reason is that money can be wasted and not be put towards the intended use of the donor.

3. These are the reasons why I believe that doing volunteer work is a much better choice than just donating money.

4. I spoke to a friend who volunteered at a children's hospital last summer.

5. He knew that these children needed something to make them feel better in a way that no doctor or medicine could.

6. However, he wanted to see for himself that they were feeling better, which is why he volunteered.

7. There are some fake charities out there that claim they're collecting money for the homeless or the poor, but in reality are just trying to make some quick cash.

8. That's probably the rarest example, but it shows that once you part with your money, you don't know what's going to happen to it.

9. They would tell him how scared they were or remember how much fun they had and how he made their day exciting.

10. That's a feeling that you just can't get just for putting a dollar bill in a jar or can.

11. That feeling of meeting someone new and touching their lives is probably one of the best feelings anyone can get.

12. There's the proof that you're doing something good right in front of your eyes.

13. That's why I would choose doing volunteer work over making a donation of money.

Q86. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children don't read enough these days. Give specific examples and reasons for your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I disagree with the statement that children don't read enough these days.

Support 1: There are many books aimed at a younger audience.

Support 2: There are many fan sites and forums dedicated to children's books.

Support 3: Parents and teachers are encouraging kids to read more..

Thesis: Since there are many books for young people, and more and more adults are encouraging children to read, I believe children are reading more these days.

B. Model Essay

I disagree with the statement that children don't read enough these days. The first reason I disagree with this statement is that there are many books on the best seller lists that are aimed towards children and young adults. The second reason is that a lot of internet fan sites are dedicated to these same books aimed at young people. Finally, the third reason is parents and teachers are encouraging their kids to read more through book-based activities. So I think it's too harsh to say that kids don't read anymore.

When you look at some of the best seller lists in the newspapers today, you will find that many of the titles on that list are books that are aimed towards younger readers. These include, of course, Harry Potter, but it also includes titles such as Maximum Ride or the Hunger Games. Not only that, but when these kinds of books are released, there are long lines of kids waiting to get their hands on a copy of it just as it comes out. Now,

some would argue that these are popular simply because many of them are made into movies; however, books only get made into movies because they are so successful as books first. So these popular books are refuting the idea that kids don't read enough anymore.

The second reason I disagree is that there are many fan sites based on these books. These sites have forums and discussion boards where kids who have read these books talk about them with other ardent fans. When you read these sites, you find kids who are passionate about their favorite books, who discuss what characters did what, how they would do things differently, and their guesses about what could happen next in the series. These kids are excited about the stories in these books and they share that excitement with thousands of others who are just as excited as they are all over the world. This large internet community is another refutation of the idea that kids don't read enough these days.

The last reason I disagree with the statement is that parents and teachers are encouraging kids to get these books and read them either by checking them out of library or by buying them. Many would argue that this is what teacher are supposed to be doing, encouraging their kids to read. However, this is usually done out of the context of any kind of school assignment or activity. Teachers just want to see that their students are reading, so that they will do better later on. Teachers know that more reading equals better academic success, so they'll let their students know about the latest books that are popular for kids. This is the last reason kids actually read more than people think.

So, those are the reasons I disagree with the above statement. Books aimed at younger readers are among the most popular books being sold now. The internet is full of kids eager to discuss their enjoyment of these popular books. Lastly, parents and teachers are using these books to get their kids to read more. That is why I don't believe that kids don't read enough these days.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The first reason I disagree with this statement is that there are many

books on the best seller lists that are aimed towards children and young adults.

2. Finally, the third reason is parents and teachers are encouraging their kids to read more through book-based activities.

3. These include, of course, Harry Potter, but it also includes titles such as Maximum Ride or the Hunger Games.

4. Now, some would argue that these are popular simply because many of them are made into movies; however, books only get made into movies because they are so successful as books first.

5. These sites have forums and discussion boards where kids who have read these books talk about them with other ardent fans.

6. This large internet community is another refutation of the idea that kids don't read enough these days.

7. Many would argue that this is what teacher are supposed to be doing, encouraging their kids to read.

8. Teachers know that more reading equals better academic success, so they'll let their students know about the latest books that are popular for kids.

9. Books aimed at younger readers are among the most popular books being sold now.

10. Lastly, parents and teachers are using these books to get their kids to read more.

11. That is why I don't believe that kids don't read enough these days.

**Q87. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People commit crime when they feel too desperate to make a living any other way? Why or why not?**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that people turn to crime when they are feeling too desperate.

Support 1: Crime rates are higher in poorer neighborhoods.

Support 2: History has shown that during times of desperation, crime increases.

Support 3: Most people who are impoverished may not care about the law, and will blame the system for their plight.

Thesis: Since history and current statistics show that poorer people tend to commit more crimes, I believe they commit crimes out of a feeling of desperation..

B. Model Essay

I certainly think that people do turn to crime when they feel too desperate to make a living in a more honest way. One way you can see this as the case is that poorer neighborhoods in most cities tend to be dangerous. You can look to historical periods for more evidence of this line of thinking. Furthermore, you have to acknowledge the attitudes of those you feel like the system has either ignored or neglected. These lines of questioning reveal the level of desperation that many petty criminals feel when they commit their crimes.

The first way you can see that desperation leads to crime is to go into the poorest neighborhoods in any city and see if a crime occurs. Chances are someone will try to rob you either by pickpocketing or by mugging. People will even try to rob one their neighbors in these places because they're too worried about their own well being to even consider their

neighbors' well being. Statisticians always rate crime in these poorer neighborhoods first when determining crime statistics because they'll know that crime will always be high there, and they want to eliminate those areas as a determiner. So, just trying to walk in a poor neighborhood will show you that desperation can lead to crime.

Another way to look at how desperation can lead to crime is to look at times in history when people felt the most vulnerable to poverty. One such time was when London was growing during the Industrial Revolution. People were packed in overcrowded tenements while trying to get work in the many factories. Without work to support families and many children living on the streets, petty crime skyrocketed. Another example is when the Great Depression started, many who lost everything tried to make money by making, selling, and running speakeasies, which were illegal bars. Many people died from the violence that was associated with Prohibition, but they tried their luck anyway. These examples show how crime can increase with the increase of impoverished people.

You also have to look at the attitudes of those on the bottom rung of the ladder when exploring this issue. You'll find that most people who are impoverished will often blame the system for their plight and won't care about the law when they're just trying to survive. They'll probably see their crimes as a form of rebellion against the system for putting them into their situation in the first place. Whether we agree with this view or not is beside the point, because from their point of view, it's the absolute truth. They believe that the system was rigged against them. So, those poor people who commit their crimes to get by will take pleasure in doing them because the system is against them.

So, let's look at these reasons for my point of view one last time. Looking at the poorer neighborhoods in any city will see crimes happening against one another. The story of history shows that an increase of poverty equals an increase in crime. Finally, we also see that poor people don't care about or even hate the system they live under. That's why I agree that people commit crime when they feel too desperate to make a living any other way.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I certainly think that people do turn to crime when they feel too desperate to make a living in a more honest way.

2. You can look to historical periods for more evidence of this line of thinking.

3. Furthermore, you have to acknowledge the attitudes of those you feel like the system has either ignored or neglected.

4. Another way to look at how desperation can lead to crime is to look at times in history when people felt the most vulnerable to poverty.

5. One such time was when London was growing during the Industrial Revolution.

6. Without work to support families and many children living on the streets, petty crime skyrocketed.

7. Many people died from the violence that was associated with Prohibition, but they tried their luck anyway.

Q88. When looking for a new home, what's more important to you: being near your school or work, or being close to family and friends? Use specific details and reasons to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Finding a new home that is close to work and school is more important..

Support 1: I am always looking for opportunities to advance my career.

Support 2: The commute to and from work would be easier.

Support 3: Sometimes, it is best to be away from friends and family.

Thesis: Since living closer to work and school would be helpful for career advancement, as well as being more convenient, I would choose this over living closer to friends and family.

B. Model Essay

When I'm looking for a new home, I want to find one that's close to work or school. I always look for the best jobs that help me build a notable career in my field, and I'm willing to move to find it. The second reason is that the commute involved with going to work should be shorter to save time, energy, and my sanity. The third reason is that I feel that family and friends can become tiresome after a while of living near them. These should always be considered when someone is looking for a new home.

The first reason I would look at being close to work when searching for a new home is because I'm always looking for jobs that help me advance in my career. The reason I left my hometown to begin with was so that I could find a good job that had good opportunities for advancement. When I got my first job, I had to leave my family behind and travel a great distance, it was painful. However, it was something I had to do to achieve my goals. Since then, I have moved numerous times because my career demanded it. Every time I moved was tiring, but in the end, it was all

worth while.

The second reason I would consider being closer to work is that the commute would be hard on me if I lived a long distance from work. If I find myself driving to work, I would spend a great amount of time idling in traffic, burning and wasting gasoline. I would also lose my patience and begin to get angry. If I took public transportation, I would save energy, but subway trains and buses get crowded and I get claustrophobic. I could begin to get irritated and the time it would all take would be too much for me. So, I would certainly look for a home where I wouldn't need to travel too far just to get to work.

The third reason I would choose closeness to work over closeness to family is that sometimes, your family can be troublesome. Don't get me wrong, I love my family, but they worry about me constantly. They like to talk to me, call me, visit me, and tell me how I should live. This gets troublesome after a while and I just want to get away from them or tell them to just leave me alone. This is why I wouldn't consider being near my family while I'm thinking about moving.

So let's take at those reasons one more time. The first reason is that career advancement can often involve or require moving to a new location. The second reason is that the commute could lead to wasted time, wasted energy, or wasted sanity. The last reason is that my family can become over-worried about me and want to be with me quite frequently. That's why I consider being closer to work than family when looking for a new home.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I always look for the best jobs that help me build a notable career in my field, and I'm willing to move to find it..

2. These should always be considered when someone is looking for a new home.

3. The reason I left my hometown to begin with was so that I could find a

good job that had good opportunities for advancement..

4. Since then, I have moved numerous times because my career demanded it.

5. If I find myself driving to work, I would spend a great amount of time idling in traffic, burning and wasting gasoline.

6. So, I would certainly look for a home where I wouldn't need to travel too far just to get to work.

7. Don't get me wrong, I love my family, but they worry about me constantly..

8. This is why I wouldn't consider being near my family while I'm thinking about moving.

9. The first reason is that career advancement can often involve or require moving to a new location.

**Q89. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
There are too many people on Earth. Give specific reasons and
details to support your answer.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that there are too many people on Earth.

Support 1: In the poorest parts of the world, many families are still having many children.

Support 2: The number of homeless people has increased tremendously.

Support 3: Since there isn't enough resources, prices for these have increased as well.

Thesis: Because of the increase in food prices, as well as a growing gap between rich and poor, this proves that there are too many people on Earth.

B. Model Essay

I do believe that there are too many people on the planet today than in the past. The first reason is that the most highly populated parts of Earth are also the most impoverished. Another reason is that in many cities, there is a great influx of homeless people. The third reason is that the price of food and other resources are skyrocketing. These reasons should make it clear that we should slow down on reproduction.

The first thing we need to realize that some of the most populated parts of the world are also the most impoverished. The countries of Africa, South Asia, and the interior of China include some of the poorest areas in the world. Here you find starving children, and people living in makeshift huts while either begging or working menial jobs for only pennies a day. Even though Africa is one of the poorest parts of the world, people still have large families there, and already scarce resources have to support these children. Sadly, there's never enough for them so the people of

Africa are certainly contributing to and suffering from the effects of overpopulation.

Another thing we have to look at is the population of homeless people in our cities. As we look at the number of homeless people over the last half century, we can see that it has climbed steadily over that time period. This can be caused by unfortunate circumstances that befell the person's life, but more likely, they were born on the streets or abandoned as children. Children are only abandoned when the parents find it impossible to care for them. This can happen when everyone is struggling to find enough resources to feed their families, which is a clear sign that there are more people around than there should be. So the homeless explosion is another sign that the world is becoming overpopulated.

We also need to understand the fact that food, minerals, and other necessary items have gotten a lot more expensive in recent years. This is because there isn't enough to go around in the world anymore to sustain lower prices. This is the basic economic law of supply and demand. When the supply cannot match the demand, the price goes up, and in this case, it has increased a lot. This is because of those numerous children being born in poor countries and the amount of food that mothers need to care for their large families. So, this scarcity of resources has made them so dear that it will soon be almost impossible for all the people in the world to afford the basic things they need.

In conclusion, these are the reasons why I believe the human population is now too high. The most highly populated areas of Africa and Asia are also the poorest due to the high population. The large number of homeless people shows us that there isn't enough living space for everyone any more. Lastly, the prices of food and other essentials are becoming too high for a lot of people to afford anymore. These are why I believe that there are too many people living on Earth.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Another reason is that in many cities, there is a great influx of homeless people.

2. These reasons should make it clear that we should slow down on reproduction.

3. The countries of Africa, South Asia, and the interior of China include some of the poorest areas in the world.

4. Even though Africa is one of the poorest parts of the world, people still have large families there, and already scarce resources have to support these children.

5. As we look at the number of homeless people over the last half century, we can see that it has climbed steadily over that time period.

6. This can happen when everyone is struggling to find enough resources to feed their families, which is a clear sign that there are more people around than there should be.

7. This is because there isn't enough to go around in the world anymore to sustain lower prices.

8. When the supply cannot match the demand, the price goes up, and in this case, it has increased a lot.

9. So, this scarcity of resources has made them so dear that it will soon be almost impossible for all the people in the world to afford the basic things they need.

10. The large number of homeless people shows us that there isn't enough living space for everyone any more.

Q90. Should richer parts of your country support the poorer parts through welfare programs? Why or why not? Use specific details and examples to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't believe that the richer parts of my country should support the poor with welfare.

Support 1: Welfare would just be used to reward people for just being poor.

Support 2: The rich would feel as if they're being extorted.

Support 3: This would create an unnecessary bureaucracy.

Thesis: Supporting the poor through welfare programs would create more problems than solutions, so therefore, I do not believe that the rich should support poor people through welfare.

B. Model Essay

I do not think that the richer parts of my country should support the poor with welfare programs. The first reason is that supporting welfare is essentially giving money for nothing. The second reason is that the people who are being taxed to support the poor will see this as intrusive. The third reason is that it will enlarge the government bureaucracy and, in effect, make it even more inefficient than it already is. If we really want to help the poor we need to encourage job growth in their areas, not a welfare state.

The first reason that the rich should not be taxed to help the poor is because the money would be given to the poor just for being poor. It would make the rich look like that they were doing something wrong just by being rich, and this is discriminatory. Also, it would keep the poor from actually having to earn their money and thus they won't feel the need to find a job. So this is simply money for nothing, an unnecessary tax that

doesn't really give any benefits to those actually paying the tax. This system is simply an extortion racket set up to force those with jobs to support people who don't have jobs.

The feeling that the rich are being extorted leads into the second reason against welfare, the feeling of government intrusion on their incomes. When people are able to live a comfortable lifestyle, they feel that it's a reward for all their hard work. However, when someone takes that away and gives it to someone who didn't do anything to earn it, that feels like robbery. They ask why they should be punished for having so much and rewarding poor people for having too little. This makes the people being taxed feel angry and they'll cry out against the seemingly arbitrary penalty for their hard work. So that should always be taken into consideration when considering a welfare state.

The last reason why this would be a bad idea is that it would create an unnecessary and inefficient bureaucracy. Those requesting to be in the system have to apply and present themselves in the appropriate government department. Over time, this would overburden the office workers and very few would be served by it. Most of the money being taxed would go into the upkeep of the office and the payment of the employees, not necessarily towards the poor people for whom it was intended. So, this would just be a large office with a long line of people looking for a handout, most likely not getting it, and people filling out paperwork just for a paycheck, which would eventually end up going back into it. This is inefficient and does not benefit anyone.

The argument against a welfare state in my country is very heated. The poor will feel entitled to taxpayer money and not work. The rich will feel that they're being punished for being rich by being forced to support poor people. Furthermore, the bureaucracy this would create would be inefficient and just be a huge burden on all taxpayers. That's why I don't believe that the rich should support the poor through a welfare program.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The second reason is that the people who are being taxed to support the

poor will see this as intrusive.

2. The third reason is that it will enlarge the government bureaucracy and, in effect, make it even more inefficient than it already is.

3. It would make the rich look like that they were doing something wrong just by being rich, and this is discriminatory

4. This system is simply an extortion racket set up to force those with jobs to support people who don't have jobs.

5. When people are able to live a comfortable lifestyle, they feel that it's a reward for all their hard work.

6. This makes the people being taxed feel angry and they'll cry out against the seemingly arbitrary penalty for their hard work.

7. Those requesting to be in the system have to apply and present themselves in the appropriate government department.

8. Most of the money being taxed would go into the upkeep of the office and the payment of the employees, not necessarily towards the poor people for whom it was intended.

9. This is inefficient and does not benefit anyone.

10. The argument against a welfare state in my country is very heated.

11. Furthermore, the bureaucracy this would create would be inefficient and just be a huge burden on all taxpayers.

**Q91. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People leave their home countries to become rich. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't believe people leave their home countries to become rich.

Support 1: Most people who leave their home countries are rich.

Support 2: People may move to other countries to live lifestyles that are forbidden back home.

Support 3: Moving to another country does not guarantee an increase in wealth.

Thesis: Since people have different motivations for moving to other countries, I don't believe that people leave their home countries just to become rich.

B. Model Essay

I don't think that people leave their countries to become rich. The first reason is that many people who are able to leave their countries are already rich. The second reason is that those who aren't rich are only looking to live in a way that they can't in the countries that they are from. The last reason I would argue is that people can't get rich simply by changing where they live. These are the reasons why I feel that people don't change countries just to get rich.

Many people who leave their home countries are already rich, so it makes little sense that they leave their countries to become rich. Traveling abroad can be very expensive, especially if you want to get to your destination in the fastest way possible. And those who can live in a new country easily will often have the money available to start building a comfortable life. They move to a different country simply because they

want to and they want to show that they can do that with little trouble. So people who are already rich move to other countries and they don't really need to try to get any richer.

Even if the person changing countries isn't already rich, that person may simply be looking to live in a way that's either frowned upon or simply forbidden in their country. This has been the biggest dream for generations of immigrants that made their way across the vast ocean to countries like America, Canada, or Australia. From where they came from, they couldn't make their own money, express themselves freely, or feel like an individual. In the countries listed, they sought not wealth but freedom, the dream of humanity for thousands of years. Wealth can certainly come from freedom, but for those brave souls, wealth was an afterthought; freedom was their goal.

The last reason that I feel that people don't leave their home countries to get rich is because simply moving to another country doesn't guarantee great wealth. During the Industrial Revolution, many left their home towns or even their home countries to find opportunity and wealth. Mostly, they just found tough working conditions or discrimination. Today, when we look at this, we're more likely to simply stay in our own towns or countries simply because moving is a significant risk. So when people today make the decision to move, they do it in a clear headed manner, with no delusions of unimaginable riches in their new home. So when we move, we move not to get rich, but simply to find a better place to live.

So we should look at the real motivations of why people move to different countries instead of making assumptions. A lot of people who change countries are already rich and certainly don't need to try getting rich. Most people who have moved to different countries, in the past and now, are simply looking to live more freely. Furthermore, simply moving somewhere else doesn't guarantee an increase in wealth. That's why I disagree that people leave their homes countries in order to get rich.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The first reason is that many people who are able to leave their countries

are already rich.

2. The last reason I would argue is that people can't get rich simply by changing where they live.

3. Traveling abroad can be very expensive, especially if you want to get to your destination in the fastest way possible.

4. They move to a different country simply because they want to and they want to show that they can do that with little trouble.

5. This has been the biggest dream for generations of immigrants that made their way across the vast ocean to countries like America, Canada, or Australia.

6. Wealth can certainly come from freedom, but for those brave souls, wealth was an afterthought; freedom was their goal.

7. During the Industrial Revolution, many left their home towns or even their home countries to find opportunity and wealth.

8. Today, when we look at this, we're more likely to simply stay in our own towns or countries simply because moving is a significant risk.

9. So when we move, we move not to get rich, but simply to find a better place to live.

10. So we should look at the real motivations of why people move to different countries instead of making assumptions.

11. Most people, who have moved to different countries in the past and now, are simply looking to live more freely.

Q92. Do you believe that your country is well-prepared for a major disaster (earthquakes, cyclones, etc.)? Explain your opinion and what your country can do to be more prepared.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think that my country is well-prepared for major disasters.

Support 1: Typhoons and monsoons are very common in my country.

Support 2: Our buildings are strong enough to withstand major storms.

Support 3: Even though our cities would be safe, our farms could be in danger.

Thesis: Despite the great risk storms could bring to our farms, most of the major cities are well prepared for major disasters.

B. Model Essay

I think my country is very well-prepared for our most common natural disaster, typhoons. Our country gets a lot of heavy rain storms every year, so we have canals through many of our cities to keep flooding at bay. Our buildings are always built with thick walls so that they don't blow away or have trees or signs blown through them from the heaviest of winds. However, our agriculture is still largely at risk from these powerful storms. Typhoons are something our cities and towns are very well-prepared for, but our farms still need some things done to be better prepared.

Tropical weather systems such as typhoons and monsoons are a very common occurrence in my home country, so being ready for flooding is something my city and other cities are good at. Our cities have flood control canals that carry large amounts of rainwater away from the city so that our streets don't become inundated. These canals were dug under or along side our streets so that the streets would drain quickly and carry the excess water towards sewers, rivers, seas, or any other place where excess rain water ought to go. Our homes and businesses have become safer in

flood situations because these canals exist. So that's the first thing that helps us be prepared for a typhoon.

The second thing that helps us prepare for typhoons is the strength of our buildings. Many of the houses, apartments, and office buildings in our main cities and in our smaller cities are built using thick brick or stone. Many of them have been up for generations and they have seen years of monsoons, torrential rains, and the occasional typhoon. The wind cannot blow them down, even if they're blowing at 300 kph. Things that get blown by these things can't really damage them, they might break a window or two, but the building itself continues to stand. The strength of our architecture is proof-positive that our cities and towns are ready for a typhoon.

While our towns might be ready for a large storm like a typhoon, our farms may not be. Many farms are in mountain valleys near rivers. The mountains can erode when heavy rains pour down and mudslides are not uncommon. The rivers often flood their banks during the heaviest of monsoon and tropical storms. What there needs to be in our farming areas is an extension of the flood canals that already protect our cities. These could break the mudflows that result from heavy erosion and they could drain the riverbanks and keep our farms safe. This action could save lives and keep people from starving.

So in a large sense, my country is well-prepared for the event of a typhoon. Our city streets are protected by a series of flood canals that run under our streets. Our homes and buildings were built to withstand even the strongest of winds. With this said, our farms are at risk if we don't extend this protection to them. We are prepared, but can stand to be more prepared, for typhoons.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Our country gets a lot of heavy rain storms every year, so we have canals through many of our cities to keep flooding at bay.

2. However, our agriculture is still largely at risk from these powerful

storms.

3. Our cities have flood control canals that carry large amounts of rainwater away from the city so that our streets don't become inundated.

4. Our homes and businesses have become safer in flood situations because these canals exist.

5. Many of the houses, apartments, and office buildings in our main cities and in our smaller cities are built using thick brick or stone.

6. The strength of our architecture is proof-positive that our cities and towns are ready for a typhoon.

7. The mountains can erode when heavy rains pour down and mudslides are not uncommon.

8. What there needs to be in our farming areas is an extension of the flood canals that already protect our cities.

9. This action could save lives and keep people from starving.

10. With this said, our farms are at risk if we don't extend this protection to them.

Q93. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers, more than parents, are responsible for students' behavior at school. Use specific details and reasons to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe that teachers are more responsible for their students behavior at school than their parents.

Support 1: Parents are not at school with the kids to make them obey the rules.

Support 2: Enforcing the rules is part of the teachers job.

Support 3: There are consequences for teachers if their students continue to misbehave..

Thesis: Since it is the teachers job to enforce proper behavior during school hours, I believe that teachers have more responsibility for their students behavior than the parents.

B. Model Essay

I do believe that teachers are more responsible for their students behavior at school than their parents. This is because parents are not there at school with them to keep their kids in check. The teachers are paid in part to make sure the kids are behaving so that they can learn. Furthermore, the school expects their teachers to enforce the rules that they set down for the students. So, teachers have much more responsibility for student behavior when the students are at school.

The first thing we must remember when taking about student behavior at school is that the students' parents are not there to make sure their kids follow the rules. The ones who are there are the teachers, and they're the ones who report everything back to their parents. So the parents need not worry about the behavior of their kids because they know that if anything

happens, they'll be informed about it. However, if the teachers are neglectful in making sure the learning environment remains conducive to learning, then their parents will find out about it and blame the teachers for failing to teach their kids. So the parents can't check behavior in school, only the teachers can.

Another thing to consider is that enforcing the rules of the school is part of the teachers' job description. One of the teachers' duties is to watch over the students both in class and in-between classes so that no misbehavior occurs. If it does occur, they are expected to take action to correct the behavior as set forth in the school's policy. If the behavior is too difficult for the teacher to correct, then the teacher should inform the principal so that the appropriate action can be taken. So the school has strict guidelines stating that teachers must either watch for and correct undesirable behavior or go for help if they can't correct it themselves. This is expected of every teacher because their job description says so.

The last thing to remember is that if a teacher fails to correct undesirable behavior, they could get fired. A teacher who doesn't enforce rules can be seen as being derelict or lazy. The behavior of students is part of the teaching process and being sure that all rules are enforced is part of the lesson that the teacher plans for the students. Not doing this means not doing their job, and schools don't have time to put up with teachers who don't do their jobs. This is why teachers who don't take responsibility for student behavior get fired.

So those are the reasons why teachers are indeed responsible for their students' behavior in school. First, the parents can't do it because they're not there. Second, teachers are paid to enforce the rules, or at least inform their employer about broken rules. Finally, teachers who don't take responsibility for their students' actions would find themselves out of a job. These are why teachers are more responsible than parents for student behavior in school.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The teachers are paid in part to make sure the kids are behaving so that

they can learn.

2. Furthermore, the school expects their teachers to enforce the rules that they set down for the students.

3. The ones who are there are the teachers, and they're the ones who report everything back to their parents.

4. However, if the teachers are neglectful in making sure the learning environment remains conducive to learning, then their parents will find out about it and blame the teachers for failing to teach their kids.

5. One of the teachers' duties is to watch over the students both in class and in-between classes so that no misbehavior occurs.

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7. If the behavior is too difficult for the teacher to correct, then the teacher should inform the principal so that the appropriate action can be taken.

8. This is expected of every teacher because their job description says so.

9. A teacher who doesn't enforce rules can be seen as being derelict or lazy.

10. Not doing this means not doing their job, and schools don't have time to put up with teachers who don't do their jobs.

11. These are why teachers are more responsible than parents for student behavior in school.

Q94. If you could hire a famous person, who would it be?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I could hire a famous person, I would hire Bill Clinton.

Support 1: Bill Clinton is one of the world's best public speakers.

Support 2: He also has the ability to calculate risks and costs for a business or investment.

Support 3: Bill Clinton and I support the same causes.

Thesis: Since Bill Clinton has excellent speaking and analytical skills, I would not hesitate to hire him for my business.

B. Model Essay

One person I would hire would be Bill Clinton. The first reason I would hire Bill Clinton is that he's really good with talking to and meeting with large numbers of people. Also, he's really good at calculating risks and costs that would help save money in the long run. Finally, he's a person who believes in doing good that could make my company look good. Bill Clinton would be one celebrity that would definitely make me look good to investors and consumers.

Bill Clinton is probably one of the best public speakers alive today and thus would make him a suitable choice when it comes to meeting with the public. As President, he had to give speeches that were eloquent and memorable. As a speaker for his foundation, he speaks with conviction for AIDS awareness around the world. This topic has made him a prime request for many speaking engagements around the world. If I hire him, he would increase my public relations image greatly as he speaks to the public in my name. So, his speaking ability and his image would be a great boon to me as I build my business.

Another reason I would hire him is his ability to calculate risks and costs when I consider investment into my business. Bill Clinton became

President of the United States at the tail end of an economic downturn with a great amount of public debt. Through his study of how the country was spending its money, he was able to restructure the economy and for the first time in two centuries, balance the budget. If I find myself facing a situation where I need to make a decision on how to balance my books, he would give me some sound advice from his being able to balance the biggest book of all. So, his economic experience would help me make more sound business decisions.

As I've said before, Bill Clinton speaks out for AIDS awareness in the developing world. He also supports investment and trade to Africa and other developing nations as a way of ending poverty in the nations he visits. He also helps with the development of programs to bring clean drinking and improved healthcare to the poorest parts of Africa. Hiring him would mean that I share his views for a more developed world and more opportunities in the parts of the world with the least opportunities. I could lend his name to causes I believe in and wish to be generous in giving to. So his spirit of generosity could really benefit me and the things I believe in.

So Bill Clinton would be the famous person I would want on my team. His ability to speak to the public would help my PR standing. His experience in balancing the U.S. Budget would help me balance my own books. Finally, his charitable spirit would help me and my charitable enterprises. Therefore, the famous person I would hire is Bill Clinton.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Also, he's really good at calculating risks and costs that would help save money in the long run.

2. As President, he had to give speeches that were eloquent and memorable.

3. This topic has made him a prime request for many speaking engagements around the world.

4. So, his speaking ability and his image would be a great boon to me as I build my business.

5. Through his study of how the country was spending its money, he was able to restructure the economy and for the first time in two centuries, balance the budget.

6. As I've said before, Bill Clinton speaks out for AIDS awareness in the developing world.

7. He also helps with the development of programs to bring clean drinking and improved healthcare to the poorest parts of Africa.

8. So his spirit of generosity could really benefit me and the things I believe in.

9. Finally, his charitable spirit would help me and my charitable enterprises.

Q95. Do you agree with the following statement? Schools should provide extra instruction and support for students who are too sick to come to school. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe that schools need to help students who are too sick to attend school.

Support 1: All children deserve a chance to learn.

Support 2: Most illnesses do not last forever.

Support 3: Doing school work could help children cope with their illnesses.

Thesis: Since children deserve the right to learn, I believe that schools do need to support students who are too sick to attend classes.

B. Model Essay

I do believe that schools ought to give help to students who are too sick to attend school regularly. The first reason is that denying students an opportunity to learn because of illness is considered a form of discrimination. The second reason is that some students do eventually overcome serious illnesses and will want to rejoin their classmates without having to cram extensively. The last reason is that when students are in the hospital, studying and learning helps them cope with their situation. I believe that these are legitimate reasons for schools to offer study aid to students who are staying in hospitals long-term to get the learning they need to rejoin their class or society when they leave the hospital.

First off, we need to understand that denying the children a chance to learn is a form of discrimination, including discrimination of those in very poor health. All over the world, people are too sick to do many of the things we take for granted, and that includes going to school. However,

now there are technologies that can help people overcome these obstacles, including online schools. If children in hospitals have access to these online learning environments, they can easily keep up their studies without sacrificing their medical care. With technology provided by the school, students who are hospitalized can continue to study without worry.

Secondly, we all must remember that hospitalization does not necessarily last forever, as most children do get better and do leave the hospital. When they do, they'll want to pick up their studies along with the rest of their classmates. Yet if they weren't able to keep up while in the hospital, they would have to do a lot of makeup work, or even repeat a grade. This is seen as a social stigma for many students and it also means the inability to stay in the classes they have with their friends. So to keep their minds sound and to keep their friends, the ability to keep up with their studies is necessary while they're getting better in the hospital.

Thirdly, children are naturally scared of hospitals and the thought of a prolonged stay is difficult for them to cope with. Continuing with their studies brings a bit of normalcy and routine to this difficult time. When children have homework to worry about, they won't have time to worry too much about their treatments or an impending operation even though that might be more important. When they complete their treatments, they can return to school with confidence in their ability to continue and stories of what it was like. So staying with schooling helps them keep up with their normal life in an unfamiliar setting.

I learned a long time ago that life doesn't stop because one is very sick or injured, so children should be allowed to continue their school life in the hospital. They should be allowed to do so because denying education to anyone is discriminatory. Furthermore, sooner or later, they will return to their school. Lastly, they should be provided extra support because it helps them deal with being in a hospital. That's why schools should help students who are too sick to attend.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The last reason is that when students are in the hospital, studying and

learning helps them cope with their situation.

2. All over the world, people are too sick to do many of the things we take for granted, and that includes going to school.

3. If children in hospitals have access to these online learning environments, they can easily keep up their studies without sacrificing their medical care.

4. When they do, they'll want to pick up their studies along with the rest of their classmates.

5. This is seen as a social stigma for many students and it also means the inability to stay in the classes they have with their friends.

6. Continuing with their studies brings a bit of normalcy and routine to this difficult time.

7. When they complete their treatments, they can return to school with confidence in their ability to continue and stories of what it was like.

8. Furthermore, sooner or later, they will return to their school.

9. Furthermore, sooner or later, they will return to their school. Lastly, they should be provided extra support because it helps them deal with being in a hospital.

Q96. What is one job you haven't done but would like yo do? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: One job I would like to try would be writing the news.

Support 1: I really want to keep people informed on what is happening in our town.

Support 2: I want my name to be seen by many people.

Support 3: Providing news to people is an important contribution to society.

Thesis: Since I would love to contribute by keeping people informed on important events, I would like to write the news.

B. Model Essay

I think that one job I think I would like to try doing is writing the news. One reason is that I've always wanted to tell people about important events in my community. Another reason is that I've always wanted to see my name printed or shown to the public. The last reason is that delivering the news is one of the most important community services that one can provide. So these are the reasons why I would want to write the news.

First off, I always wanted to tell people what was really important that was going on in my hometown. Sometimes, I would find something happening that I thought was really interesting, although many people wouldn't, and tell it to my family. Other times, I would pretend to be one of those newscasters you would see on TV whenever we went out as a family. My parents would enjoy this and say that I would make a great reporter one day. They really supported my desire to learn the craft of news reporting, so that is a reason I would want to be a reporter.

The second reason I would want to be a reporter is that my name would be seen by many people. When people know who you are and what

you do, you receive many opportunities to do more that can expand your name recognition. This would be a stepping stone towards fame and fortune. Once I get enough names on enough news stories, I can collect my clippings and use them to get more jobs at more prestigious news outlets. And when I reach the big time, I will be recognized across the country. So, writing can become my ticket to fame.

The third reason I would like to write news for a living is that giving people the news is one of the most important services one can do for their society. People need to know what's going on in the world so that they can choose how it can impact their lives. When people hear of crime or government corruption, they will write to their leaders or organize a civic group to make their voices heard. They can also check up on loved ones when a disaster strikes somewhere. This kind of information is prevalent to many people around the world.

So those are the reasons why I would want to report the news. I have always liked telling people about things that have gone on in the town in which I live. It can help me become famous if I keep with it long enough. Finally, it is a public service to tell people what's going on for the sake of their lives. So reporting the news is the one job I haven't tried but would like to.

C. Useful Expressions

1. One reason is that I've always wanted to tell people about important events in my community.

2. The last reason is that delivering the news is one of the most important community services that one can provide.

3. Other times, I would pretend to be one of those newscasters you would see on TV whenever we went out as a family.

4. They really supported my desire to learn the craft of news reporting, so that is a reason I would want to be a reporter.

5. When people know who you are and what you do, you receive many opportunities to do more that can expand your name recognition.

6. Once I get enough names on enough news stories, I can collect my clippings and use them to get more jobs at more prestigious news outlets.

7. When people hear of crime or government corruption, they will write to their leaders or organize a civic group to make their voices heard.

8. This kind of information is prevalent to many people around the world.

9. I have always liked telling people about things that have gone on in the town in which I live.

Q97. If you could be roommates with a famous person, who would it be?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I could be roommates with a famous person, it would be the famous chef Jamie Oliver.

Support 1: He does not take himself too seriously..

Support 2: He really knows how to enjoy life.

Support 3: He could teach me how to make delicious meals.

Thesis: Since he is everything I would want in a roommate, I would want to live with Jamie Oliver.

B. Model Essay

If I could be roommates with a famous person it would have to be celebrity chef Jamie Oliver. The first reason is that he's a laid back guy who doesn't take himself too seriously. The second reason is he always likes to go out and have fun with friends, so I could have fun with him. The third reason is that he can show me how to make all kinds of food. Jamie Oliver would be a good roommate for me because I like being around relaxed, friendly people and I like to learn to cook great meals.

One reason that I would choose Jamie Oliver for a roommate is that he doesn't take himself too seriously. He's probably the opposite of the high-strung chef, who seeks perfection in everything, whether it's food related or not. Jamie always dresses casually and he jokes around when he's in his kitchen. His show usually has him in his own home, where he feels most comfortable. He doesn't mind that people see where and how he lives, and he knows there's a mess in his flat. This mess is typically in his kitchen because he's always in there, but he's just fine with that. He's really relaxed when he's doing his show and I really like to know someone like that.

Another reason that I would like to have Jamie Oliver is that he's always going out with friends and having a good time. Whenever I see his show, he always invites friends over, cooks them a delicious meal, and then goes out for a night on the town. If he were my roommate, he would bring his friends over, introduce them to me, and then we'd all go out and enjoy the nightlife of the city. He could then help me meet even more people when we go out. I could have an even larger circle of friends because I would have Jamie Oliver as a roommate.

The biggest reason I would want to have Jamie Oliver as my roommate is that he could show me how to make many delicious meals. I've always tried to prepare my own meals, but I've only been able to make the simplest dishes. Jamie knows how to prepare some of the best meals with the simplest of ingredients. He can show me which ingredients are the best to use at the lowest cost. On his show, he always goes out to his local grocery store and shows us which ingredients are the best to use for the lowest cost. His dishes always look great and with his help, I could make tasty, good-looking food just like him.

Jamie Oliver would be a great roommate for me because he's everything I would want in a helpful roommate. He's very laid back and doesn't take himself seriously. He has a great many friends that he always goes out with whom he could introduce to me. Finally, he's a great chef who could help me find my best cooking talents. That's why I would want Jamie Oliver as a roommate.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If the child is from a poor background, then the most likely don't have the resources to go to a library often.

2. I would help them to learn to read better and also to expand their imaginations.

3. When we read books, we can travel to other places in the world, and learn about more than our own.

4. He would have so much fun playing and not being worried about splinters or broken equipment.

5. He could meet new friends that don't care about his background.

6. The children would have such a great time and would forget for just a few moments about their poor background.

7. The child would build his confidence, learn some new things, and have fun.

Q98. If you could choose one famous person in your country to meet, who would that be? Why? Use specific examples and reasons to develop your essay.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: One person from my country I would like to meet would be Stephen King.

Support 1: I would ask him for advice on launching a successful writing career.

Support 2: I would ask him about his motivation for writing horror.

Support 3: I would also want to know how he was able to get movies based on his books.

Thesis: Since Stephen King is very influential to me as a writer, he would be the one famous person from my country I would like to meet.

B. Model Essay

One person from my country I would like to meet would have to be author Stephen King. I want a career in writing, so I would ask him for advice in that area. I would also ask why he decided to write horror stories because I would never think of writing along those lines. The last thing I would ask him is how I can keep the story true to form if I happen to get one of them made into a movie one day. Stephen King would be an excellent mentor if I decide to try and break into the literary world.

The first thing I would ask him for is advice on how I can launch a successful writing career. I would ask him how many hours a day he dedicates to working on a book, so that I could follow a similar schedule. I could also ask whether he writes his stories straight through or if he breaks it up into sections. I could also ask him about how much places and events in his life influenced him when he writes. With him as a mentor, I could launch my writing career in the right direction.

I would then ask him why he decided to write so much horror because I couldn't even think about writing stuff like that. To me, horror is a genre that brings the creative arts to its base emotional state. In that state, people lose all sense of rationality and appeal to their dark impulses, in order to expect the macabre world that they're seeing or reading about. It's something that I can't even begin to understand and wouldn't want my readers to, because I would only write thoughtful stories. So, I would ask him what made horror his genre of choice.

The last thing I would ask him is how he was able to have so many movies based on his work stay true to the original material. Many authors have had successful movies made from their books, but in all cases, the filmmakers took much artistic liberty in the making of those films. However, when Stephen King's books are made into movies, they stay true to the original story. It must take a lot of persuasion to have movie companies respect an author's artistic integrity in an industry that's not known for such integrity. I have to ask Stephen King what his secret is in persuading movie makers to keep true to his books.

So those are the reasons I want to meet Stephen King. I would ask him to mentor me in novel writing so that I may find as much success as he has. I would ask him why he would write horror, a genre that takes away any sense of mindfulness. Lastly, I would ask how he keeps filmmakers from changing too much of his story when they're made into movies. So that's why the person I most want to meet is Stephen King.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I want a career in writing, so I would ask him for advice in that area.

2. The last thing I would ask him is how I can keep the story true to form if I happen to get one of them made into a movie one day.

3. I could also ask whether he writes his stories straight through or if he breaks it up into sections.

4. With him as a mentor, I could launch my writing career in the right

direction.

5. To me, horror is a genre that brings the creative arts to its base emotional state.

6. The last thing I would ask him is how he was able to have so many movies based on his work stay true to the original material.

7. However, when Stephen King's books are made into movies, they stay true to the original story.

8. I have to ask Stephen King what his secret is in persuading movie makers to keep true to his books.

9. I would ask him to mentor me in novel writing so that I may find as much success as he has.

Q99. Today, many countries put a lot of money and effort into scientific advancement. Which area of science (e.g. biology, physics, chemistry, medicine, etc.) do you think your country needs most improvement in?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe that biology needs to be improved upon.

Support 1: Biology could help people in my country prevent diseases.

Support 2: Farmers are limited in what they can produce for our country.

Support 3: Biology can help us to overcome superstitions.

Thesis: Since biology would produce many benefits for people in my country, I believe that this is one area of science that needs to be improved upon.

B. Model Essay

One field of science I believe that we need to improve upon is biology. This is because people in my country still get many diseases that are easily preventable. Farmers have a hard time providing enough food to feed our massive population. Also, most people do not accept that species have changed and have been changing for millennia. These are some of the reasons why I feel that biology needs to be improved in my country.

The first reason is that many of the people in my country still get easily preventable diseases such as influenza and typhoid. One of the reasons is that many people don't know about the preventive value of vaccination and a good diet. People in America and Europe have reduced the potency and duration of diseases like this with bio-medical breakthroughs and discoveries. Still, we haven't been able to reach that level of health because most people in my country still don't see how people can live longer, healthier lives with the right medicine. So the prevention of these diseases is a reason why we need to develop our

biology education.

Another reason is that our farmers don't always provide enough for everyone in my country to eat. The reason is that our farmers still use old style farming techniques and their soil can't provide the right nutrients as much as they used to. Also, pests remain a constant problem for their crops. If farmers learned about the benefits of crop rotation and pesticides, they can provide bigger harvests and that will benefit our people immensely. More education about how insects can effect crop production and how they should change the kinds of crops they grow can help our farming industry grow.

We are also a superstitious people who feel that invisible still guide us and made us what we are today. This superstitious line of thinking is probably our biggest obstacle because it keeps us from discovering what can help us keep from getting sick or starving to death. If they can learn that species evolved over time, they can let go of their superstitions and open their minds to new modern ways of thinking. Furthermore, if they can do that, we'll live a lot longer with new medicine and more food. So, learning about evolution can finally lift my country out of superstition and poverty.

So biology education is an immensely important thing for my country to improve. Learning about germs and vaccinations can help my people prevent easily preventable diseases. Learning about crop rotation and pesticides can help our farmers produce even more food than before. Finally, learning about evolution will end centuries of superstition and wake my people up to the benefits of modern science. That's why biology education must be improved in my country.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Also, most people do not accept that species have changed and have been changing for millennia.

2. One of the reasons is that many people don't know about the preventive value of vaccination and a good diet.

3. Still, we haven't been able to reach that level of health because most people in my country still don't see how people can live longer, healthier lives with the right medicine.

4. The reason is that our farmers still use old style farming techniques and their soil can't provide the right nutrients as much as they used to.

5. If farmers learned about the benefits of crop rotation and pesticides, they can provide bigger harvests and that will benefit our people immensely.

6. This superstitious line of thinking is probably our biggest obstacle because it keeps us from discovering what can help us keep from getting sick or starving to death.

7. So, learning about evolution can finally lift my country out of superstition and poverty.

8. Learning about germs and vaccinations can help my people prevent easily preventable diseases.

9. Finally, learning about evolution will end centuries of superstition and wake my people up to the benefits of modern science.

**Q100. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People are too irresponsible with money nowadays. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that people are too irresponsible with money nowadays.

Support 1: There are too many useless products being sold in stores.

Support 2: The number of stories about people with bad credit keeps increasing.

Support 3: Government sets a bad example for people.

Thesis: Since people are having a difficult time maintaining discipline with their spending and credit, I believe that people are becoming too irresponsible with money.

B. Model Essay

I agree that people are too irresponsible with money, not just these days, but all the time. When I go out shopping, I see store selling things few people really need and people buying them all the time. I also read in the paper how people routinely get into debt problems and ending up getting foreclosed on or going into bankruptcy. Of course, there's all the money our government wastes in the name of pandering to voters. So we surely are a society that doesn't use money as wisely as we should.

The first thing that supports my views are all the stores that sell needless items that I see while I'm at the mall. There's one store that claims to be a gift store that sells mostly joke and gag items. Most of it is immature and consists of things like strange lamps, boxer shorts with writing on them, and other immature things. To my surprise, people who are as old as my parents are buying these things as if they had money to burn. They probably did, but I felt they could have put that money to better use, like saving for their kids' college tuition. Stores that sell useless items

is an example of one way I see people being irresponsible with money.

The second thing that supports my view that people are irresponsible with money is a number of news stories that I've seen about people losing everything because they had bad credit. I've seen stories of people overusing their credit cards or getting second mortgages and finding themselves in a mountain of debt. They then find themselves bankrupt and then losing their house, car, and all the things they dreamed of getting. Their lives were destroyed because they thought they could spend more than they had and felt they had little to worry about. But they ended up losing everything because they were careless with money.

The third thing, of course, is the bad example set for us by the government. They spend a lot of our tax money while pandering to special interests. The results are an over-bloated military, and a large welfare state. The government knows that the world is the most peaceful it has ever been, yet they seem to think that we still need an imperial-sized army and navy. With so many people out of work, it seems as though they're more than happy to support people who are out of work, and are probably keeping them from looking for work again. If the government wants to set a better example, they need to stop spending money frivolously.

So the people of this country are certainly being reckless with their spending. Stores selling useless things continue to be popular. People overuse their credit cards and take out too many mortgages then go bankrupt. The government seemingly encourages this by wasting away taxpayer money on things the country doesn't need. So that's why I believe people are irresponsible with money.

C. Useful Expressions

1. When I go out shopping, I see store selling things few people really need and people buying them all the time.

2. Of course, there's all the money our government wastes in the name of pandering to voters.

3. To my surprise, people who are as old as my parents are buying these things as if they had money to burn.

4. Stores that sell useless items is an example of one way I see people being irresponsible with money.

5. I've seen stories of people overusing their credit cards or getting second mortgages and finding themselves in a mountain of debt.

6. Their lives were destroyed because they thought they could spend more than they had and felt they had little to worry about.

7. The government knows that the world is the most peaceful it has ever been, yet they seem to think that we still need an imperial-sized army and navy.

8. If the government wants to set a better example, they need to stop spending money frivolously.

9. The government seemingly encourages this by wasting away taxpayer money on things the country doesn't need.

**Q101. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Parents should help their children develop skills they will need to live on their own before letting them move out.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Parents do need to help their children develop skills they need to live on their own.

Support 1: Children need to understand that their parents won't always be there for them.

Support 2: Kids want independence when they are older.

Support 3: The sooner kids can learn things, the sooner they can live on their own.

Thesis: Since children need to learn to be independent, I believe that parents need to teach them the skills to make this possible.

B. Model Essay

I do think parents should try to help develop skills they need to live on their own. Parents need to make their children know that they're not going to be there to help them out, so they need to learn these things now. Kids also don't want their parents to do everything for them; they want to feel more independent as they get older. If these things are taught sooner, the kids can leave to live on their own much sooner than when they have to learn them on their own. So, these points will help kids become more independent sooner and more confident in the long run.

First off, parents have to make their kids know that they're not going to be there to help them all through their lives. People get sick and die and those they leave behind need to learn to go on without them. This is especially true with parents because parents know that they're more likely to die before their kids. So parents should give their kids the ability to get along without them so that they when they they die, their kids won't have

to worry about how they're going to live. Therefore, parents should teach their kids the skills for survival now or they'll never get the chance to, leaving their children to kids helpless.

Secondly, kids want to be more independent as they get older. They want to be able to do things for themselves mainly because they feel embarrassed about their parents doting over them. Yet kids feel that they're smart enough to know what's really dangerous and how to handle things themselves. Growing up doesn't just mean the changing of a child's body into an adult's body, it also means growing in knowledge and being able to try things for oneself. This gives the kids confidence and helps them gain the knowledge to move on in the world.

Thirdly, the sooner kids learn these things, the sooner they can get out into the world and live on their own. Often when kids are not learning the things they need to move out on their own, they'll stay at home longer. However, the more they know, the more they can be prodded out of the home to find one of their own. Nowadays, most places require that kids are a certain age before they can live out on their own, but the more they know about living on their own, the more likely they are to move out when they reach this age. So teaching them skills now will pay off greatly for kids later.

So these are the main reasons parents need to prepare their kids to leave home sooner. They won't always be there for them and kids need to know this. Kids want to be more independent and learning how to be more independent will make them feel more grown up and confident. More importantly, the more kids know on how to care for themselves, the more likely they are to move out on their own when the time comes. So that's why parents need to teach their kids the skills to live on their own so that they can live on their own.

C. Useful Expressions

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2. This is especially true with parents because parents know that they're more likely to die before their kids.

3. Therefore, parents should teach their kids the skills for survival now or they'll never get the chance to, leaving their children to kids helpless.

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5. Growing up doesn't just mean the changing of a child's body into an adult's body, it also means growing in knowledge and being able to try things for oneself.

6. Often when kids are not learning the things they need to move out on their own, they'll stay at home longer.

7. Nowadays, most places require that kids are a certain age before they can live out on their own, but the more they know about living on their own, the more likely they are to move out when they reach this age.

8. More importantly, the more kids know on how to care for themselves, the more likely they are to move out on their own when the time comes.

**Q102. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People should go to college even if the tuition is very expensive.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: People should attend college, even if it is expensive.

Support 1: A college education usually opens the doors to a higher income.

Support 2: There are many ways to get assistance to pay for college..

Support 3: A college degree can elevate ones social standing.

Thesis: Since a college education brings more benefits for an individual, I believe that people should attend college despite the cost.

B. Model Essay

I do think people ought to go to college despite the cost of tuition. This is because a college education can increase the amount a person earns per year. There are also low-interest loans people can get to make going to college easier than before. Furthermore, there's the respect one gains from getting a higher education. These are why people should invest in going to college and getting a better education.

The first thing we should consider is that a college education is a proven income raiser. Empirical data from various textbooks show that on the whole, the level of income often correlates with the level of a person's education, with high school dropouts being at the bottom and Ph.D. holders at the top. College graduates earn more than high school grads on that chart. This shows that more education can be a ticket to higher earning employment and social mobility. So a college education is an investment in earning more and becoming richer.

Another thing that we should look at is how much easier it is to get a college education because of the availability of college loans and student aid. These loans typically have a low interest rate and can be paid off over a time during which the borrower can ease into his new job and be able to

save up for the future. These loans can also be put on hold should the student find it difficult to pay them off at the time that they're finding employment. The required payments are low too, allowing for a gradual increase in payments in step with their rising incomes. So student loans today can help in providing the education that can increase incomes and status in society.

Besides their income, people can also raise their social standing in getting a college degree. Many lower income families often crow with pride that their son or daughter was the "first in the family to go to college." They're proud because their family's socioeconomic status is going to rise due to their educated child. On the individual level, college is a springboard into the social circles that will lead to better career opportunities and a wider community of professionals. With a college degree and a larger pool of social contacts, the college graduate can see an increase in the status that he or she has amongst his peers.

So the benefits of getting a college education can justify the high cost that comes with it. The higher a person's education, according to empirical data, the higher their income is. The student loans found today are easy to get, easy to afford, and easy to repay. The level of a college education can also increase a person's social status as they look to gain better employment. That's why people should try to gain a college education because it's an investment in the future.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are also low-interest loans people can get to make going to college easier than before.

2. Empirical data from various textbooks show that on the whole, the level of income often correlates with the level of a person's education, with high school dropouts being at the bottom and Ph.D. holders at the top.

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7. On the individual level, college is a springboard into the social circles that will lead to better career opportunities and a wider community of professionals.

8. That's why people should try to gain a college education because it's an investment in the future.

Q103. If your town was hit by a natural disaster such as an earthquake, what would you do to help your neighbors? Why? Give specific details to develop your essay.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If there was an earthquake in my city, I would help people try to rebuild their homes.

Support 1: First of all, I have some excellent carpentry skills and this would be good practice to improve my skills.

Support 2: The next reason I would do this is that I have a good relationship with my neighbors and we would do many things for each other.

Support 3: This comes to a philosophical belief that I have that, in good times and bad, neighbors must always be there for each other.

Thesis: An earthquake would be especially devastating to our community, but I would want to repair and rebuild our homes so that it's less devastating.

B. Model Essay

If there was an earthquake in my city, I would help people try to rebuild their homes. I'm fairly good at carpentry and I think this would help increase my skills. I also know many of my neighbors and I would want to help them as they would want to help me. Finally, I also believe that everyone should help their neighbors in times of crisis such as this. This show of caring is absolutely essential in times of need such as after an earthquake which is why I would help rebuild homes.

First off, I have some excellent carpentry skills and this would be good practice to improve my skills. My father taught me basic carpentry skills, and I really enjoy making things like furniture. I've never built a house, but I have helped in making a new porch and a tool shed which I'm

really proud of. I could loan my skills to those people who wouldn't have homes to go to after an earthquake to give them their homes back. I would then look at pride in the work I've done to give my neighbors' lives back to them.

The next reason I would do this is that I have a good relationship with my neighbors and we would do many things for each other. There's a really nice elderly lady that lives next door to me and I help her quite often with shopping and caring for her pets. She often gives me pies and cookies in return for my kindness. If I could rebuild her house after an earthquake, it would probably be the type of kindness she would have never expected me to perform. So my neighbors would always count on me if I could help rebuild their houses.

This comes to a philosophical belief I have, that in good times and bad, neighbors must always be there for each other. I come from a small community where neighbors know and trust each other. We care for each others children and we are always honest when conducting business. We also trust one another when we cannot return or pay for things right away, because we know when someone's out of work or having trouble with bills. We also help out when our school, church, or other community centers need help with money. We pitch in, we donate, and we do what we can for each other, and my rebuilding of houses would be in that spirit.

An earthquake would be especially devastating to our community, but I would want to repair and rebuild our homes so that it's less devastating. My carpentry skills would be put to good use and even improve. My neighbors would expect me to step up and do this for them. And my community is one where we all stick together and help each other out. That's why, in case of an earthquake, I would volunteer to rebuild my neighbors' homes.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Finally, I also believe that everyone should help their neighbors in times of crisis such as this.
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2. My father taught me basic carpentry skills, and I really enjoy making things like furniture.

3. I could loan my skills to those people who wouldn't have homes to go to after an earthquake to give them their homes back.

4. There's a really nice elderly lady that lives next door to me and I help her quite often with shopping and caring for her pets.

5. If I could rebuild her house after an earthquake, it would probably be the type of kindness she would have never expected me to perform.

6. We care for each other's children and we are always honest when conducting business.

7. We pitch in, we donate, and we do what we can for each other, and my rebuilding of houses would be in that spirit.

8. My carpentry skills would be put to good use and even improve.

9. That's why, in case of an earthquake, I would volunteer to rebuild my neighbors' homes.

Q104. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is wrong to test beauty products, medical products, or food products on animals. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that testing beauty, medical, and food products on animals is wrong.

Support 1: The first thing we need to remember is that animals do not have the same biological systems as humans.

Support 2: The next thing we need to remember is that animals have nervous systems and consciousness.

Support 3: The last thing we need to remember is that we now have the technology and science that makes animal testing less necessary now than it has ever been.

Thesis: So, animal testing should be done away with for these simple reasons.

B. Model Essay

I agree that testing beauty, medical, and food products on animals is wrong. First off, animals do not have the same kind of physiology as humans so there's no guarantee that it even bears good results. Secondly, animals feel pain and can suffer just as acutely as we can. Thirdly, technology has advanced to the point that tests on living beings are becoming unnecessary. So testing products on animals are, or should be, considered cruel, immoral, and unnecessary.

The first thing we need to remember is that animals do not have the same biological systems as humans. Many animals have different diets than us because they cannot digest many of the same things we eat. They also have different chemical compositions in their blood and internal

organs. This is important to note because the products these animals have tested on them often have a pH balance that is specifically meant for human consumption. If an animal is forced into contact with these items, they could do some serious damage to their organs. The possibility that an animal can get seriously ill from product testing is the first reason that animal testing is wrong.

The next thing we need to remember is that animals have nervous systems and consciousness, just like we do, so they can feel pain and can suffer. This is part of the instinct mechanism that every living thing has, both animals and people. Animals know that pain equals danger and death, just like we do, so they react in the way we would react when we're in pain. Ultimately, we have learned that inflicting pain on our fellow human beings is wrong and why torture has been outlawed in most of the civilized world. This is what animal testing essentially is: torture. If we inflict pain on animals simply for our benefit, we are torturing them for pleasure, and that is morally disgusting.

The last thing we need to remember is that we now have the technology and science that makes animal testing less necessary now than it has ever been. We have medical practices that allow for non-intrusive tests, such as the sampling of products on human blood samples. We can also use computer simulations that show the reaction of the chemical mixes being tested on human chemistry. This is how medicines are made today and they can certainly make other consumables, such as cosmetics, in a similar manner. This has to be a very good reason why animal testing should be abandoned, it's obsolete.

So animal testing should be done away with for these simple reasons. Animals have different systems than we do, so things made for humans could adversely affect them. Animals have feelings and pain receptors, so they can feel just as much as we can. And technology is making animal testing so unnecessary, that it shouldn't even be going on now. That's why I believe that animal testing is wrong.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First off, animals do not have the same kind of physiology as humans so there's no guarantee that it even bears good results.

2. Thirdly, technology has advanced to the point that tests on living beings are becoming unnecessary.

3. Many animals have different diets than us because they cannot digest many of the same things we eat.

4. This is important to note because the products these animals have tested on them often have a pH balance that is specifically meant for human consumption.

5. The possibility that an animal can get seriously ill from product testing is the first reason that animal testing is wrong.

6. Animals know that pain equals danger and death, just like we do, so they react in the way we would react when we're in pain.

7. If we inflict pain on animals simply for our benefit, we are torturing them for pleasure, and that is morally disgusting.

8. We have medical practices that allow for non-intrusive tests, such as the sampling of products on human blood samples.

9. This is how medicines are made today and they can certainly make other consumables, such as cosmetics, in a similar manner.

10. Animals have different systems than we do, so things made for humans could adversely affect them.

Q105. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents have the most influence on their children's future. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I do not think that children's futures are mostly influenced by their parents.

Support 1: The first thing we need to remember is that kids are probably more susceptible to stress than adults are and might even chafe under the pressure that their parents can put them under.

Support 2: Another thing we must remember is that kids are often adverse to their parents' mindsets.

Support 3: We also need to remember that children need to start making their own decisions so that they can lead their own lives.

Thesis: That's why I disagree with the idea that children's futures are influenced by their parents.

B. Model Essay

I do not think that children's futures are mostly influenced by their parents. First off, parents who try to push their kids to succeed will more often than not cause their kids to burn out and possibly fail. Also, children are naturally adverse towards their parents' viewpoints. Lastly, children need to learn things and try things themselves. So parents don't decide their kids' futures, the kids do.

The first thing we need to remember is that kids are probably more susceptible to stress than adults are and might even chafe under the pressure that their parents can put them under. Their parents apply them to a number of extra classes, sports, and tutoring programs trying to get them to be some sort of super-student. However, the students themselves may not want to take these classes and activities and they may find it hard to

keep an interest up in them. Yet they continue with them because their parents pressure them to continue. This can lead to increased anxiety, lower self-esteem, early onset hypertension (high blood pressure), and depression. So this increased pressure could actually be a counter-influence to their parents' influence.

Another thing we must remember is that kids are often adverse to their parents' mindsets. If we recall our own childhood experiences, we will remember we started to gain a mind of our own, we often started to think that some of our parents' thinking was wrong. So kids will often be rebellious towards their parents and will often refuse to believe that they're acting in our best interests. This is how most of us have gotten grounded as kids and teens and why we often feel resentful towards them. So we don't become influenced by our parents because we oppose our parents, so it's likely that other kids will also go against their parents' influence.

We also need to remember that children need to start making their own decisions so that they can lead their own lives. Children don't need pressure to succeed or structured activities, they need the chance to make choices. Parents don't realize that if they want their children to succeed, they need to experience success and failure for themselves. If parents let them decide on their own activities and interests, they can watch them succeed on their own and say that they did it by themselves. Children gain success by themselves, not because their parents gave them that success.

So those are why I disagree with the statement above. Parents who try to influence their kids will just put more pressure on them than a kid should ever experience. Children will also eventually go against their parents and rebel. Finally, kids get their own success, they don't get it from their parents. That's why I disagree with the idea that children's futures are influenced by their parents.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Their parents apply them to a number of extra classes, sports, and tutoring programs trying to get them to be some sort of super-student.
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2. Their parents apply them to a number of extra classes, sports, and tutoring programs trying to get them to be some sort of super-student.

3. So this increased pressure could actually be a counter-influence to their parents' influence.

4. If we recall our own childhood experiences, we will remember we started to gain a mind of our own, we often started to think that some of our parents' thinking was wrong.

5. This is how most of us have gotten grounded as kids and teens and why we often feel resentful towards them.

6. Children don't need pressure to succeed or structured activities, they need the chance to make choices.

7. If parents let them decide on their own activities and interests, they can watch them succeed on their own and say that they did it by themselves.

8. Parents who try to influence their kids will just put more pressure on them than a kid should ever experience.

9. That's why I disagree with the idea that children's futures are influenced by their parents.

Q106. If you had the opportunity to live in a remote area by yourself or to live in a crowded neighborhood, where would you choose? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I had to choose between living in a crowded neighborhood or in a remote area, I would choose to live in the remote area.

Support 1: The first reason I would choose to live in a remote area is that I don't like crowds.

Support 2: The second reason is that I find living in a more rural setting to be a lot more relaxing than living in the city.

Support 3: The last reason I would like to live in a remote area is because I would want to experience self-sufficiency like my ancestors.

Thesis: So, living in a remote area has more advantages for me than living in a crowded area.

B. Model Essay

If I had to choose between living in a crowded neighborhood or in a remote area, I would choose to live in the remote area. The first reason is that I don't like crowds. The second reason is that I find living in rural surroundings to be much more relaxing. The last reason is that I can experience self-sufficiency for myself after reading about it. Being in a remote area will help me to relax and to work for myself.

The first reason I would choose to live in a remote area is that I don't like crowds. When I lived in Moscow, I would always have to ride the Metro to work and on very busy days, it would be very crowded. I would always be crushed into these trains with hundreds of people and that would make me feel claustrophobic. On the street, the crowd would always move slower than I like and I would always fret that I would be late for wherever

I would be going. So my aversion towards crowds would be the first reason I would choose to live in a remote area.

The second reason is that I find living in a more rural setting to be a lot more relaxing than living in the city. I enjoy being out in the fresh air and in the woods, where it's quiet and serene. I don't have to worry about noise or bright lights keeping me awake, and I can see wild animals right outside and the stars at night. This is very relaxing and it feels to be more natural and more humane than in the city. So being out in nature would be a better choice for me to live in because of these advantages and that's my second reason for my choice.

The last reason I would live in a remote area is because I would want to experience self-sufficiency like my ancestors. I read Henry David Thoreau's masterpiece, *Walden*. After reading that book, I thought about my own life and how dependent I had become on the institutions that keep us chained to civilizations laws. I think that living in a remote area will help me gain more independence from others and from society's artificial expectations. I would truly be free if I were to live in the woods by myself.

So living in a remote area has more advantages for me than living in a crowded area. This will keep me from having to deal with tightly packed, crowded situations, which I hate. I can find myself in a more relaxed situation than if I did live in the city. Lastly, I can become more self-sufficient and more independent than if I depended on the institutions of the city. Those are the reasons why I would choose to live in a remote area.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The second reason is that I find living in rural surroundings to be much more relaxing.

2. When I lived in Moscow, I would always have to ride the Metro to work and on very busy days, it would be very crowded.

3. On the street, the crowd would always move slower than I like and I

would always fret that I would be late for wherever I would be going.

4. I don't have to worry about noise or bright lights keeping me awake, and I can see wild animals right outside and the stars at night.

5. So being out in nature would be a better choice for me to live in because of these advantages and that's my second reason for my choice.

6. After reading that book, I thought about my own life and how dependent I had become on the institutions that keep us chained to civilizations laws.

7. I would truly be free if I were to live in the woods by myself.

8. This will keep me from having to deal with tightly packed, crowded situations, which I hate.

9. Lastly, I can become more self-sufficient and more independent than if I depended on the institutions of the city.

Q107. If there was one disease you would like to cure, what would it be and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If there was one disease that I would want to cure, I would cure leukemia.

Support 1: Leukemia is a very debilitating form of cancer that makes it very difficult to live a normal life.

Support 2: Leukemia, once a person finds out that he has it, can have a hold on your life because of the treatments and hospital stays that are required to fight this deadly disease.

Support 3: The real reason I want this terrible illness cured is because I have a very close friend that lived with this illness.

Thesis: Leukemia is a disease that no one should ever have to deal with and that's why I would want to cure leukemia.

B. Model Essay

If there was one disease that I would want to cure, than I would want to cure leukemia. The first reason is that leukemia is a debilitating form of cancer that can make it very difficult for people to live. The second reason is that leukemia causes weeks or even months of hospitalization or treatments that are difficult with the patient, especially children. The third reason is personal, I had a friend who had the disease for eighteen months, and she suffered greatly. I would want to cure leukemia because this disease has caused too much suffering for too many, including someone very close to me.

Leukemia is a very debilitating form of cancer that makes it very difficult to live a normal life. Leukemia affects a person's bone marrow, which helps produce white blood cells. These are the cells that fight

infections in our blood. If the bone marrow is cancerous, it cannot produce white blood cells and this can cause severe bruising or even hemophilia when blood does not clot correctly. If left untreated, this could cause more malignant cells into the blood stream, and this can make the person extremely sick. This disease can make a person very sick and can even cause death because their blood is now too bad to keep them healthy.

Leukemia, once a person finds out that they have it, can have a hold on your life because of the treatments and hospital stays that are required to fight this deadly disease. First, there are all the tests that one has to go through to find the source of the cancer, including CT scans, or MRIs. Then you would have to go through very exhausting treatments, including chemotherapy, radiation treatments, or even a bone marrow transplant. These treatments can be exhausting or have side effects like nausea or hair loss. After you're released from the hospital, you would need to go back for more treatments or have to take prescription medicines. So leukemia can control your life which is why it needs to be cured.

The real reason that I want this terrible illness cured is because I have a very close friend that lived with this illness. She had to go through months of chemotherapy and she couldn't go to school for a very long time because the chemo was exhausting her. However, it wasn't working so she needed a bone marrow transplant. Thankfully, we were the same blood type, so I donated. Her recovery was amazing and she thanked me dearly and said that she would do anything for me. Her time with the disease was the worst she ever felt and she hopes no one else will ever have to go through what she went through. I want to help her see that come true.

Leukemia is a disease that no one ever should have to deal with. It makes people live with great pain and debilitating sickness. It can control your life because of the intense nature of its treatment. My friend can attest to this because she lived through it and wouldn't wish it on anyone, not even those she hates. That's why I would want to cure leukemia.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The second reason is that leukemia causes weeks or even months of hospitalization or treatments that are difficult with the patient, especially children.

2. I would want to cure leukemia because this disease has caused too much suffering for too many, including someone very close to me.

3. Leukemia affects a person's bone marrow, which helps produce white blood cells.

4. If the bone marrow is cancerous, it cannot produce white blood cells and this can cause severe bruising or even hemophilia when blood does not clot correctly.

5. This disease can make a person very sick and can even cause death because their blood is now too bad to keep them healthy.

6. First, there are all the tests that one has to go through to find the source of the cancer, including CT scans, or MRIs.

7. After you're released from the hospital, you would need to go back for more treatments or have to take prescription medicines.

8. She had to go through months of chemotherapy and she couldn't go to school for a very long time because the chemo was exhausting her.

9. Her time with the disease was the worst she ever felt and she hopes no one else will ever have to go through what she went through.

10. My friend can attest to this because she lived through it and wouldn't wish it on anyone, not even those she hates.

**Q108. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Every car should run on bio-fuel in the future. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I agree that every car should run on bio-fuel in the future.

Support 1: The amount of oil that is being produced in the world is sharply declining and we can see this in the price of oil now.

Support 2: Another reason that cars need to start running solely on bio-fuel is that the burning of fossil fuels is the leading contributor to global warming.

Support 3: The last reason cars should run on bio-fuel in the future is that oil will soon become prohibitively expensive.

Thesis: Since bio-fuel has many benefits, it should completely replace gasoline in all of our cars in the future.

B. Model Essay

I agree that every car should run on bio-fuel in the future. The first reason is that we are running out of oil in the world. The second reason is that the burning of fossil fuels is the main contributor to climate change. One last reason is that oil is now becoming more expensive because the sources of oil are now running out. So, this dependence on oil needs to be broken because of these facts, and that's why all cars should only run on bio-fuel in the future.

The amount of oil that is being produced in the world is sharply declining and we can see this in the price of oil now. Oil companies are spending more on exploration than actually pumping oil out of the ground because the wells that they've already sunk are pumping out less and less. The world is now being drilled up so much that all these holes are going to erode our planet's mantle and cause numerous sinkholes, earthquakes, and

tidal waves. However, more often than actually finding a strike, they are just finding an empty hole. All this exploration is just wrecking our planet and not getting anything out in return. So, this shows us that oil is running out throughout the world.

Another reason that cars need to start running solely on bio-fuel is that the burning of fossil fuels is the leading contributor to global warming. A large part of this is coal from power plants, but another reason for this is the enormous number of cars on our roads. All these cars give off carbon dioxide, the leading contributor to greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. As the number of communities continues to grow the number of people driving will only increase. If we're going to tackle this problem, we need to start changing the cars that we drive so that our carbon output can be radically reduced.

The last reason cars should all run on bio-fuel in the future is that oil will soon become prohibitively expensive. When cars started to run on gasoline, oil was plentiful and thus it was cheap. However, as it becomes rarer, it's only going to get more expensive. Bio-fuel can become a cheaper alternative, because its raw material, plant material, is always plentiful whenever and wherever crops are grown. Plants can be replaced while oil cannot. With a large number of plant crops growing all over the world, bio-fuel will eventually become the new cheap source of energy.

So those are the reasons why bio-fuel should completely replace gasoline in all of our cars in the future. The amount of oil available in the world is becoming lower and lower and will eventually run out. Bio-fuel is a much cleaner alternative to fossil fuels that increase the amount of carbon dioxide in the air, increasing the problem of global warming. Lastly, the price of gasoline will soon become too expensive to ever be considered a ready source of fuel again. Therefore, we should make all of our cars in the future run on bio-fuel.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The second reason is that the burning of fossil fuels is the main contributor to climate change.

2. So, this dependence on oil needs to be broken because of these facts, and that's why all cars should only run on bio-fuel in the future.

3. Oil companies are spending more on exploration than actually pumping oil out of the ground because the wells that they've already sunk are pumping out less and less.

4. However, more often than actually finding a strike, they are just finding an empty hole.

5. So, this shows us that oil is running out throughout the world.

6. A large part of this is coal from power plants, but another reason for this is the enormous number of cars on our roads.

7. As the number of communities continues to grow the number of people driving will only increase.

8. When cars started to run on gasoline, oil was plentiful and thus it was cheap.

9. With a large number of plant crops growing all over the world, bio-fuel will eventually become the new cheap source of energy.

10. The amount of oil available in the world is becoming lower and lower and will eventually run out.

11. Lastly, the price of gasoline will soon become too expensive to ever be considered a ready source of fuel again.

Q109. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement. People eat too much sugar and salt these days. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I do think people are eating too much sugar and salt today.

Support 1: The sales of pre-prepared and fast food have gone up steadily as more people move into the service industries from labor-intensive work.

Support 2: The sugar that most of us eat ends up being stored in our bodies as fat.

Support 3: We must also see that becoming overweight increases the chances of getting heart disease from an excess of sodium or salt.

Thesis: So, we're seeing the health of the nation being negatively impacted by an increase of sugar and salt consumption.

B. Model Essay

I do think people are eating too much sugar and salt today than in the past. We need to see that people are eating more fast food and processed food because it's convenient and readily available. The majority of fat produced by the human body comes from the sugar that is not burned by the body through exercise. Lastly, the amount of heart disease has increased and the access of salt and lack of exercise are certainly contributing. We might like things that are sweet or salty, but we really should be avoiding these foods.

The sales of pre-prepared and fast food has gone up steadily as more people move into the service industries from labor-intensive work. People are buying and eating more of this because they no longer have time for a healthy home-cooked meal like people had in the past. Unfortunately,

these foods are loaded down with sugar or salt to preserve the flavors and make them more palatable. With an increase of their intake in these kinds of foods, they are also increasing their blood pressure and fat content, making them overweight and susceptible to heart attack or stroke. This loading down of sugar and salt is certainly taking a toll on our health.

The sugar that most of us eat ends up being stored in our bodies as fat. Now this fat can act as a fuel source for our bodies in between meals or when we increase in physical activity. This is because sugar contains a high number of calories. These calories indicate the amount of energy the food gives us. The problem is that in our everyday lives, we don't do a lot of physical activity. We drive instead of walking, and we work behind desks typing things on a computer instead of laboring in fields or factories. So our lack of exercise is making the food we eat become simply excess fat in our bodies, and sugar and salt are the biggest contributors to that.

We must also see that becoming overweight increases the chances of getting heart disease from an excess of sodium, or salt. Sodium increases blood pressure so that when one is resting, their heart is working harder. The harder the heart works, the more the arteries get worn and possibly cause blood clots. This stops blood from flowing freely and leads to a heart attack. Also, we are seeing a rise in heart attacks in our country since we saw the increased availability of instant and fast food. So there's no doubt that our increased intake of sugar and salt is impacting our health.

So we're seeing the health of the nation being impacted by an increase of sugar and salt consumption. People in our country are becoming overweight by eating more convenience foods as a result of our more sedentary lifestyles. Sugar is becoming less processed in people's bodies as a result of less exercise. This salt increase is also contributing to the increase of the number of heart attacks in our country. This is why I feel that people are eating too much sugar and salt these days.

C. Useful Expressions

1. We need to see that people are eating more fast food and processed food because it's convenient and readily available.

2. Lastly, the amount of heart disease has increased and the access of salt and lack of exercise are certainly contributing.

3. People are buying and eating more of this because they no longer have time for a healthy home-cooked meal like people had in the past.

4. With an increase of their intake in these kinds of foods, their also increasing their blood pressure and fat content, making them overweight and susceptible to heart attack or stroke.

5. The problem is that in our everyday lives, we don't do a lot of physical activity.

6. So our lack of exercise is making the food we eat become simply excess fat in our bodies, and sugar and salt are the biggest contributors to that.

7. The harder the heart works, the more the arteries get worn and possibly cause blood clots.

8. Also, we are seeing a rise in heart attacks in our country since we saw the increased availability of instant and fast food.

9. People in our country are becoming overweight by eating more convenience foods as a result of our more sedentary lifestyles.

10. This salt increase is also contributing to the increase of the number of heart attacks in our country.

Q110. Of the books that you haven't read so far, what do you want to read? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would have to say that one book I haven't read yet would be Hard Times by Charles Dickens.

Support 1: The first reason is that Hard Times is the only Dickensian piece I haven't read yet.

Support 2: The second reason is that in my understanding of history, the Victorian era was a period of false façade, where people acted nicely to cover up their inadequacies.

Support 3: I have read just about all of Charles Dickens' other work and I've always felt that his work was the epitome of an era of great literature.

Thesis: So, those are the reasons I wish to read Hard Times by Charles Dickens.

B. Model Essay

I would have to say that one book I haven't read yet would be *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens. I've read many of Dickens' other works, but that was one that I haven't read yet. I always thought of Victorian times as a time of ornamentation and I really like it when a work brushes away the false facade and exposes the truth. Finally, I think in our time of income disparity, that we need to remind ourselves of how the rich exploit the poor. Those are the reasons I would read *Hard Times*.

The first reason is that *Hard Times* is the only Dickensian piece I haven't read yet. I've read most of his classic, such as *Oliver Twist*, *David Copperfield*, and *Great Expectations*. Right now, I rate *Great Expectations* as my favorite. I want to see if *Hard Times* was a better work than *Great*

Expectations. Perhaps I might find more to like about Dickens if I could read the rest of his work.

The second reason was that in my understanding of history, the Victorian era was a period of false facade, where people acted nicely to cover up their inadequacies. People like Dickens wanted to remind people of the world they really lived in, that there were dirty streets, dirty people, and rude behavior. He also wanted to remind us that we were dirty and rude. He reminded us that a lot of people didn't have the luxury of being polite because they were too busy trying to scrap together a living. He wanted to show the rich that they were no different than the poor, and if they thought they were, they were only deluding themselves. So Charles Dickens was an important realist in a time of romantic pretending to the state of affairs of humanity.

I have read just about all of Charles Dickens' other work and I've always felt that his work was the epitome of an era of great literature. My last English teacher always encouraged us to read all of Dickens' work because he believed it would keep us all from acting in an unfair manner towards those who are less fortunate than us. That's what Dickens mainly focused on, the disparity between the rich and the poor and the exploitation of the latter by the former. His work and my teacher's passion for it inspired my views on social justice and my volunteer work on workers' rights and relief efforts for the poor. Dickens made it his life's work to put a light on a side of society few of us ever think about.

So those are the reasons I wish to read *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens. It's the only piece of Dickens that I haven't read yet. Dickens exposes the truth behind the phony facade of the Victorian era. Finally, Dickens spoke greatly about the plight of the poor. Dickens has inspired me and I hope he continues to inspire me.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I've read many of Dickens' other works, but that was one that I haven't read yet.
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2. I always thought of Victorian times as a time of ornamentation and I really like it when a work brushes away the false facade and exposes the truth.

3. I've read most of his classic, such as Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, and Great Expectations.

4. Perhaps I might find more to like about Dickens if I could read the rest of his work.

5. People like Dickens wanted to remind people of the world they really lived in, that there were dirty streets, dirty people, and rude behavior.

6. He wanted to show the rich that they were no different than the poor, and if they thought they were, they were only deluding themselves.

7. My last English teacher always encouraged us to read all of Dickens' work because he believed it would keep us all from acting in an unfair manner towards those who are less fortunate than us.

8. His work and my teacher's passion for it inspired my views on social justice and my volunteer work on workers' rights and relief efforts for the poor.

9. Dickens exposes the truth behind the phony facade of the Victorian era.

10. Dickens has inspired me and I hope he continues to inspire me.

Q111. If you had the opportunity to receive lessons in music or art, which would you choose? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think I would take lessons in art over lessons in music.

Support 1: The first thing is that art is a more relaxing pursuit than music because of the amount of dedication each one requires.

Support 2: The second reason for my choice is that I would have to perform for others when I take music lessons.

Support 3: With art, I can keep my feelings private and only share it with others if I want to.

Thesis: I'm a very private person and I think art lessons will keep my life private as opposed to music lessons.

B. Model Essay

I think that I would take lessons in art over lessons in music. The first reason is that I find art to be a more relaxing pursuit than music. If I take music lessons, I would find that I would have to perform in front of others, something that frightens me. The last thing is that I can let out my feelings in private and only share it if I want to. Art is more private than music and that's why I would pursue that path.

The first thing is that art is a more relaxing pursuit than music because of the amount of dedication each one requires. Music requires hours of practice each day and that practice could go on for years depending on how well they wish to perform and whether or not they want to make it a career. On the other hand, with art, you get to practice as much as you want, whenever you want. There's really no pressure to keep to a schedule or to perform to a set expectation, you just draw, paint, or sculpt to your heart's content. This leads to a more relaxed pastime and is the first reason

I would choose art.

The second reason for my choice is that I would have to perform for others when I take music lessons. Parents always want to see their kids play music when they practice so they put on music recitals for that purpose. I would not enjoy doing anything like that because I have acute stage fright and don't like the idea of being the center of attention. But when I draw, I do it in private, in my own room, away from prying eyes. Therefore, my desire to stay private is a major factor in my choice of art over music.

Speaking of privacy, with art, I can keep my feelings private and only share it with others if I want to. With music, if I play to express my feelings that way, someone will most likely hear me and my feelings won't be mine anymore. But when I draw, I can keep my drawings hidden if I want to and that way my feelings will stay mine. Sometimes I'm too emotional to really want to be around people and drawing can help me cope without drawing attention to myself. So that would be the third reason, I can express myself and keep it to myself.

I'm a very private person and I think art will keep my life private as opposed to music. There would be no pressure to practice according to a schedule for longer than I would want. There would also be no pressure to perform in front of others as part of taking music lessons. Last but not least, I can keep my feelings private while using them in my drawings. I hope that this makes it clear why I would prefer the privacy of art over the public display of music.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I take music lessons, I would find that I would have to perform in front of others, something that frightens me.

2. Art is more private than music and that's why I would pursue that path.

3. Music requires hours of practice each day and that practice could go on for years depending on how well they wish to perform and whether or

not they want to make it a career.

4. On the other hand, with art, you get to practice as much as you want, whenever you want.

5. This leads to a more relaxed pastime and is the first reason I would choose art.

6. I would not enjoy doing anything like that because I have acute stage fright and don't like the idea of being the center of attention.

7. Therefore, my desire to stay private is a major factor in my choice of art over music.

8. With music, if I play to express my feelings that way, someone will most likely hear me and my feelings won't be mine anymore.

9. Sometimes I'm too emotional to really want to be around people and drawing can help me cope without drawing attention to myself.

10. I'm a very private person and I think art will keep my life private as opposed to music.

11. I hope that this makes it clear why I would prefer the privacy of art over the public display of music.

Q112. If you had the opportunity to learn to play a sport, which would you learn? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I had the opportunity to learn to play a sport, I would learn to play golf.

Support 1: My father influenced me greatly over my lifetime and he sometimes played golf when he was younger and still does.

Support 2: Another reason I would want to learn to play golf is that it can convince people that I'm a social climber because golf is seen as a pursuit of the leisurely class.

Support 3: A third reason that golf would be a game I would want to learn is because I can develop relationships on the course.

Thesis: Golf is a game that I would want to learn for practical reasons.

B. Model Essay

If I had the opportunity to learn to play a sport, I would try to learn to play golf. This is because my father says it's a great way to relax and get exercise without straining yourself. Golf can also convince others that I'm a social climber. Lastly, I can meet others and develop relationships while on the golf course. Golf can be a great hobby when I'm older and have a lot of money.

My father influenced me greatly over my lifetime and he sometimes played golf when he was younger and still does. He said that golf was a great form of exercise that doesn't require a lot of strain. He also says that it's a great way to relax outside while engaging in a challenging game that requires both mental and physical acuity. It's certainly enjoyable if someone can just enjoy the game for the game itself. Being outside and exercising while an enjoyable game in enjoyable surroundings is the first

reason I would learn golf.

Another reason I would want to learn to play golf is that it can convince people that I'm a social climber because golf is seen as a pursuit of the leisurely class. Golf has always been known as a pastime of the rich, but it has become more accessible in the last half-century. But still, in order to play, you would need the time to play and if you can find time off of work, you can play. Many people who can find time can afford to go because they may not have to work too long. If I can find the time to play, I can convince others that I'm working my way up the socioeconomic ladder.

A third reason that golf would be a game I would want to learn is that I can develop relationships on the course. Businessmen often meet and make business relationships over a game of golf and friends often play golf together. Regardless of who wins, everyone has a good time and often make deals to do business in the future. Golf for many is not about competition, it's about cooperation. So I would want to socialize while playing golf.

Golf is a game that I would want to learn for practical reasons. It's a great way to relax and exercise at the same time. It can help increase my social standing amongst my peers. And it's a way to formulate friendships and business relationships. That's why I would want to learn to play golf.

C. Useful Expressions

1. This is because my father says it's a great way to relax and get exercise without straining yourself.

2. Lastly, I can meet others and develop relationships while on the golf course.

3. He also says that it's a great way to relax outside while engaging in a challenging game that requires both mental and physical acuity.

4. Being outside and exercising while an enjoyable game in enjoyable surroundings is the first reason I would learn golf.

5. Golf has always been known as a pastime of the rich, but it has become more accessible in the last half-century.

6. If I can find the time to play, I can convince others that I'm working my way up the socioeconomic ladder.

7. Regardless of who wins, everyone has a good time and often make deals to do business in the future.

8. It can help increase my social standing amongst my peers.

**Q113. What is one important skill you have learned at school?
Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think the most important skill I learned at school was to socialize with my peers.

Support 1: When we were children, we began to socialize outside our own families by speaking with children that were the same age as us.

Support 2: Another reason is that quite often, the people you first socialize with as kids will be the people you negotiate and socialize with for the rest of your life.

Support 3: The last reason I would think that socialization is an important skill to learn in school is that at school, we have to learn to deal with people that are different from us.

Thesis: So, when we're at school, the first thing we learn is the skill of socialization.

B. Model Essay

I think the most important skill I learned at school was to socialize with my peers. The first reason I believe this is that as kids, we learned how to negotiate on the playground. The second reason is that many of my classmates then became my classmates later on and some might become my co-workers. The third reason is that we also learn to tolerate the differences between individuals so that we can get along better with people we may not always see eye-to-eye with. These are important factors in my belief that interpersonal communication was the most important skill I learned at school.

When we were children, we began to socialize outside our own families by speaking with children that were the same age as us. Now these interactions are about play and what we want to do and how to do it.

We make up our own rules and we talk over those rules and agree how the game would go. We imagine our toys being alive and we say what those toys are doing. We're negotiating at this stage, it's a skill we learn early on, often in preschool, and it's one we develop all our lives.

Another reason is that quite often, the people you first socialize with as kids will be the people you negotiate and socialize with for the rest of your life. The kids who become your playmates in preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school will often become your circle in middle and high school. Along the way, you negotiate with them and with kids in other circles. The topics can range in anything from who you want to trade lunches with to who you're going to take to prom. These may seem like trivial matters to a mature mind, but at that age, it's business.

These juvenile give-and-takes are our first business deals, and they follow us into the working world.

The last reason I would think that socialization is an important skill to learn in school is that at school, we have to learn to deal with people that are different from us. When we leave our family circles for the first time, we will find children who are radically different from us. Also, we find a new adult in our lives, the teacher, that is now in control of this strange place that we must now find our place in. Along the way, we have disagreements, arguments, fights. But the teacher is our first mediator, helping find a common resolution, giving comfort for being wronged, giving punishments to the wrongdoers. This is the first instance of finding common ground, finding out things we all like, hate, and can operate with. It's our first societal setting, where we make friendships and make our first deals.

So when we're at school, the first thing we learn is the skill of socialization. We socialize through play and make rules and agree on how to play. We also form our circles in school and those circles evolve into our business circles and working relationships in adulthood. And we learn to negotiate and work with people we wouldn't want anything to do with in school as well. So socializing with others is an extremely important skill I learned at school.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The second reason is that many of my classmates then became my classmates later on and some might become my co-workers.

2. These are important factors in my belief that interpersonal communication was the most important skill I learned at school.

3. We make up our own rules and we talk over those rules and agree how the game will go.

4. We're negotiating at this stage, a skill we learn early on and one we develop all our lives.

5. The kids who become your playmates in preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school will often become your circle in middle and high school.

6. The topics can range in anything from who you want to trade lunches with to who you're going to take to prom

7. These juvenile give-and-takes are our first business deals, and they follow us into the working world.

8. When we leave our family circles for the first time, we will find children who are radically different from us.

9. Along the way, we have disagreements, arguments, fights.

10. It's our first societal setting, where we make friendships and make our first deals.

11. So when we're at school, the first thing we learn is the skill of socialization.

12. Furthermore, we learn to negotiate and work with people we wouldn't

want anything to do with in school as well.

Q114. What is one food you would stop eating for your health? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: One food I would probably stop eating for my health is fried chicken.

Support 1: First off, fried chicken is usually cooked in a lot of fat, and the fat in the chicken is usually enhanced by this.

Support 2: Another thing to consider is that the outside of fried chicken is often made of flour and milk, which contains carbohydrates.

Support 3: Of course, besides introducing high amounts of fat and cholesterol, fried foods like chicken can also introduce a reflux of acid in my stomach.

Thesis: There are many ways fried chicken can be bad for you so that's why I would give up fried chicken in the name of health.

B. Model Essay

One food I would probably stop eating for my health is fried chicken. One reason is that it's cooked in a lot of fat that could lead to heart disease. The fat could also lead to obesity. Also, the spices and frying could lead to chronic heartburn or ulcers. So, fried chicken is one food I'll readily give up to improve my health.

First off, fried chicken is usually cooked in a lot of fat, and the fat in the chicken is usually enhanced by this. Chicken fat is often a saturated fat and the oil it's cooked in would often be a saturated fat as well, unless a lower fat cooking oil is used. This fat translates itself into cholesterol that travels through the blood stream. However, this cholesterol will often leave itself in the form of plaque that sticks to the walls of arteries and that narrows the flow of blood, which can lead to a heart attack or stroke. This high fat content would be a catalyst for me to stop eating fried chicken.

Another thing to consider is that the outside of fried chicken is often made of flour and milk, which contain carbohydrates. Combine that with the cooking and chicken fat and it is stored in your body as fat. If a person doesn't exercise regularly, this will lead to weight gain and eventually to obesity. This is the biggest health concern today, people eating too much fat and gaining weight as a result of a more sedentary lifestyle. So, fried chicken would be cut out as I would try to keep from being another statistic in the obesity wars.

Of course besides introducing high amounts of fat and cholesterol, fried foods like chicken can also introduce a reflux of acid in my stomach. This can lead to indigestion, heartburn, and prolonged reflux can also lead to ulcers. These are very painful and can lead to other problems down the line. Many fried chicken recipes also use a great amount of spices which can also exacerbate the problem of acid reflux. So the increase of acid in my stomach would be the third reason I would give up fried chicken.

There are many ways fried chicken can be bad for you. It can increase cholesterol and lead to a heart attack. It can lead to an increase in fat from the carbohydrates and fat in the chicken. Finally, the spices and the fact that it is fried could increase the likelihood of developing an ulcer. That's why I would give up fried chicken in the name of health.

C. Useful Expressions

1. One reason is that it's cooked in a lot of fat that could lead to heart disease.

2. So, fried chicken is one food I'll readily give up to improve my health.

3. Chicken fat is often a saturated fat and the oil it's cooked in would often be a saturated fat as well, unless lower fat cooking oil is used.

4. This high fat content would be a catalyst for me to stop eating fried chicken.

5. If a person doesn't exercise regularly, this will lead to weight gain and

eventually to obesity.

6. So, fried chicken would be cut out as I would try to keep from being another statistic in the obesity wars.

7. This can lead to indigestion, heartburn, and prolonged reflux can also lead to ulcers.

8. Many fried chicken recipes also use a great amount of spices which can also exacerbate the problem of acid reflux.

9. There are many ways fried chicken can be bad for you.

10. Finally, the spices and the fact that it is fried could increase the likelihood of developing an ulcer.

Q115. If you had the opportunity to meet one of your long lost friends or relatives, who would it be and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: One person I hope to meet again after a long time is my cousin Lance.

Support 1: The first thing I would ask him about is what his family did while he was in Indonesia.

Support 2: The next thing I would want to find out is if he was able to find a girlfriend in a culture that is practically the opposite of our own.

Support 3: The last thing I would want to do is hang out with him and see what he likes and what we have in common.

Thesis: My cousin Lance is someone I haven't seen in years and I want to see if he can meet me after years of missionary work.

B. Model Essay

One food I would probably stop eating for my health is fried chicken. One reason is that it's cooked in a lot of fat that could lead to heart disease. The fat could also lead to obesity. Also, the spices and frying could lead to chronic heartburn or ulcers. So, fried chicken is one food I'll readily give up to improve my health.

First off, fried chicken is usually cooked in a lot of fat, and the fat in the chicken is usually enhanced by this. Chicken fat is often a saturated fat and the oil it's cooked in would often be a saturated fat as well, unless a lower fat cooking oil is used. This fat translates itself into cholesterol that travels through the blood stream. However, this cholesterol will often leave itself in the form of plaque that sticks to the walls of arteries and that narrows the flow of blood, which can lead to a heart attack or stroke. This

high fat content would be a catalyst for me to stop eating fried chicken.

Another thing to consider is that the outside of fried chicken is often made of flour and milk, which contain carbohydrates. Combine that with the cooking and chicken fat and it is stored in your body as fat. If a person doesn't exercise regularly, this will lead to weight gain and eventually to obesity. This is the biggest health concern today, people eating too much fat and gaining weight as a result of a more sedentary lifestyle. So, fried chicken would be cut out as I would try to keep from being another statistic in the obesity wars.

Of course besides introducing high amounts of fat and cholesterol, fried foods like chicken can also introduce a reflux of acid in my stomach. This can lead to indigestion, heartburn, and prolonged reflux can also lead to ulcers. These are very painful and can lead to other problems down the line. Many fried chicken recipes also use a great amount of spices which can also exacerbate the problem of acid reflux. So the increase of acid in my stomach would be the third reason I would give up fried chicken.

There are many ways fried chicken can be bad for you. It can increase cholesterol and lead to a heart attack. It can lead to an increase in fat from the carbohydrates and fat in the chicken. Finally, the spices and the fact that it is fried could increase the likelihood of developing an ulcer. That's why I would give up fried chicken in the name of health.

C. Useful Expressions

1. He and his family moved to Indonesia when I was in sixth grade and I haven't seen him in the last six years.

2. I would also want to know if he was able to find a girlfriend in a culture radically different from our own.

3. I once heard that missionaries find their work fulfilling, was they help people, make new friends, and teach about God and the like.

4. I would also ask him about some of the things that his parents did as

missionaries and if he had any good memories from his time there.

5. I am always shy around girls and I have always looked for someone help me out in that area.

6. If he had a girlfriend in Indonesia, I would be really impressed, because Indonesia is known to be very repressed and protective of its children, especially its girls.

7. I have a group of friends that I like to hang out with and I would try to introduce him to them.

8. However, I'm sure that since we're all in the same age group, we'll find some common ground.

9. I really hope that my cousin, my friends, and I could have a lot of good times together.

10. I would want to ask him how life as a missionary treated him and if it's something he'd recommend to anyone.

11. In conclusion, I hope to see my cousin Lance again because he hasn't seen me in six years.

Q116. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Today, people have a poorer diet than people had in the past. Why or why not? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I do not believe that people have a poorer diet than in the past.

Support 1: First off, before there was readily available processed food, or even farming, people had to rely on eating whatever they caught or whatever they could forage.

Support 2: Secondly, we should remember that back in the time of feudalism, most of the people in our family tree would have been starving.

Support 3: One last thing that we should consider is that the food people ate just a century ago could have been rotten and killed them.

Thesis: So, when we look at the history of food, we can see that our diet is a lot better than the diets of our ancestors.

B. Model Essay

I do not believe that people have a poorer diet than in the past. This belief comes from historical myopia and if we look to the past with an objective mind, we find that we actually eat better than our ancestors did. First off, people could only eat what was readily available to them, which wasn't much. Second, a majority of people in the middle ages would be starving at the level of the majority of us today, when we have more readily available food. Thirdly, there was a greater chance that the food our ancestors ate would kill them than the food we eat today. So when people complain about fast food, processed food, and preserved food, we need to stop and think about when the options were nearby food, spoiled food, or no food.

First off, before there was readily available processed food, or even farming, people had to rely on eating whatever they caught or whatever they can forage. Their livelihood depended on the seasons and the migration patterns of animals, which meant that only certain types of food were available to them. And often, usually during the winter months, they would have to hoard what they could because winter meant a practical fast if not downright starvation. This was because hunter gatherers could only go out to a certain distance and didn't have the great variety of food that we have today. So if you think about it, we have a cornucopia of nutrition compared to our earliest ancestors, because they didn't know how to package or increase the longevity of food.

Secondly, we should remember that back in the time of feudalism, most of the people in our family tree would have been starving. The people we would have been related too would have only what the feudal lords of the day would allow them to have in exchange for living on their estates. Most of the time, it was just bread and a few vegetables, while the lords feasted greatly on meat just about everyday. Compared to that, the average person today has a lot more food than the average person centuries ago. So we should actually be thankful for all the food we have today.

One last thing that we should consider is that the food people ate just a century ago could have been rotten and could have killed them. In the days before refrigeration, food was often stored in salt or in boxes. The salt didn't always preserve the food correctly and it would still spoil. Also, before safe packing standards, food packers would use unsanitary methods in order to maximize profits. This led to the creation of such diseases as *E.coli* and salmonella, which are easily avoidable today. So food back then was often a life or death gamble.

So, when we look at the history of food, we can see that our diet is a lot better than the diets of our ancestors. We don't have to worry about finding food that we could cultivate or catch close to us because now, there's packaging and modern farming. We are also able to get more food than in feudal days because we decide how much we can eat, not some lord on high. And we now have safer food and preservation abilities not

available merely a hundred years ago. This is why I disagree with the idea that people's diets are worse today than in the past.

C. Useful Expressions

1. This belief comes from historical myopia and if we look to the past with an objective mind, we find that we actually eat better than our ancestors did.

2. So when people complain about fast food, processed food, and preserved food, we need to stop and think about when the options were nearby food, spoiled food, or no food.

3. Their livelihood depended on the seasons and the migration patterns of animals, which meant that only certain types of food were available to them.

4. This was because hunter gatherers could only go out to a certain distance and didn't have the great variety of food that we have today.

5. The people we would have been related too would have only what the feudal lords of the day would allow them to have in exchange for living on their estates.

6. Compared to that, the average person today has a lot more food than the average person centuries ago.

7. In the days before refrigeration, food was often stored in salt or in boxes.

8. Also, before safe packing standards, food packers would use unsanitary methods in order to maximize profits.

9. So, when we look at the history of food, we can see that our diet is a lot

better than the diets of our ancestors.

10. We don't have to worry about finding food that we could cultivate or catch close to us because now, there's packaging and modern farming

Q117. If there is one food you haven't tried but would like to, what is it? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If there's a food that I would be curious about trying, that would have to be swordfish.

Support 1: First off, I have always enjoyed seafood.

Support 2: Secondly, a swordfish would be extremely difficult to find and catch because it can only be fished in certain parts of the world.

Support 3: The last thing that attracts me to swordfish is that it is probably the best large fish that's able to be cooked.

Thesis: So, I would want to try swordfish for these reasons.

B. Model Essay

If there's a food that I would be curious about trying, that would have to be swordfish. This is because I find most forms of seafood to be the best thing to be produced in a kitchen. Also, swordfish is hard to catch because it is a large species of game fish that can only be found in certain parts of the world. Swordfish is also the best large fish for cooking and it being served in a restaurant is a beautiful sight. So swordfish is one type of food that I would really want to try.

First off, I have always enjoyed seafood. I've always liked a plate of shrimp or a grilled salmon steak. Some of the best dishes I've ever had included shrimp scampi, blackened sea bass, and crab legs, all of them difficult to make seafood dishes. Grilled swordfish would be another great seafood dish to indulge in if I could get the chance to have it. As a seafood lover, I would absolutely travel a long way for a grilled swordfish dinner.

Secondly, a swordfish would be extremely difficult to find and catch because it can only be fished in certain parts of the world. They're difficult

to catch because they're big. They can weigh up to 650 kilograms and be three meters long. They also live in deep, warmer waters, so you would have to have some extra large equipment to go after one of these monsters. It can also be a dangerous fish to be around because of its sharpened, bony bill, its namesake "sword" which if you're not careful could impale you. However, this is among one of the most prized sport fish to go after and catching one will have you recognized as one of the great anglers of the world.

The last thing that attracts me to swordfish is that it is probably the best large fish that's able to be cooked. The meat is very firm and juicy and is best for grilling. The best way to prepare it is to marinate it in lemon juice and herbs. When grilled, it looks nice and white with a hint of orange. People I have talked to say it tastes absolutely fantastic served with a side salad. Thinking about it causes me to salivate and I absolutely would want to try this fish.

So I would want to try swordfish for these reasons. It's a kind of seafood I haven't tried and I absolutely love seafood. It's a very hard to find and hard to catch fish that would be exciting to try to eat. Lastly, it's a fish that would absolutely taste, according to the people I've talked to about it. That's why swordfish is a food I haven't tried, but would like to.

C. Useful Expressions

1. This is because I find most forms of seafood to be the best thing to be produced in a kitchen.

2. Swordfish is also the best large fish for cooking and it being served in a restaurant is a beautiful sight.

3. Some of the best dishes I've ever had included shrimp scampi, blackened sea bass, and crab legs, all of them difficult to make seafood dishes.

4. As a seafood lover, I would absolutely travel a long way for a grilled swordfish dinner.

5. They can weigh up to 650 kilograms and be three meters long.

6. However, this is among one of the most prized sport fish to go after and catching one will have you recognized as one of the great anglers of the world.

7. The meat is very firm and juicy and is best for grilling.

8. People I have talked to say it tastes absolutely fantastic served with a side salad.

9. It's a very hard to find and hard to catch fish that would be exciting to try to eat.

10. That's why swordfish is a food I haven't tried, but would like to.

Q118. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? College education should be free. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I do not agree that college should be free.

Support 1: The first thing that would happen if college was free is that it would have to be entirely government funded and that of course would lead to higher taxes.

Support 2: Another thing that would happen as a consequence of government-funded college education is that the government would dictate to colleges what they can or can't teach.

Support 3: Finally, we have to understand that colleges often rely on the tuition and other fees that students put into the college's treasury.

Thesis: College is an important part of life for many people and they ought to understand that their money is well spent.

B. Model Essay

I do not agree that college should be free. The first reason is that it would have to be paid for by the government. That would cause two things to happen, taxes would go up and the government would censor what gets taught there. Lastly, college operations depend on the fees that students pay to learn there, along with the grants from other sources. So, it would be unfair to assume that a college education should be free.

The first thing that would happen if college was free was that it would have to be entirely government funded and that of course leads to higher taxes. This would cause unrest amongst the populace, especially by those who believe that a college education isn't necessary. These people are generally social conservatives who decry the government for being too big

are too intrusive in their daily lives. They hate taxation because they see it as a form of extortion or slavery, despite the necessity of it. When the taxes go up, they begin protest marches and even start becoming anti-government terrorists. This cycle of anger and violence could be the first unintentional consequence of free college.

Another thing that would happen as a consequence of government-funded college education is that the government would dictate to colleges what they can or can't teach. When a government dictates these terms, it's known as censorship and it can hinder intellectual freedom and critical discussion. College should be a place of enlightened thought and honest debate. If the government takes over, these could be restricted to the discussion of the party line, with little to no dissent allowed. This is the opposite of education, this is indoctrination. A government funded education would not be education at all.

Finally, we have to understand that colleges often rely on the tuition and other fees that students put into the college's treasury. Even though they may have other sources of funding such as alumni grants or subsidies, these are often non-guaranteed sources of revenue. However, the business of education means a guaranteed source of revenue that guarantees funds for the day-to-day operation of the college. Without this, the school could not pay professors or other staff and they couldn't gain student comforts like food or board. So the college is dependent on its students putting in the money that they need so that their students can have a great education and a great student life.

College is an important part of life for many people and they ought to understand that their money is well-spent. It's well-spent because it keeps taxes low. It's also well-spent because it keeps their education from being dictated from on high. And it's well-spent because it assures that the school runs efficiently and that its professors are happily paid. That's why I disagree with the argument that college should be free.

C. Useful Expressions

1. That would cause two things to happen, taxes would go up and the

government would censor what gets taught there.

2. So, it would be unfair to assume that a college education should be free.

3. This would cause unrest amongst the populace, especially by those who believe that a college education isn't necessary.

4. They hate taxation because they see it as a form of extortion or slavery, despite the necessity of it

5. This cycle of anger and violence could be the first unintentional consequence of free college.

6. When a government dictates these terms, it's known as censorship and it can hinder intellectual freedom and critical discussion.

7. If the government takes over, these could be restricted to the discussion of the party line, with little to no dissent allowed.

8. A government funded education would not be education at all.

9. Even though they may have other sources of funding such as alumni grants or subsidies, these are often non-guaranteed sources of revenue.

10. Without this, the school could not pay professors or other staff and they couldn't gain student comforts like food or board.

11. It's well-spent because it keeps taxes low.

Q119. If there is a habit you would like to quit, what is it? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: A habit I would like to break is procrastinating, or putting things off to a later time.

Support 1: The first reason I would try to stop procrastinating is that it often leads me into the all too common situation of staring at a deadline for a long established task or project.

Support 2: Another reason I would try to stop procrastinating is because I could be seen as lazy or idle when there's work to be done.

Support 3: An important reason I would try to kick the procrastinating habit is that it causes me to put off making difficult or unpleasant decisions.

Thesis: So, the habit of procrastinating is something I really should try to break for many reasons.

B. Model Essay

A habit I would like to break is procrastinating, putting things off until a later time. This can often lead me to rush through a project or task because it needed to be done by a certain time. It can also portray me as lazy, or someone who likes to keep from having to do any work. It would also help me in making tough decisions and to committing myself. Therefore, learning not to procrastinate would make me more respectable in the eyes of my peers.

The first reason I would try to stop procrastinating is that it often leads me into the all too common situation of staring at a deadline for a long established task or project. When I'm given an assignment, and it's not due for weeks or even months, I find myself not worrying too much about starting right away. Then this will extend and I would keep telling myself

that there's plenty of time to do it. Then I might start it about halfway through the deadline, but not really work on it too closely because I think there's still plenty of time. However, then time catches up with me and I have to rush to get my project done. I want to avoid that period of sudden rushing that comes with my habit of procrastination.

Another reason I would try to stop procrastinating is because I could be seen as lazy or idle when there's work to be done. Everyone I know has told me that putting off work is something that is frowned upon in our society, which values discipline and commitment. If I display myself as someone who likes to wait until the last possible moment to complete a task that should have been completed before, I will not get any respect from anyone in my community. Then I can build up my new hard-working reputation by tackling each task I need to do with a sense of purpose. I don't want to be seen as lazy, so I would try to kick the procrastinating habit.

An important reason I would try to kick the procrastinating habit is that it causes me to put off making difficult or unpleasant decisions. This is how I started procrastinating, by telling myself that if I wait for a little bit, things would be clearer and making the decision would be easier. As soon as I started thinking that, I found that it was easier to think that way than to swallow the bitter pill of making a difficult decision. Pretty soon, I found myself putting off difficult decisions and difficult tasks until later. The downside was that my girlfriend said that I was uncommitted to things and she broke up with me. Hopefully, becoming a non-procrastinator will also help me become a better decision maker.

So the habit of procrastinating is something I really should try to break for many reasons. I would stop having to rush to finish a project before it's due. I would stop being seen as being lazy when my neighbors are more disciplined and hard-working. And it will help me commit to making difficult decisions. That's why I would try to stop procrastinating.

C. Useful Expressions

1. It can also portray me as lazy, or someone who likes to keep from

having to do any work.

2. Therefore, learning not to procrastinate would make me more respectable in the eyes of my peers.

3. When I'm given an assignment, and it's not due for weeks or even months, I find myself not worrying too much about starting right away.

4. However, then time catches up with me and I have to rush to get my project done.

5. Everyone I know has told me that putting off work is something that is frowned upon in our society, which values discipline and commitment.

6. Then I can build up my new hard-working reputation by tackling each task I need to do with a sense of purpose.

7. This is how I started procrastinating, by telling myself that if I wait for a little bit, things would be clearer and making the decision would be easier.

8. Pretty soon, I found myself putting off difficult decisions and difficult tasks until later.

9. Hopefully, becoming a non-procrastinator will also help me become a better decision maker.

Q120. Which family member do you have the closest relationship with? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The family member that I have the closest relationship with is my cousin Mark.

Support 1: The first reason we're so close is that we have the same birthday.

Support 2: Another reason that we're close is because we both lost our fathers when we were really young.

Support 3: The last reason we're so close is that we both play baseball on the same team.

Thesis: So, my cousin Mark is the closest person to me in my family.

B. Model Essay

The family member I have the closest relationship with is with my cousin Mark. The first reason I would say I'm closest to him is because we have the same birthday. Another reason is that we both lost our fathers at a very young age and our mothers are very close to each other. The last reason we're so close is because we both play baseball on the same team. My cousin Mark is as close to me more than anyone else in my life because we've been together for the longest time that we can remember.

The first reason we're so close is that we have the same birthday. We were actually born on the same day, so in a way, we were destined to be close. When our birthday comes around, our moms get together and let us have a party with all of our friends. Our parties are always great because when the cake comes out for the two of us, all of the guests think that we're twins. But we always tell them that we're cousins and they all think that it was neat that we had the same birthday and that we are the same age

and that has made us very close.

Another reason that we're close is because we both had lost our fathers when we were really young. Our mothers are sisters and when both of their husbands died (my father died first), they turned to each other for comfort. When my uncle died, my aunt and Mark moved into our home town so that she could find work and to be close to my mother for support. The two of them would have us play together while they talked and helped each other in various ways. When my aunt found a job, my mom introduced her to our daycare. So we would play together a lot and we found out that we shared the same birthday. That was how we became close, because we shared the same tragedy and the same road to transition.

The last reason we're so close is that we both play baseball on the same team. This was part of my mother's attempts to help my cousin and aunt adjust to life in our town. She introduced us to one of the town's baseball coaches and we tried out together. He was impressed with our teamwork and even asked if we were brothers. When we told him that we were cousins, we laughed out loud and welcomed us to the team. We were really proud of ourselves that day and since then, we've always played well together.

So my cousin Mark is the closest person to me in my family. We both share a birthday and we always have a great party together. We both lost our fathers and our mothers helped each other cope and got us to become friends when they went through those difficult times. And we played baseball on the same team because we were able to create such great teamwork with each other. That's why the family member I'm closest to is my cousin Mark.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Another reason is that we both lost our fathers at a very young age and our mothers are very close to each other

2. My cousin Mark is as close to me more than anyone else in my life because we've been together for the longest time that we can remember.

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3. We were actually born on the same day, so in a way, we were destined to be close.

 4. Our parties are always great because when the cake comes out for the two of us, all of the guests think that we're twins.

 5. When my uncle died, my aunt and Mark moved into our home town so that she could find work and to be close to my mother for support.

 6. When my aunt found a job, my mom introduced her to our daycare.

 7. That was how we became close, because we shared the same tragedy and the same road to transition.

 8. This was part of my mother's attempts to help my cousin and aunt adjust to life in our town.

 9. He was impressed with our teamwork and even asked if we were brothers.

How to Write an Essay: Outline

Outline your argument and ideas in the following way so that you can easily form an introduction paragraph. In order to write an essay in 25-30 minutes, you should train yourself so that you can finish your outlines in 5-10 minutes. Here is how to do so.

Prompt (question): “If you have an opportunity to send your child to study abroad, would you have him/her educated in the US or in your home country?”

- 1. Argument:** I will have my child educated in the United States.
- 2. Support 1:** My child can learn English better.
- 3. Support 2:** My child can experience various languages and cultures.
- 4. Support 3:** My child can play sports.
- 5. Thesis:** Since my child can be better educated in the United States, I will send him/her to study in the United States. (argument+why)

- 1. Argument:** State your argument clearly.
- 2. Support 1:** Give specific reasons and examples.
- 3. Support 2:** Give specific reasons and examples.
- 4. Support 3:** Give specific reasons and examples.

Good writers do not give similar reasons to support their argument. In other words, their three reasons (supports) should be distinguishable from each other.

5. Thesis: Usually a thesis appears in the middle or at the end of the introduction. It has to contain the rephrased main argument (should not be the same as the main argument) + why.

How to Write an Essay 1: Essay Types

In general, there are four types of argumentative (persuasive) essays.

- 1) experience & example
- 2) prefer
- 3) agree/disagree
- 4) compare and contrast or advantages and disadvantages

With the first three essays, it is easier to write a five paragraph essay.

5 paragraph essay (experience & example, prefer, agree/disagree)

Intro – The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Support 1 - The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Support 2 - The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Support 3 - The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Conclusion-The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Sometimes it is easier to write a four paragraph essay.

4 paragraph essay (compare and contrast, advantages and disadvantages)

Intro – The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Advantages-The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Disadvantages-The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

Conclusion-The paragraph should be at least 3-5 sentences.

How to Write an Essay 2: Introduction

Your outline should easily become your introduction without useless words.

1. **Argument:** I will have my child educated in the US.
2. **Support 1:** My child can learn English better.
3. **Support 2:** My child can experience various languages and cultures.
4. **Support 3:** My child can play sports.
5. **Thesis:** Since my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US.
(argument+why)

Remember this? With the above, we can now easily create a complete introduction.

I will have my child educated in the US. There are three reasons for this. First, my child can learn English better. Second, my child can experience various languages and cultures. Third, my child can play sports. Because my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US.

As you see, I only added one sentence to it. It is underlined. Isn't this simple?

How to Write an Essay 3: Body

All we have to do is to write the support and give specific reasons, details, and explanations.

For example,

① First of all, my child can learn English better in the US than in Korea. ② At school, my child will learn various subjects like Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, and Art in English. ③ Doing so, he/she can talk and write about various topics in English. ④ Then after school, my child will converse with others in English. ⑤ his way, he/she will practice conversational English.

To explain, sentence ① is called the “topic sentence” and it contains the most important information. Sentences ②, ③, ④, and ⑤ contains specific examples and details that explain how the child will learn English better. After sentence ⑤, you can write a sentence about your next paragraph. However, this is not required.

Got it? You can write the other two supporting paragraphs the same way. Now, expand the second and the third paragraphs in your own words.

Second of all, my child can experience various languages and cultures in the US. (expand this like paragraph 2 and write at least four more sentences.)

Thirdly, my child can play various sports in the US (expand this like paragraph 2 and write at least four more sentences.).



How to Write an Essay 4: Conclusion

In the conclusion, you have to rephrase, summarize, and conclude. Here, you cannot simply copy the introduction. Instead, be creative.

① US education can benefit my child in many ways.
② My child can master the English language, broaden his horizons, and become more physically strong. ③
Therefore, if I have an opportunity to have my child educated in the US, I will not hesitate to send him abroad.

In sentence ①, I rephrased the main argument.

Introduction -> Conclusion

main argument: I will have my child educated in the US.
-> US education can benefit my child in many ways.

In sentence ②, I summarized the supports.

Supports: My child can learn English better. My child can experience various languages and cultures. My child can play sports. -> My child can master English, broaden his horizons, and become more physically strong.

Point 3: I wrote the conclusion by rephrasing the thesis.

Thesis: As my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US.-> If I have an opportunity to have my child educated in the US, I will

not hesitate to send him abroad.

How to Write an Essay: Sample Essay

If I have the opportunity, I will have my child educated in the US. There are three reasons for this. First, my child can learn English better. Second, my child can experience various languages and cultures. Third, my child can play sports. Since my child can be better educated in the US, I will send him/her to study in the US.

First of all, my child can learn English better in the US than in Korea. At school, my child will learn various subjects like Math, Science, Social Studies, Music, and Art in English. Doing so, he/she can talk and write about various topics in English. Then after school, my child will converse with others in English. This way, he/she will practice conversational English.

Second of all, my child can experience various languages and cultures in the US. Unlike Korea, one can experience many different cultures and languages at a very close distance. For example, if my child wants to learn Vietnamese and their culture, he/she can go to the Vietnamese community and mingle there. If he/she wants to try the Italian cuisine, he/she can visit Little Italy. Moreover, there are many different ethnic festivals and ceremonies that my child can visit locally in the US.

Thirdly, my child can play various sports in the US. Unlike most Korean schools, US schools have excellent

sports facilities. For example, many schools have swimming pools, football fields, basketball gym, tennis courts, and many others. Moreover, these schools encourage students to play sports. However, most Korean schools do not have such fine sports facilities and they discourage students from playing sports.

US education can benefit my child in many ways. My child can master English, broaden his horizons, and become more physically strong. Therefore, if I could have my child educated in the US, I will not hesitate to send him/her abroad.

Q121. Which season—winter, spring, summer, or fall—is your favorite? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Summer is my favorite season.

Support 1: I have a lot of free time in the summer.

Support 2: There's more daylight so I can play longer.

Support 3: The summer is always very warm.

Thesis: Because it's easier to have fun in the summer, I like summer the best.

B. Model Essay

I would have to say that summer is my favorite season of all. First off, it means that school is out and I can do whatever I want. Next, it means that there are more daylight hours to enjoy. And thirdly, summer is a time to enjoy being outside in the warm sunshine. Summer is my favorite season of all because of these reasons.

First of all, summer is when school is out and I can spend all of my time playing both outside and in. My parents encourage me to get out in the sunlight as much as possible and this is fine since my friends and I like to go out together and have a good time. We like to go out and go exploring on our bikes, usually through the woods outside our neighborhood. Of course, it rains quite frequently in the summer as well, so we usually try to hang out in one another's houses. We always have a great time together in the summer, because we have all the time we need to have fun.

Another thing that makes summer my favorite season of all is that there's more daylight hours to enjoy. The sun stays out longer, usually sometime after eight in the evening. This means that there's a lot more

sunshine to be out in and enjoy while going out and having fun. I can go swimming in the sunlight or just lay and get a suntan, so long as I don't do it for too long, I don't want to get burned. The sun is the reason why we go out and it just means we can be out longer during the summer.

The last reason is that it's the warmest time of year for us and we don't get very much warm weather where we come from. For most of the year, it's usually cool and wet or cold and icy. We only have three months of reprieve from the chill and wet and that is summer. When my neighbors and I want to celebrate the summer, we go out, have barbecues, or just sit and talk outside. This is a good thing to do at night, when the heat of the day lingers in the night air. So the warmth of the summer air is a rare treat for us and we relish it when it comes around each year.

So summer is my favorite season of all because it's the time of year that really puts together everything I like to do and experience. There's no school in the summer so we can really have all the fun we want during the day. There's more daylight during the day so there's more day to enjoy. And the warmth of summer is something we only have a limited time to enjoy throughout the rest of the wetter, colder parts of the year for us. That's why summer is my favorite season.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I would have to say that summer is my favorite season of all.

2. My parents encourage me to get out in the sunlight as much as possible, and this is fine since me and my friends like to go out together and have a good time

3. Of course, it rains quite frequently in the summer as well, so we usually try to hang out in one another's houses.

4. I can go swimming in the sunlight or just lay out and get a suntan, so long as I don't do it for too long.

5. We only have three months of reprieve from the chill and wet and that is

summer.

6. This is a good thing to do at night, when the heat of the day lingers into the night air.

7. So the warmth of the summer air is a rare treat for us and we relish it when it comes around each year.

8. So the summer is my favorite season of all because it's the time of year that really puts together everything I like to do and experience.

9. There's no school in the summer so we can really have all the fun we want during the day.

10. And the warmth of summer is something we only have a limited time to enjoy throughout the rest of the wetter, colder parts of the year for us.

Q122. If you could plan the perfect day to spend with your close friends, where would you go and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: A perfect day would include an outing to an island close to my town.

Support 1: We can go swimming all day.

Support 2: We can have a big party without bothering our neighbors.

Support 3: We can spend the night stargazing.

Thesis: Because we can engage in many outdoor activities, my friends and I would have the perfect day at an island.

B. Model Essay

There's a lake with an island in the middle of it north of our town, and I would go there for the perfect day, an all day camp out. It's a great place to go swimming because it's deep and cool. It's a great place to have a cookout or picnic because it's far away from the rest of humanity and we don't have to worry about being noisy to our neighbors. And it's far away from the light of houses and the town, so it's a perfect place to go to sleep under the stars. The perfect day for me would be an overnight camp out to that island.

The first reason why I would plan a perfect day on that island is because it's a great place to go swimming with my friends. The lake is nice and deep around where the island is. There's a place where we can dive right in off of a tire swing we put there. The water is cool and we all have a great time splashing around and playing in the water. We always have a great time when we go out there and go for a long swim around that island.

The second reason a campout there would be a perfect day is that we

could have as big a party we want without anyone being bothered. We could play our music loudly and dance and sing and no one would threaten to call the police on us. We could eat all the food we brought while we chatted loudly with ourselves and no one we would know would try to crash the party. It would just be me, my friends, some great music, and enough food to last us until we left the following morning. That would make it a perfect day, that we could eat and party without worrying about the neighbors.

The last reason I would consider a campout at that island to be perfect would be that we could fall asleep looking at the stars. In the town where we live, we could never have seen the stars because there were so many houses with lights on. We would also only sleep inside with our parents nearby, so there was no sense of adventure. But on the island, with the town so far away, we can see the night sky clearly. We can all gather together, look at the stars and tell each other our wishes and other personal worries to each other as we drift into sleep. The stars always look beautiful and we feel a sense of peace as we stare up at them from our small island.

So that island in the middle of the lake would be where we would spend our perfect day. It's a great place to swim because it's deep, cool, and we can dive in without getting hurt. It's a great place to have a party and cookout because no one is there to threaten to call the cops or to crash the party. It's also a great place to camp because we can see the stars at night, something we could never do at home. That's why a day on that island would be a perfect day.

C. Useful Expressions

1. It's a great place to have a cookout or picnic because it's far away from the rest of humanity and we don't have to worry about being noisy to our neighbors.

2. There's a place where we can dive right in off of a tire swing we put there.

3. We could play our music loud and dance and sing and no one would threaten to call the police on us.

4. We could eat all the food we brought while we chatted loudly with ourselves and no one we would know would try to crash the party.

5. It would just be me, my friends, some great music, and enough food to last us until we left the following morning.

6. That would make it a perfect day, that we could eat and party without worrying about the neighbors.

7. We would also only sleep inside with our parents nearby, so there was no sense of adventure.

8. We can all gather together, look at the stars and tell each other our wishes and other personal worries as we drift off to sleep.

9. The stars always look beautiful and we feel a sense of peace as we stare up at them from our small island.

10. It's a great place to have a party and cookout because no one is there to threaten to call the cops or to crash the party.

Q123. What is the most frightening experience you have ever had in your life? When did it happen and how did you react to it?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The most frightening experience was when I had a run-in with a dog.

Support 1: The dog was a terrifying German Shepard.

Support 2: The dog got loose and chased me.

Support 3: I learned why the dog was so terrifying.

Thesis: Although it turned out to be a really sweet animal, the day a dog got loose and chased me was horrifying.

B. Model Essay

I guess the most frightening experience I ever had in my life was when I ran afoul of a neighbor's dog. This was when my neighbor forgot to lock his gate and the dog started to chase me. I couldn't understand why the dog seemed to hate me and I just started running when he came out of the gate. However, it turned out that I shouldn't have been afraid, because he was afraid too. That frightening experience taught me about how I should handle fear and where fear really comes from.

The dog in question was a German shepherd and when I was little, it looked tough, fierce, and very scary. The dog seemed to bark at me every time I walked by, or tried to walk by. At first, it was just startling; I knew that dogs liked to bark at things that are unfamiliar to them. However, after a while the dog would bark and try to jump over his fence, but it was high enough that the dog couldn't jump over. It seemed to dislike me for some reason and I couldn't understand why, so I would start running past the house.

But then one day, I was running past the house and the gate happened

to be unlocked. The dog was able to run out of the gate and start chasing me. I ran faster than I had ever run in my life. I was able to run all the way home with the dog catching up. My father was able to run out and shoo the dog away. When he asked me about it, I told him that the dog was always barking at me but this was the first time it had ever chased me. My father decided it was time to talk to this individual.

We went back to the house. I was still afraid but my father assured me that nothing would happen. The dog's owner was an elderly man and it was from him that I learned how the dog was more afraid of me. He had adopted the dog from a rescue shelter. He had been abused by his previous owner, who was currently in jail for that abuse. The man explained that even though the dog, whose name I learned was Charlie, was able to learn to trust him, he was still weary around strangers. He introduced me to Charlie and showed me how I could earn his trust. I let Charlie sniff me and lick my hand, and soon, I was able to pet him. He said that his gate lock was broken and he forgot to take Charlie inside and said he was sorry for that. I said it was okay and I learned that sometimes others can be more scared of us than we are of them.

That experienced taught me about perception and trust. Charlie barked at me because he was afraid of me, and in turn, I became afraid of him. When he chased me, he was just following his instinct. It wasn't until we got to know each other that our fear for each other subsided. Charlie and I became friends and we saw each other frequently until he died. I still miss him, because he showed me that fear is only what we perceive it to be.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I guess the most frightening experience I ever had in my life was when I ran afoul of a neighbor's dog.

2. I couldn't understand why the dog seemed to hate me and I just started running when he came out of the gate.

3. The dog in question was a German shepherd and when I was little, it looked tough, fierce, and very scary.

4. However, after a while the dog would bark and try to jump over his fence, but it was high enough that the dog couldn't jump over.

5. It seemed to dislike me for some reason and I couldn't understand why, so I would start running past the house.

6. I was able to run all the way home without the dog catching up.

7. My father was able to run out and shoo the dog away.

8. I was still afraid but my father assured me that nothing would happen.

9. The man explained that even though the dog, whose name I learned was Charlie, was able to learn to trust him, he was still weary around strangers.

10. When he chased me, he was just following his instinct.

Q124. Should a country's government tell its citizens how many children they can have? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: A government should not tell its citizens how many children they can have.

Support 1: The government would be intruding on the privacy of its citizens by doing so.

Support 2: It's not a necessary step in curtailing a large population increase.

Support 3: A globalized economy will assuage the pressures brought on by today's growing society.

Thesis: Because placing a limit on the number of children a couple can have is an unnecessary abuse of power, a government should not interfere in this aspect of its citizens lives.

B. Model Essay

I do not think that a country should tell its citizens how many children they can have. First off, this is an unnecessary intrusion of the government into people's personal lives. Secondly, the birthrate around the world is dropping on its own, because of the increased freedom of women. And finally, with interdependence made possible by global trade, strained resources can be easily supplemented. So the world has adjusted to allow for more children to be born and to live without fear of starvation.

The first argument against the restriction of children to a certain number is that it is an invasion of privacy carried out by an intrusive government. People already perceive their privacy to be under threat by the enormous amount of security and surveillance in multiple public settings. Coupled with the perception that the government can snoop on anyone that is suspected of being a terrorist, despite what evidence there is

to the contrary, this power can be expanded or even abused to enforce the state's own viewpoints or practices upon its citizens, a clear violation of civil rights. The state, if it imposes a child limit on families, can use this surveillance power to intrude on families and take away their children arbitrarily. This is a power that no citizen would ever want its government to have because it leads to tyranny.

The next reason why it's wrong to put an arbitrary limit on the number of children in a family is that the problem it's supposed to solve, overpopulation, is actually being solved on its own. In the developed world, more women are taking control of their lives and their bodies. Contraceptives are now widely available and they're cheap enough for anyone to buy. Also, more women are starting careers of their own and do not have to rely on getting married or having children to secure their futures. The by-product of this is that they're having fewer children than in the past. This means that soon, the birthrate in the developed world will be much lower than that in the underdeveloped world, creating a more balanced population. This coupled with the impending deaths of senior citizens will shrink or stabilize the world population by the middle of the century.

The last reason is that we now have a globalized economy that can relieve the fear of strained resources. A lot of countries have much lower populations than the rest of the world, so they often have a surplus of necessary resources. Those countries with higher populations but with resources not necessary for survival can trade those goods for the surplus goods that are enjoyed by the richer world. This has in fact happened and in the parts of the world with large populations, they are turning themselves around and finding the benefits of trade and raising their quality of life.

So imposing a limit on children is unnecessary and tyrannical because the world is already finding a solution to the problems it's supposed to fix. The power to enforce this law would entail more government spying and curtail people's freedoms. The women of the world are also taking control of their lives and can dictate themselves on how many children to have.

Finally, the world has become more open to trade and this has helped alleviate resource strains throughout the world. That's why it's wrong to impose a limit on the number of children families can have.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First off, this is an unnecessary intrusion of the government into people's personal lives.

2. And finally, with interdependence made possible by global trade, strained resources can be easily supplemented.

3. People already perceive their privacy to be under threat by the enormous amount of security and surveillance in multiple public settings.

4. Coupled with this is the perception that the government can snoop on anyone that is suspected of being a terrorist, despite what evidence there is to the contrary.

5. The state, if it imposes a child limit on families, can use this surveillance power to intrude on families and take away their children arbitrarily.

6. The by-product of this is that they're having fewer children than in the past.

7. This coupled with the impending deaths of senior citizens will shrink or stabilize the world population by the middle of the century.

8. This has in fact happened and in the parts of the world with large populations; they are turning themselves around and finding the benefits of trade and raising their quality of life.

9. The power to enforce this law would entail more government spying and curtail people's freedoms.

10. The women of the world are also taking control of their lives and can dictate themselves how many children to have.

Q125. When you begin working, would you rather a) earn a lot of money working in a job that you don't like, or b) earn less money doing something you truly enjoy?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: It's better to do something I truly enjoy.

Support 1: We will inevitably start out making less than we want to no matter the job.

Support 2: We will gain valuable experience that can lead to a pay increase down the road.

Support 3: The more we hate our job, the more unhappy we will be.

Thesis: Working a job we enjoy, although we will not be making as much, is a better decision due to the benefits it gives us.

B. Model Essay

I would probably want to earn less money doing something I truly enjoy. First off, we must all realize that we're going to earn less money at the start. The next thing we need to remember is that the start of work is when you start to gain experience in your chosen field, and that's more important than money. Finally, when we work at jobs we hate, it only leads to depression and/or burnout. It's just a better idea to do the work you love rather than rush into making a lot of money right away.

I think we need to remember that when we're starting out, we're going to make less money than we would like to make or dream of making when we're in school. When we start out, less is expected of us because we do not have the kind of experience that would justify a high salary. We need to earn that expectation and trust by demonstrating that we can do the job we wish to do by doing the support work that goes into the field. Once we prove ourselves for the first few years, then we can expect to move up in salary. So just going after the high salary right away is unrealistic and it

shows lack of patience to our employers.

With that start, we gain experience in the field we wish to make a career in. That experience is the currency we have in future job searches. Without experience, employers will not give us a second look if we go in for an application or an interview. So we can give up any thoughts of earning a large salary if we choose to go for the big salary right away and don't take experience into consideration. Gaining the necessary experience is another big reason to choose love of job over desire for money when starting out.

The last thing we really need to consider is that when we perform a job that we dislike, it can lead to depression, burnout, or both. We become depressed when we find ourselves toiling everyday after giving up on our dreams. We can also burn ourselves out after a number of years working at the same job and seeing very little reward in it outside of our bank account. We give up on what we like just so we can go on living, but pretty soon, our salary no longer matters because it goes toward psychiatrists looking for the reason we're not happy. So in this quest for riches, we become less rich inside ourselves and we ultimately give our riches to someone to find the reason we're depressed, even though we know why we're depressed, because work makes us that way.

So it is in our best interest that we choose what we love over what can make us the most money the fastest. It's because the first job we get is the first chance we have to prove our abilities and our worth to the first employers we have. The second reason is that we gain experience when we start out and that has been proven more valuable than money time and time again. And lastly, doing something we hate, regardless of salary, can only lead to depression and burnout. So that's why I would choose the job I love over the job that pays well.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The next thing we need to remember is that the start of work is when you start to gain experience in your chosen field, and that's more

important than money.

2. Finally, when we work at jobs we hate, it only leads to depression and/or burnout.

3. When we start out, less is expected of us because we do not have the kind of experience that would justify a high salary.

4. Once we prove ourselves for the first few years, then we can expect to move up in salary.

5. So just going after the high salary right away is unrealistic and it shows a lack of patience to our employers.

6. That experience is the currency we have in future job searches.

7. Without experience, employers will not give us a second look if we go in for an application or an interview.

8. We become depressed when we find ourselves toiling everyday after giving up on our dreams.

9. We can also burn ourselves out after a number of years working at the same job and seeing very little reward in it outside of our bank account.

10. And lastly, doing something we hate, regardless of salary, can only lead to depression and burnout.

Q126. Should students work while they study? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Students should work while they study.

Support 1: Students need to stop hassling their parents for money.

Support 2: Students need to get used to supporting themselves.

Support 3: Students will gain valuable financial skills by learning to save money early.

Thesis: Students should have part-time jobs while they study to alleviate the burden on their parents and themselves.

B. Model Essay

Students should be able to work while they study. Being a student means that they're often poor simply from the fact that they are still pretty much dependent on their parents for money. A student needs to establish their independence from their families so that they can live on their own in the future. Students also have to build up their savings so that they can live more easily throughout their lives. So we can see that students will need to work so that when they leave school, they can more easily take care of themselves.

Students are on their own for the first time and as such they're not going to have a lot of money to their name. They usually ask their parents for money if they find themselves broke, something that annoys parents to no end. Parents will insist that they find work because they don't want their kids to come running to them whenever they need or want cash. Parents want their children to learn independence and ought to cut off their kids from what they perceive to be an endless source of spending money. So students will have to start working if their parents wise up and stop giving them handouts.

The next thing we have to remember is that when students finish school, they're on their own. This means that they're going to have to find their own place to live, buy their own food and medicine, and pay for their own heat, water, and electricity. With a job, they can save that money and put it towards their basic needs after graduation. If they don't save up, they're going to find it very difficult to get out on their own and survive without help and they'll be dependent on their families long after they were to break that tether. So a job is essential for students to establish their independence.

The last thing that students need to learn is that they need to build up their life savings so that they can live comfortably throughout their lives. Not having this nest egg means that they'll either have to work harder or put off retirement and work longer. Either way, it means that they're not going to be able to live in whatever capacity they desire. But if they start working when they're students, they'll learn how important it is to save up, so that they won't have to work as hard in the future as they do at their first job. So in order to live a good life with few worries and a good lifestyle, they'll need to start saving and they can only do that when they start working. The sooner they start working, the better their savings will be.

So students should work because it helps them along the path of becoming responsible adults. It weans them off asking their parents for money when they have very little of it. It helps them prepare for life outside of school and their parents' house. Finally, their life savings start with this kind of work when they save up to live the lives they envision for themselves. So I believe that students should work while they're in school.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Being a student means that they're often poor simply from the fact that they are still pretty much dependent on their parents for money.

2. Students are on their own for the first time and as such they're not going to have a lot of money to their name.

3. They usually ask their parents for money if they find themselves broke, something that annoys parents to no end.

4. So students will have to start working if their parents wise up and stop giving them handouts.

5. If they don't save up, they're going to find it very difficult to get out on their own and survive without help and they'll be dependent on their families long after they were to break that tether.

6. Not having this nest egg means that they'll either have to work harder or put off retirement and work longer.

7. Either way, it means that they're not going to be able to live in whatever capacity they desire.

8. So in order to live a good life with few worries and a good lifestyle, they'll need to start saving and they can only do that when they start working.

9. So students should work because it helps them along the path of becoming responsible adults.

10. It weans them off asking their parents for money when they have very little of it.

Q127. Which do you think is better for the environment, to build fewer factories or to create more wildlife preservation areas?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: There ought to be more areas set aside for wildlife to flourish.

Support 1: There are other forms of development that could continue the environmental degradation of our country.

Support 2: Wildlife preserves allow for the continued growth of plants and trees, which clean the air.

Support 3: More wildlife preservations will help solve the very real problem of over-hunting.

Thesis: Because building more wildlife preservation areas will help struggling plants and animals, I believe it is better for the environment.

B. Model Essay

There ought to be more areas set aside for wildlife to flourish to help improve the environment. The first reason is that even with fewer factories, there are other ways development could do harm to the environment. The second reason is that when wildlife preserves are set aside, it allows plants and trees to grow and make the air cleaner for everyone. The final reason is that wildlife preserves allow animals to repopulate without fear from hunters. The need for wildlife preserves should be the top priority for any country seeking to repair the environmental damage that has been done to their land, air, and water.

To start with, even if we stop building factories, there are other forms of development that could continue the environmental degradation of our country. First off, the number of roads that cut through our countryside continues to increase and that means our countryside is not as clean as people thought it to be. Also, farms can degrade the soil and lead to clear

cutting for the land to grow food and for animals to graze. And let's not forget all of the new homes people want built out there. Those can also take away from the necessary ecosystems required for a healthy biosphere. So those forms of human habitation also need to be addressed along with factories.

The next thing that must be remembered is that wildlife preserves allow for the continual growth of plants and trees, vital to the cleaning of our air. When preserves are set aside, that means that trees cannot be cut down, so they can go through a natural life cycle which allows them to grow and eventually reproduce. This in turn helps clean the air that has been polluted by the numerous factories that have already been built. Also, it allows for the sheltering of animals that are often under threat from human hunters. These trees are important to our environment, so there should be areas set aside where they stay standing for as long as they are alive.

The third reason also involves hunters and the very real problem of over-hunting. Having wildlife preserves ensures that animals that are under constant threat from overhunting are allowed to repopulate and regrow their numbers. Hunting would be strictly forbidden in these areas and there would be stiff penalties for poaching in the preserves. And with the threat of hunters gone, animals can carry out the cycle of life that is important to their survival and to ours. So the need to protect animals is also an important reason to set aside wildlife preserves.

We should keep in mind that just stopping new factories from being built isn't going to help much without stopping development altogether in many parts of our country. The increase in farms and houses remains a threat to our vulnerable ecosystems and these have to be halted somewhere. The trees need to keep growing so that our air can get cleaner. And animals need to repopulate from overhunting. That's why I feel there should be more wildlife preserves set aside.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The first reason is that even with fewer factories, there are other ways development could do harm to the environment.

2. The need for wildlife preserves should be the top priority for any country seeking to repair the environmental damage that has been done to their land, air, and water.

3. To start with, even if we stop building factories, there are other forms of development that could continue the environmental degradation of our country.

4. And let's not forget all of the new homes people want built out there, that can also take away from the necessary ecosystems required for a healthy biosphere.

5. So those forms of human habitation also need to be addressed along with factories.

6. The next thing that must be remembered is that wildlife preserves allow for the continual growth of plants and trees, which is vital to the cleaning of our air.

7. The third reason also involves hunters and the very real problem of over-hunting.

8. Hunting would be strictly forbidden in these areas and there would be stiff penalties for poaching in the preserves.

9. We should keep in mind that just stopping new factories from being built isn't going to help much without stopping development altogether in many parts of our country.

10. The increase in farms and houses remains a threat to our vulnerable ecosystems and these have to be halted somewhere.



Q128. When children misbehave in public places, should parents scold them right away or not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe parents need to scold their children right away.

Support 1: Children tend to take advantage of any weakness you show them.

Support 2: By not scolding a child in public, strangers may think you are simply a bad parent.

Support 3: When you scold your child in public, you are showing them that it is never acceptable to behave inappropriately.

Thesis: By scolding a child in public, you are teaching your child a valuable lesson.

B. Model Essay

I think parents should scold their children in public, but only in a soft way. First off, if parents feel too embarrassed to scold their kids in public, the kid will pick up on that and take advantage of it. Secondly, bystanders could see this and think that the parent is weak, particularly in a conservative area where parents have total control over their children. Finally, helping children understand that their actions are unacceptable but in a way that shows that you're a lot more enlightened than those who take a "spare the rod" approach. So gentle scolding in public is certainly a better option than losing face to your child and to on-lookers.

The first thing that all parents need to remember is that their kids will take advantage of any weakness you show when they want to have their way. Children will always demand that they have treats when they go out shopping and parents know that indulgence is never a good thing. However, children are likely to scream and misbehave if they don't get what they desire. If you show a reluctance to scold in public, they're going

to continue their negative behavior until they are satisfied that they'll get what they want. Children need to learn early on that they're not going to always get what they want and parents need to be firm in their resolve that they can say "no." Parents must always show firmness to their children, especially in public.

Another thing that people need to remember is that a reluctance to scold in front of bystanders could be interpreted as a sign of weakness. Where I grew up, parents always made sure to scold their children in front of others when they misbehaved. This is because we lived in a very conservative community where parents absolutely dominated their children. There was no coddling or negotiating and, "no" meant "no". Today, it would seem shocking that parents would be so cold towards their children, so a gentler approach should be taken when being firm with children. But anyway you look at it, when people are watching, you must be in control.

The last thing we must remember is that it teaches children that bad behavior is never acceptable, but does it in a socially acceptable manner. When I was growing up, striking one's children was the proper way to get them to quiet down. However, we have learned that this hardly, if ever, teaches the children anything constructive. In fact, parents who take this approach will not only be ostracized by those around them, but it will cause the child to act out even worse because they're reacting to pain. So gentle scolding is preferable, it shows resolve, but it also shows that you are in charge, not your child.

So it is necessary to scold a child in public but in a gentle manner. The child will always exploit parental weaknesses when they're exhibited. People will think that a parent is weak if they don't scold, especially when it's expected. But gentle scolding is always more effective than striking or yelling. So a child should always be gently scolded when that child misbehaves in public.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First off, if parents feel too embarrassed to scold their kids in public, the kid will pick up on that and take advantage of it.

2. Finally, helping children understand that their actions are unacceptable but in a way that shows that you're a lot more enlightened than those who take a "spare the rod" approach.

3. If you show a reluctance to scold in public, they're going to continue their negative behavior until they are satisfied that they'll get what they want.

4. Children need to learn early on that they're not going to always get what they want and parents need to be firm in their resolve that they can say "no."

5. Another thing that people need to remember is that a reluctance to scold in front of bystanders could be interpreted as a sign of weakness.

6. This is because we lived in a very conservative community where parents absolutely dominated their children.

7. Today, it would seem shocking that parents would be so cold towards their children, so a gentler approach should be taken when being firm with children.

8. But anyway you look at it, when people are watching, you must be in control.

9. In fact, parents who take this approach will not only be ostracized by those around them, but it will cause the child to act out even worse because they're reacting to pain.

10. But gentle scolding is always more effective than striking or yelling.

Q129. Should students consult their parents about their majors and career or should they consult their teachers and friends instead?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Students should avoid consulting their parents about their majors and seek guidance from teachers and friends instead.

Support 1: Teachers and friends have a better idea of your strengths and weaknesses.

Support 2: Parents tend to have an extremely biased point of view concerning their child's future.

Support 3: Teachers have the necessary training to make decisions about their students' futures.

Thesis: I believe students should consult friends and teachers rather than their parents because they are more apt to give better advice.

B. Model Essay

Students ought to consult their teachers or friends about their majors, not their parents. First of all, teachers and friends have seen you study and learn throughout your schooling, either in part or in whole, so they know your strengths and weaknesses better. Secondly, parents tend to be biased towards their own dreams for their children, without regards for their children's feelings. Finally, teachers, as education professionals, have a better understanding of the fields that students consider, and thus can give better advice. So teachers are certainly more knowledgeable than parents about which direction a student's education should take.

Your friends and teachers have watched you progress through your schooling practically throughout your life, and thus know your strengths and weaknesses. If your teachers have noticed your talents in a particular subject, say biology, then they may recommend that you major in biology

and become a doctor or scientist. A parent, on the other hand, may hate the biology field for religious reasons and demand that their kids avoid taking biology out of a fear of displeasing their god or gods. This is a clear case of emotional bias conflicting with factual evidence. The teacher never lets such biases get in their way of helping their students become successful and should be listened to more intently.

Another thing that parents tend to be emotional about is their own dreams for their children. Parents like to fantasize about the path their children take along the road of life and they breed and attempt to condition their children through classes, extracurricular activities, and sports. But whether they want to admit it or not, their children have free will, and ultimately, they're the ones who decide which path their children take. This is often influenced by their friends, who join them in their interests, hobbies, and activities. The parents' dreams for their children are just basically the unfulfilled dreams they had for themselves and it's wrong to project that frustration onto their kids. So parents really shouldn't dictate their children's majors when they enter college.

The third thing that we must remember is that teachers are professionals and know more about children's education than parents. This is something that is forgotten by the modern day homeschool movement, which sees teachers as being unnecessary. However, teachers go through many years of training and years of study before they become certified. Part of that learning is knowing how to gauge the interests and strengths and weaknesses of the kids they set out to educate. So they know how to read the abilities of students better than parents.

So parents are not as neutral or qualified as teachers are when it comes to advising students about their majors. Teachers have watched students and their progress for years and even helped them out along the way. Parents often project their own unfulfilled dreams onto their children in order to steer them along the path they wanted to take before, without considering the child's own feelings. Also, teachers are professionals and know more about this than parents. That's why I believe teachers should advise students on their majors, not their parents.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Students ought to consult their teachers or friends about their majors, not their parents.

2. Secondly, parents tend to be biased towards their own dreams for their children, without regard for their children's feelings.

3. A parent, on the other hand, may hate the biology field for religious reasons and demand that his kids avoid taking biology out of a fear of displeasing their god or gods.

4. This is a clear case of emotional bias conflicting with factual evidence.

5. Parents like to fantasize about the path their children take along the road of life and they breed and attempt to condition their children through classes, extracurricular activities, and sports.

6. The parents' dreams for their children are just basically the unfulfilled dreams they had for themselves and it's wrong to project that frustration onto their kids.

7. This is something that is forgotten by advocates of the modern day home-school movement, which sees teachers as being unnecessary.

8. Part of that learning is knowing how to gauge the interests and strengths and weaknesses of the kids they set out to educate.

9. So parents are not as neutral or qualified as teachers are when it comes to advising students about their majors.

10. Parents often project their own unfulfilled dreams onto their children in order to steer them along the path they wanted to take before, without considering the child's own feelings.

Q130. In order to get healthy, should people exercise more or sleep more?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The most effective way to get healthy is to exercise more.

Support 1: Through exercises, one is able to burn off extra calories that are causing him to be fat.

Support 2: While sleeping, we are sedentary.

Support 3: Exercise ensures that our hearts stay healthy.

Thesis: Exercising increases our health more because physical activity keeps our body in great condition.

B. Model Essay

To become healthy, people need to exercise more rather than sleep more. This is because exercise actually uses energy and thus burns calories. Sleep basically has you not moving and building up energy, so calories become converted into fat while you sleep. And finally, a lack of motion leads to a hardening of blood vessels, which can lead to heart disease. So exercise is a better choice for better health because the increase in motion helps keep your arteries healthy and your fat levels down.

Exercise has been shown to burn calories and this, in turn, burns fat and keeps your weight down. The modern day diet is full of carbohydrates, which we need to produce energy. The problem is people don't do enough physical activity to burn that energy and that gets stored as fat. When we exercise more than we eat, we can burn off that excess energy and lower our weight to healthier levels. This is the reason why so many people get gym memberships, because it gives them the opportunity to burn off that excess energy that they can't burn in their everyday lives. This burning of fat helps us become healthier as we continue to commit to exercising.

Another thing to remember is that we are the most sedentary when we are asleep. Sleep is simply allowing our bodies to go into a relaxed state to the point where our mind relaxes, too. When that happens, our bodies do not move until the time when we are roused from our sleep-state. All during that time, the food that we have yet to digest will convert to energy and get stored in our fat cells until it is needed for activity. So sleep just adds to the fat that builds up from unused energy, while exercise actually uses that energy.

Also, when activity is limited, the arteries that supply blood to our hearts stiffen and harden. When they're hard, the arteries can be more easily blocked by cholesterol and blood clots. This results in a heart attack for anyone who doesn't exercise. This is because exercise can actually make the blood vessels more flexible and thus less prone to blockages and can help clean out the plaque from cholesterol. So our hearts and arteries become healthier as we exercise more because of this flexing and cleaning.

So that's why exercise is better than sleep when it comes to improving one's health. Exercise burns calories and uses the fat stored in our bodies, which in turn, slims us down. Sleep is actually the most time fat has to accumulate in our bodies because it's the longest period of regular inactivity. And exercise can keep our arteries flexible and clean, lowering the risk of a heart attack. That's why I believe that more exercise is a better keeper of health than more sleep.

C. Useful Expressions

1. And finally, a lack of motion leads to a hardening of blood vessels, which can lead to heart disease.

2. Exercise has been shown to burn calories and this, in turn, burns fat and keeps your weight down.

3. When we exercise more than we eat, we can burn off that excess energy and lower our weight to a healthier level.

4. Sleep is simply allowing our bodies to go into a relaxed state to the point where our mind relaxes.

5. When that happens, our bodies do not move until the time when we are roused from our sleep-state.

6. All during that time, the food that we have yet to digest will convert to energy and get stored in our fat cells until it is needed for activity.

7. When they're hard, the arteries can be more easily blocked by cholesterol and blood clots.

8. This is because exercise can actually make the blood vessels more flexible and thus less prone to blockages and can help clean out the plaque from cholesterol.

9. Exercise burns calories and uses the fat stored in our bodies, which in turn, slims us down.

10. That's why I believe that more exercise is a better keeper of health than more sleep.

Q131. If you could give a meaningful gift to a family member, what would it be?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would love to give my mother a sapphire pendant if I could give a meaningful gift to someone in my family.

Support 1: My father had given my mother one on their wedding anniversary.

Support 2: I want to replace the lost pendant my mother previously had.

Support 3: The necklace would serve as a remembrance of my father.

Thesis: Due to its familial significance, the gift I would give to a family member would be a sapphire pendant.

B. Model Essay

If I could give a family member a meaningful gift, I would give my mother a necklace with a sapphire pendant. This was a gift my father got her on their 30th wedding anniversary. It got lost once when we were moving house a long time ago. My father died not long after, and that necklace was one keepsake of him I'm sure she wishes she still had. That necklace meant a lot to my mother and even though it probably wouldn't be the same, I would want my mother to have that piece of my father's memory back.

First of all, my father once gave my mother such a necklace for their wedding anniversary. It was just after my father got a big promotion at the company he worked for. He wanted to get her a really special gift and this was one of the first few pieces of jewelry he bought her that wasn't costume jewelry, in other words, it was real and really expensive. It was sort of a reminder to her that she had the right man, someone who could provide for her and bring happiness to her. It was the promise he made to her when they first got married and a symbol that that promise was

fulfilled.

The second thing that would make me consider getting her this gift is that it got lost during a move. I knew it was very special to her and it crushed her to find that the movers lost it along with other jewelry she owned. She would ultimately be reimbursed for the loss (it was actually less than the initial value of the necklace), but it could never replace my mother's memories of my father. It tore my mother apart; she cried over the loss of that necklace just as much as she cried over the loss of him. I would like to finally heal that wound after such a long time.

That brings me to the biggest reason I would try to find a replacement necklace like the one my mother lost all those years ago. It was among the last gifts my father ever gave my mother before he died. A month later, he was driving home from work when a tractor trailer plowed into his car. He was killed instantly. I still remember the moment when my mother received that call. Before that moment, I never needed to be a source of strength for anyone, but when she collapsed in agony, I went over to comfort her. She wore that necklace at his funeral and it wasn't long after that we had to move because we couldn't afford to stay there without my father's income. It was on that move that she lost that necklace. When that necklace disappeared, he seemed to disappear forever.

That sapphire pendant was very important to my mother, and I really want to replace it to see her happy again. It was the most expensive anniversary gift my father ever gave her. It got lost during the move we made after he died. And it was the one reminder of him that she had that really meant a lot to her. That's why I would like to get my mother a sapphire pendant necklace.

C. Useful Expressions

1. My father died not long after, and that necklace was one keepsake of him I'm sure she wishes she still had.

2. It was just after my father got a big promotion at the company he worked for.

3. He wanted to get her a really special gift and this was one of the first few pieces of jewelry he bought her that wasn't costume jewelry, in other words, it was real and really expensive.

4. It was the promise he made to her when they first got married and a symbol that that promise was fulfilled.

5. I knew it was very special to her and it crushed her to find that the movers lost it along with other jewelry she owned.

6. It tore my mother apart; she cried over the loss of that necklace just as much as she cried over the loss of him.

7. I would like to finally heal that wound after such a long time.

8. A month later, he was driving home from work when a tractor trailer plowed into his car.

9. Before that moment, I never needed to be a source of strength for anyone, but when she collapsed in agony, I went over to comfort her.

10. And it was the one reminder of him that she had that really meant a lot to her.

Q132. Different students have different learning styles. Some learn best by listening to lectures, some from reading information on their own, and others from participating in group activities, Explain your learning style.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I learn best through listening and reading.

Support 1: I can retain information better when I read and listen to something simultaneously.

Support 2: I can read aloud to myself and it also helps improve my listening abilities.

Support 3: My fellow classmates also learn best through this method.

Thesis: Because my classmates and I can memorize information best this way, listening and reading simultaneously is my go-to method for learning various materials.

B. Model Essay

If I had to explain my learning style, I would have to say that I'm a read and follow along kind of learner. When I read something that I really want to remember, I often have an audio recording play along with it. I also read the text aloud to myself when I'm in my own room so that I can hear the words I'm reading when there's no audio available. I also follow along as the teacher and other students read the text we're learning at the time. This mix of listening and reading allows me to absorb information more thoroughly than by a single method alone.

When I go out to buy learning materials, I usually try to get the materials that come with a complimentary CD or an audio recording. This is so that when I play the recording, I can follow along and help my memory absorb what I'm reading. It's also helpful from an audial standpoint since my hearing has been less than acute because of a

childhood illness. I always find that my listening abilities improve when I have a visual reference at the beginning. When I'm able to take away one or the other after the initial go-through, I find that I can actually remember it better. So that blending of the visual and the audial allows me to memorize things right away.

Another way I can blend this audial with the visual is by reading the material to myself out loud. Of course, I always do this in the privacy of my own home, because it would make me look strange. However, I find my own voice to be the perfect substitute for an audio recording should the materials I'm using not have any available. As I've said before, my hearing can often be assisted by my literacy and vision in order to improve my listening capabilities. Reading to myself aloud helps me learn because, like having an audio recording, it supplements my reading and improves my listening.

While I'm in class, we have a lot of read-alongs, particularly in my English and literature classes. I always enjoy these because my teacher and classmates all contribute to my preferred learning style of mixing listening with visual acuity. Many teachers I've talked to agree that this form of study really helps. I've also seen many of my classmates taking my lead and asking for materials with audio compliments to assist in their reading and memorization. So I find people agree that this is the best way to learn various types of materials.

So I try to combine listening and reading in helping with memorization. I always try to buy materials that have an audio recording and book in one package for that end. I also read to myself aloud if I can't find materials related to what we're learning that fits that need. I also enjoy read-alongs in my classes because those give me the most opportunity to learn in my school settings. That's why my method of learning is both reading and listening at the same time.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I had to explain my learning style, I would have to say that I'm a read

and follow along kind of learner.

2. This mix of listening and reading allows me to absorb information more thoroughly than by a single method alone.

3. It's also helpful from an audial standpoint since my hearing has been less than acute because of a childhood illness.

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5. Another way I can blend this audial with the visual is by reading the material to myself out loud.

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9. So I find people agreeing that this is the best way to learn various types of materials.

10. I always try to buy materials that have an audio recording and book in one package for that end.

Q133. In many countries, obesity in children is an increasing health problem. What do you think are some of the causes, and what are some of the solutions to the problem?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Due to our inactive and cowardly lifestyle, our children have become obese.

Support 1: Parents are contributing to the problem by being overprotective of their children.

Support 2: Technology allows our children to be entertained for long periods of time without actively engaging in any physical activity.

Support 3: Parents need to ensure that their children are eating a variety of different foods, not just fats and sugar.

Thesis: In order to better the health of our children, our society needs to revamp its view on diet and exercise.

B. Model Essay

The causes of childhood obesity are the result of our less-physical and aversion-to-risk culture that we now live in. We now disallow our children from doing anything on their own because we fear for their safety, so they just stay in their homes for most of the day. We also have distraction devices that keep their focus on things that don't require physical activity. Finally, we don't watch what they eat as much as they should. These unfortunate truths of modern life are making our kids less healthy, less happy, and unfortunately less fit than when we were kids.

One thing that parents have done that led to an increase in childhood obesity is that they don't let their kids out of the house to play because of overblown fears. The biggest of these fears is that they can go out to play and get abducted by a child molester. They fear this because they

constantly see stories about this happening on the news or they see it on TV shows about crime. However, if they do the research, there's only a one in 1.5 million chance of a child being abducted by a stranger. So this miniscule fear is not allowing our children to get the fresh air, sunshine, and exercise they need to be healthy, happy, and thin.

The next thing we need to realize is that today, children have distraction devices that can keep them entertained without their input. These include the usual suspects of TV and video games. They also include robotic toys for younger children. They encourage kids to sit and stare for hours on end when they can be spending that time doing real play either inside or out. Electronic gadgets like these are tricking kids and their parents that old-fashioned, physical play is no longer necessary. This, of course, leads to the further fattening of our kids.

The last thing that parents need to start doing is to finally check our children's diets. Today, there is too much processed food and too many kids getting treats at a frequent rate. We need to stop indulging our children like this and we need to read the labels on the food we serve them. We need to watch out for large quantities of sugar and salt in the food we buy at the market and instead include more fresh vegetables and fruits in their meals. We also need to ignore their protests at foods they don't perceive to like; they either eat it or go without. Children will learn eventually that the only options are eating healthy or starvation, and that the latter is less appealing.

So those are what can be done to make our kids less obese and healthier than they are now. We can get them outside again by alleviating our overblown fears of child abduction. We can take away the distraction devices and get our kids to really play again. And we can start monitoring the food we give them and start giving them fresher food again. Not doing these things are the reasons childhood obesity are a problem today.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The causes of childhood obesity are the result of our less-physical and

aversion-to-risk culture that we now live in.

2. These unfortunate truths of modern life are making our kids less healthy, less happy, and, unfortunately, less fit than when we were kids.

3. One thing that parents have done that led to an increase in childhood obesity is that they don't let their kids out of the house to play because of overblown fears.

4. These include the usual suspects of TV and video games.

5. They encourage kids to sit and stare for hours on end when they can be spending that time doing real play either inside or out.

6. Electronic gadgets like these are tricking kids and their parents into thinking that that old-fashioned, physical play is no longer necessary.

7. We need to stop indulging our children like this and we need to read the labels on the food we serve them.

8. We also need to ignore their protests at foods they don't perceive to like; they can either eat it or go without.

9. Children will learn eventually that the only options are eating healthy or starvation, and that the latter is less appealing.

10. We can take away the distraction devices and get our kids to really play again.

Q134. Do you think that seeing violence in video games or movies causes people to behave violently?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The violence in video games and movies does not lead to violent behavior in people.

Support 1: Every society tries to find the scapegoat for the ills of society.

Support 2: Humans have the capability to distinguish between reality and fantasy.

Support 3: We live in a relatively safe society nowadays.

Thesis: Seeing violence in the media doesn't lead to increased violence due to the structure of today's society.

B. Model Essay

I do not think that seeing violence in video games or movies cause people to behave violently. First off, this is a common cry of moral crusaders that has been heard ad nauseum even though the evidence shows that violence is cause by perceived injustices, real or imagined. Secondly, a majority of people can see a difference between what is real and what is fantasy. Finally, real life is a much less exciting place than it's portrayed in movies or video games. People need to realize that the rest of us are smart enough to see that entertainment is not real life.

Every generation, moral crusaders need to find a demon to fight against because of the way the world changes socially. Over the last century, these moralists have railed against comic books, rock music, and rap. Video games are just the latest thing to rile up uptight adults who fear that their children are getting dangerous ideas from the new medium. However, these "dangerous ideas" don't come from video games; they come from a rejection of the parents' worldview that happens with every generation. Violence that happens throughout the world comes from

people's anger at the perceived injustices around them. In the past, that came from racial segregation and censorship. Today, it comes from economic inequality and anti-corporatism. So video games provide a convenient strawman to the older power holders so that they can avoid the real issues that cause violence.

We also need to remember that most of us can see a difference between what is real and what is not. If a person is mentally sound, and indulges once in a while in a video game, he will turn off that video game and just go on with his normal life without feeling the need to pick up a loaded gun and shoot the first person he sees. However, this is what the moral crusaders are suggesting: video games create instant murderers. But most video game players are students thinking about their next exam or a regular person who's thinking about what to have for lunch; they don't think about who they're going to kill that day. They play video games to take a break from reality and they return to reality when it's time for them to do so.

We also need to remember that although violence might make for a great news story, it is getting much more rare in the real world, something that people find easy to either forget or disbelieve. But thanks to increased policing and surveillance, crime has become rarer now than it has been over the last hundred years. People don't fret about getting mugged like they did more than thirty years ago and people don't see monsters in their streets or neighborhoods. They also don't carry guns with them everywhere unless they're police officers. The real world is a lot less exciting than video games, and that's the biggest reason why people play video games: because real life gets boring. So everyone knows that video games and reality are different, because reality gets too mundane to cope with all the time, and video games provide an escape from that.

So the moral backlash against video games is another backlash against a popular form of entertainment that goes back nearly a century. It is used to divert attention away from real issues so that there's an easy-to-blame scapegoat. However, the majority of us can differentiate reality from fantasy, and that real life is much more boring than in video games. That's

why I don't believe movies and video games make people violent.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First off, this is a common cry of moral crusaders that has been heard ad nauseum even though the evidence shows that violence is caused by perceived injustices, real or imagined.

2. Finally, real life is a much less exciting place than it's portrayed in movies or video games.

3. Every generation, moral crusaders need to find a demon to fight against because of the way the world changes socially.

4. Video games are just the latest thing to rile up uptight adults who fear that their children are getting dangerous ideas from the new medium.

5. So video games provide a convenient strawman to the older power holders so that they can avoid the real issues that cause violence.

6. However, this is what the moral crusaders are suggesting: video games create instant murderers.

7. People don't fret about getting mugged like they did more than thirty years ago and people don't see monsters in their streets or neighborhoods.

8. So everyone knows that video games and reality are different, because reality gets too mundane to cope with all the time, and video games provide an escape from that.

9. So the moral backlash against video games is another backlash against a popular form of entertainment that goes back nearly a century

10. It is used to divert attention away from real issues so that there's an easy-to-blame scapegoat.

Q135. Some children are picky eaters. Do you think parents should force children to eat food they don't like, or should children be allowed to eat only the foods they want?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Children should not be given the freedom to eat whatever foods they want.

Support 1: Obviously, when given the option, children will pick only tasty foods.

Support 2: We have an obligation to introduce our children to different types of food.

Support 3: Parents need to remain the authority figure in the home.

Thesis: Because it would be disadvantageous to allow our children to eat whatever they want, I believe parents need to regulate their child's diet.

B. Model Essay

As every parent knows, it's important that children get the right nutrition for their development; thus picky eaters present a challenge. However, I do not think children should be allowed to eat only what they want. First off, children will only want what taste good, and that could lead to unhealthy eating. Second off, it can keep kids from exploring new, exciting foods that they might actually like. And thirdly, letting the kids pick their meals too often will take control away from the parents and give it to the kids. So for the sake of kids' health, curiosity, and discipline, parents should force kids to eat foods they don't like.

When children are allowed to choose their own food, they will always pick the tasty options. However, the tasty food will not always be good for them. Many of the foods they choose will be loaded with sugar and fat because kids like sugar and fat. This could possibly add to the increasing

problem of childhood obesity. They can also have stomach problems or have weaker bones, muscles, or organs in the future. Parents need to remember that early nutrition is vital to a child's health right from the start.

Another thing we have to consider is that we need to open children's minds to all of the possible foods they might actually like. Picky eaters will often say they don't like something when they've never even tried it, and small children really haven't tried very much. Put the new food on their plate, but only a little, and encourage them to try it. They may see everyone else eating and liking the food and will get curious. If they eat it, congratulations, your child is now a little less picky. If they don't, don't give in to their demands, but don't force them; it's better that they go hungry once or twice before they finally succumb. Keep this approach and pretty soon, they'll be enjoying all sorts of foods that they thought they'd never enjoy. It can really get your kids excited about eating healthy.

We also need to remember that parents should be the ones in charge, not the kids. If parents allow their kids to dictate their meal choices, where does it end? Pretty soon, they'll be demanding their own bedtimes or the times when they control the TV or computer. Children will start running our lives when we should be controlling theirs. Children don't know what's really good for them and it's up to the parents to put them on the right path, no matter how much they complain.

So the control of what food gets put in front of children should belong to the parents, and not the children, because children only care about tasty things and not good nutrition. They'll also be narrow-minded if we don't encourage them to try the things that everybody else eats. Finally, parents need to be firm in their food choices if they want to maintain discipline with their kids. That's why I feel that parents should make their kids eat things they refuse to eat.

C. Useful Expressions

1. As every parent knows, it's important that children get the right nutrition for their development; thus picky eaters present a challenge.

2. Second off, it can keep kids from exploring new, exciting foods that they might actually like.

3. So for the sake of kids' health, curiosity, and discipline, parents should force kids to eat foods they don't like.

4. Many of the foods they choose will be loaded with sugar and fat because kids like sugar and fat.

5. Put the new food on their plate, but only a little, and encourage them to try it.

6. Keep this up and pretty soon, they'll be enjoying all sorts of foods that they thought they'd never enjoy.

7. We also need to remember that parents should be the ones in charge, not the kids.

8. If parents allow their kids to dictate their meal choices, where does it end?

9. Children will start running our lives when we should be controlling theirs.

10. They'll also be narrow-minded if we don't encourage them to try the things that everybody else eats.

Q136. Should children be given the freedom to dress anyway they want?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Children should be entitled to choose their own outfits.

Support 1: Children need the freedom of expression that comes in the form of choosing their own clothing.

Support 2: Children tend to do whatever they can to undermine authority figures.

Support 3: Child-molesters do not choose their victims based on their choice in clothing.

Thesis: Because children should not have their freedoms restricted, they should be given the option to dress whatever way they like.

B. Model Essay

Children should have the freedom to dress however they want. First of all, it's one of the few forms of expression children have. Secondly, kids are going to change their clothes away from authority figures when they're made to dress according to their parents' wishes. Thirdly, most of the parental fears about attracting unwanted attention from child molesters is widely overblown. So children ought to be able to express themselves through their clothes.

The first thing we need to remember is that children's lives are so regimented that they have very few outlets for self-expression. When children are given the freedom to choose their own clothes, they can show their tastes and personalities by the kinds of clothes or colors that they wear. Bright colors show that the child is in a good mood or is happy with life. They can display the cartoon characters or sports they like most by wearing their likeness on their shirt. This is a display of who this child is, and every child has a right to an identity and to share that with the world.

We must remember that kids have to deal with stern authority figures, and when they're able to get away from those authority figures, they'll do whatever they can to oppose them. This is why kids will often change their clothes when they are away and change back when they return. This can get tiresome for the children and can upset the parents should they find out. So if that restriction were lifted in the first place, the kids won't feel like they'll have to be sneaky about their clothing and the parents will be able to relax. No one will have to get angry at anybody and everyone will feel better if children could just choose their own clothes.

The real reason that parents often loathe letting children choose their own clothes is that they're afraid that they're going to choose sexually provocative clothes that might attract child molesters. This fear is ridiculous for three reasons. First off, child molesters only go after children because their children; they don't care how they dress. Second of all, the number of child molester cases has dropped off significantly thanks to the numerous laws providing stiff penalties and sex-offender registries that act as deterrents to would be molesters. Third, children don't dress to look sexy. They have no knowledge of sex at this point of their lives, so they won't purposely expose themselves to that form of abuse. So the fears of molestation should be taken with a grain of salt in today's world.

Children have rights just like everybody else and that should always include their wardrobe choices. This is a way for children to express themselves freely. It shouldn't be controlled by parents or authority figures because children will always defy them when it comes to fashion. And we must remember that children don't dress to be sexy. That's why I believe that children should be given the freedom to wear whatever they want.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Secondly, kids are going to change their clothes away from authority figures when they're made to dress according to their parents' wishes.

2. The first thing we need to remember is that children's lives are so regimented that they have very few outlets for self-expression.

3. They can display the cartoon characters or sports they like most by wearing their likeness on their shirt.

4. This is a display of who this child is, and every child has a right to an identity and to share that with the world.

5. We must remember that kids have to deal with stern authority figures and when they're able to get away from those authority figures, they'll do whatever they can to oppose them.

6. So if that restriction was lifted in the first place, the kids won't feel like they'll have to be sneaky about their clothing and the parents will be able to relax.

7. The real reason that parents often loathe letting children choose their own clothes is that they're afraid that they're going to choose sexually provocative clothes that might attract child molesters.

8. Second of all, the number of child molester cases has dropped off significantly thanks to the numerous laws providing stiff penalties and sex-offender registries that act as deterrents to would-be molesters.

9. So the fears of molestation should be taken with a grain of salt in today's world.

10. It shouldn't be controlled by parents or authority figures because children will always defy them when it comes to fashion.

**Q137. Would you save your money at a bank or at your home?
Why?**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would save my money at the bank.

Support 1: My money is safer in the bank than at home.

Support 2: I can earn interest by keeping my money in the bank.

Support 3: If I keep my money in a bank, I can withdraw money from lots of places.

Thesis: Because saving my money at a bank is much more advantageous than keeping my money at home, I prefer to save my money at a bank.

B. Model Essay

I would always choose a bank to keep my money safe over my home. First off, the bank is always more secure than my house. Second of all, I can earn interest by depositing my money into an account. Finally, a bank keeps money digitally these days, as opposed to securing hard currency which is much harder. A bank has so much more technological and security advantages than a home that it's obvious that the bank is a better choice.

The first thing that we must always remember is that a bank will have many layers of security while the average home usually has just one. Banks will have large vaults where they will keep their reserve cash safe and for their safe deposit boxes. They will also have armed guards stationed in their office to thwart any attempt to rob the place. It is also harder to break in from the outside because it has thick walls, heavily secured doors, laser alarms and surveillance cameras. If someone were to try to break in, they'll quickly be caught by the police.

Secondly, an account at the bank entitles me to earn interest on my investment. This is because banks charge interest on loans that they give out from the deposits of their depositors. That interest then gets added to the deposits that I and other bank depositors. So with every dollar I put into the bank, I can expect a percentage added to that every month, and this helps build my savings. Saving money in a bank is always a smart and safe investment.

Finally, we must all remember that leaving large amounts of cash anywhere is incredibly risky. It can easily be stolen and there's no way of recovering it when it is stolen. Banks don't store money as hard cash these days; it's all done digitally. When you put money into the bank, they'll take the cash and use it to pay out other depositors or to make loans, but your information will be stored on their computer banks and that initially becomes the currency you invested into the bank. So your money cannot be taken as easily as if it were left in the form of cash in your house.

So the advantages of saving money in a bank are too great to be ignored. The security of a bank will make it nearly impossible for your funds to ever be stolen. The money you put in a bank can get you interest in that investment and give you more money in the long-run. And banks never leave it in cash form, which can be stolen easily. That's why I choose saving in a bank over saving at home.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Second of all, I can earn interest from depositing my money into an account.

2. A bank has so much more technological and security advantages than a home that it's obvious that the bank is a better choice.

3. The first thing that we must always remember is that a bank will have many layers of security while the average home usually has just one.

4. They will also have armed guards stationed in their office to thwart any attempt to rob the place.

5. If someone were to try to break in, he'd quickly be caught by the police.

6. Secondly, an account at the bank entitles me to earn interest on my investment.

7. So with every dollar I put into the bank, I can expect a percentage added to that every month, and this helps build up my savings.

8. Banks don't store money as hard cash these days, it's all done digitally.

9. When you put money into the bank, they'll take the cash and use it to pay out other depositors or to make loans, but your information will be stored on their computer banks and that initially becomes the currency you invested into the bank.

10. The money you put in a bank can get you interest in that investment and give you more money in the long-run.

Q138. If you could choose your own study hours, how many hours would you study? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I could choose my own study hours, I would study for five hours a day

Support 1: If I study more than five hours, I will get distracted.

Support 2: Spending more than five hours studying will just be a waste of time.

Support 3: I need to have time to work my part-time job.

Thesis: Because studying for more than five hours will cause me to be unproductive and it will interfere with other activities, I would choose to study for five hours a day.

B. Model Essay

I would probably set aside five hours for studying each day. That's a good moderate amount that doesn't take too much time away from other things that either need to be done or that can be used for recreation. Anything more than five hours could be seen as simply wasteful because after a certain point our attention span shuts down. And we need to remember that there's more to school life than just studying. So students should only have to dedicate five hours of their time to studying.

Five hours is a good number of hours to set aside, particularly in the middle of the day, for studying. The hours between 1 and 6 P.M. are probably the best to study because at that time, you have the most energy and the most focus. You're not just waking up, you are not hungry, and you're not yet sleepy, so this is when you can get the most done. If you go over that limit or try to start too late, you'll probably burn out, your mind starts to reject the task at hand. Too early, and your grogginess or hunger could distract you. So that five hour stretch in the afternoon is actually the

best time for anyone to study.

Going any longer than five hours could be potentially wasteful because our minds will eventually tire if we try to go on for too long. For me this happens when I start studying at the beginning of the day. I find myself having to break for lunch because I get hungry. But when I start again, I find myself getting tired in the midafternoon, when most students start to think about their free time. By that time, I found that I have wasted a good portion of study time in the morning because I'm still a bit groggy from waking up and from the hunger I feel before lunch, the only time I really learn anything is after lunch and by the time mid-afternoon rolls around, I'm burned out. So that period between one and six ought to be the time I study.

We also need to remember that as students, we have lives outside of studying. Many of us do volunteer work or work part-time jobs to earn money. I work at nights to save up for paying for school, something my parents insist me on doing. The reason I put in at least five hours of study time is so that I can balance out my work schedule with my schooling. This is so that nothing can distract me from receiving high marks and working my way through.

So those are the reasons that five hours in the afternoon should be all one needs for studying. The right five hours can help you focus your energy and attention on the task at hand. Any more than that, and you could burn out or lose focus and that just wastes. And many of us have jobs or other extracurricular activities that require us to stop studying for a bit. That's why five hours in the afternoon is all one needs to study during the day.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Anything more than five hours could be seen as simply wasteful because after a certain point our attention span shuts down.

2. So students should only have to dedicate five hours of their time to

studying.

3. So that five hour stretch in the afternoon is actually the best time for anyone to study.

4. Going any longer than five hours could be potentially wasteful because our minds will eventually tire if we try to go on for too long.

5. The only time I really learn anything is after lunch and by the time mid-afternoon rolls around, I'm burned out.

6. The reason I put in at least five hours of study time is so that I can balance out my work schedule with my schooling.

7. This is so that nothing can distract me from receiving high marks and working my way through.

8. The right five hours can help you focus your energy and attention on the task at hand.

9. And many of us have jobs or other extracurricular activities that require us to stop studying for a bit.

Q139. Do you think it's important for children to learn how to swim at an early age? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think it's important for children to learn to swim at an early age.

Support 1: It will be easier to learn more advanced swimming techniques if you start swimming early on.

Support 2: Kids should know how to swim to increase their self-confidence.

Support 3: Kids will be more comfortable in the water.

Thesis: Because it will help them later in life, children should learn how to swim at an early age.

B. Model Essay

I think it is absolutely important for children to learn to swim at an early age. Learning to swim early assures that they will have success learning to swim in the future. It gives children confidence in their abilities to do things on their own if they can do this one thing on their own. Finally, it will help children be comfortable in the water because they'll have early experience being in the water. So if children learn to swim early, they'll be at a great advantage in the future.

First of all, helping children learn to swim early can help them in improving their swimming abilities in the future. If they learn to swim in early childhood, they'll simply learn the basics of moving in water, holding their breath, and buoyancy. Once they get the basics, they can move on to more advanced swimming techniques such as racing strokes or holding one's breath underwater for longer periods of time. But before they can do any of that, they must learn how to tread water, breathe, and move through water. When they can master the basics, they can excel at swimming when

they want to move on.

The next thing that makes getting children to swim early is that it will increase their confidence in doing many things on their own. When children are able to swim on their own, they accomplish one of the first difficult tasks they'll come across in their lives. Along with riding a two-wheeler, learning this difficult skill will help them gain confidence in navigating the world themselves. Then they can move on to learning to cook, travel through their hometowns, and walking to school by themselves. Children need to have confidence if they want to become successful adults, and learning to swim early can attribute to that.

The last thing that makes learning to swim a good idea is that it helps children become comfortable in water much earlier. Many people find it difficult to be in water because it can throw off one's sense of direction and gravity. It can certainly throw a person off and cause him to panic. But if a person is comfortable in water, then that person can navigate it without trouble. So getting comfortable in water is an important reason why it's good to learn to swim early.

So it's very important that children learn to swim early because it will help them later in life. It helps them learn more difficult forms of swimming. It gives them confidence in finding their way to navigate their world. And it helps people be less fretful being in the water when they're older. Therefore, it is a good idea to get children to swim at an early age.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Learning to swim early assures that they will have success learning to swim in the future.

2. So if children learn to swim early, they'll be at a great advantage in the future.

3. If they learn to swim in early childhood, they'll simply learn the basics of moving in water, holding their breath, and buoyancy.

4. But before they can do any of that, they must learn how to tread water, breathe, and move through water.

5. When they can master the basics, they can excel at swimming when they want to move on.

6. The next thing that makes getting children to swim early beneficial is that it will increase their confidence in doing many things on their own.

7. Along with riding a two-wheeler, learning this difficult skill will help them gain confidence in navigating the world themselves.

8. Children need to have confidence if they want to become successful adults, and learning to swim early can attribute to that.

9. The last thing that makes learning to swim a good idea is that it helps children become comfortable in water much earlier.

10. It can certainly throw a person off and cause him to panic.

Q140. In some families, the mother does all the cooking. Do you think older children should learn to cook so they can help prepare the family meals sometimes? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Some of the children should learn to cook for the family at times.

Support 1: Their parents might be unable to cook.

Support 2: They need to learn to be independent.

Support 3: Kids in general want to do things on their own.

Thesis: Because it will help kids grow and be more independent, I think older children should learn how to cook.

B. Model Essay

I think that some of the children should learn to cook for the family at times because the parents might both end up being unable to. It's also good to learn for when the kids can no longer be expected to be cared for by someone else. And it's a good way for kids to show that they can do things on their own. This is something useful they can learn that can help them down the road.

First off, parents may not be able to do the task themselves. They might both work or they might end up getting sick. Either way, the kids are on their own. Now, smaller children may not be the right ones to do the job because they can't reach certain tools or handle large objects that are needed to do the job. But when they reach a certain height and have a certain amount of trust and responsibility, they should be allowed to learn some basic skills and some easy recipes to make. When they get older, they can start learning to make more complex meals and even be able to serve their parents one night. This can be a big help to the family if the kids can be an additional source of meals.

Secondly, kids will need to learn this because one day they'll have no one else to care for them. Parents always expect their kids to leave home as soon as they're able to and they expect them to find and make their own food as part of that departure. The kids will also have to expect this, so the parents should not only teach them, but require them to cook on a night or two. That way, the kids learn to feed themselves. So teaching the kids to make meals while they're still kids makes sense in the scheme of preparing for their futures.

The last thing we need to remember is that kids want to be able to do things by themselves. Today a lot of parents are overprotective to the point that they won't even let kids walk to school by themselves. But when the kids reach about the age of ten, they feel that they are smart enough to do things that their parents help them with constantly. Kids always feel the most proud when they can do things themselves. So making a meal by themselves can be a source of pride for kids who get very little trust because their parents fear the worst.

So those are the reasons kids should learn to cook when they're old enough. The parents may not be able to at times, because of work or health problems. Also, one day, the parents will not be there to take care of them, so they better learn now. Finally, it can be a source of pride for kids who have little trust placed in them. That's why kids need to learn to cook.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First of all the parents might both end up being unable to.

2. This is something useful they can learn that can help them down the road.

3. Now, smaller children may not be the right ones to do the job because they can't reach certain tools or handle large objects that are needed to do the job.

4. This can be a big help to the family if the kids can be an additional

source of meals.

5. Parents always expect their kids to leave home as soon as they're able to and they expect them to find and make their own food as part of that departure.

6. The kids will also have to expect this, so the parents should not only teach them, but require them to cook on a night or two.

7. So teaching the kids to make meals while they're still kids makes sense in the scheme of preparing for their futures.

8. Today a lot of parents are overprotective to the point that they won't even let kids walk to school by themselves.

9. So making a meal by themselves can be a source of pride for kids who get very little trust because their parents fear the worst.

10. Finally, it can be a source of pride for kids who have little trust placed in them.

Q141. When learning a foreign language, some people think that speaking is important, when others think that writing is more important. Which skill do you think is more important?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Speaking is the most important skill in foreign language learning.

Support 1: We have to talk to people when are abroad.

Support 2: Fluency is judged through speaking, not writing.

Support 3: Speaking a foreign language well will help us more when trying to get a job.

Thesis: Because speaking is fast and useful, I think that speaking is the most important skills when learning a foreign language.

B. Model Essay

I feel that speaking is a much more important skill to learn than writing in that it's more directly involved in the real world. First off, when traveling, we talk to other people rather than write notes to one another. Secondly, people often judge your fluency by how you speak, not how you write. Thirdly, when searching for a job, you'll have to speak face-to-face to potential employers. So this emphasis on speaking is not unjustified because it's the way people perceive your speech that ultimately decides other people's judgments on your knowledge of the language.

When we travel overseas, to the country with the language we learn, we speak to other people directly. It's rather inconvenient to be writing notes constantly when you're trying to ask questions. It also looks silly to anyone who happens to be nearby when they see this. After all you're standing right next to each other, why do you need to write letters? It's just more natural to see two people speaking in a social situation such as that. So speaking face to face while abroad is a lot more expected than writing

short notes to each other.

The next thing to remember is that fluency is judged through speech, not through writing. Grammar and spelling mistakes can easily be overlooked, but speech mistakes are going to be noticed right away. The people you're speaking to may also find your accent hard to understand or find your speech patterns hard to decipher. If a person cannot understand you, they're going to write you off without a second thought. People judge you by your speaking abilities and it's one that last throughout your life, at least in that country.

The last thing that needs to be remembered is that should you look for a job in the language you're learning, the interviewer is testing your speaking ability, not your writing abilities. That's the main point of the interview, how you present yourself and communicate with others. Not having fluency in the interview will hurt your standing with the employer and have someone else possibly take the job. The employer will also want you to speak about your abilities with confidence and a good fluent speech is key in that area. So an interview shows how well you speak could be a make or break factor in getting employed.

So those are why speaking is more important than writing. We always speak face to face because writing while face to face looks odd. Fluency is judged on how fluent and accent-free your speech. That is something not easily explained away. And job interviewers will look for speaking ability as the main factor in communication. So speech is more important than writing.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I feel that speaking is a much more important skill to learn than writing in that it's more directly involved in the real world.

2. So this emphasis on speaking is not unjustified because it's the way people perceive your speech that ultimately decides other people's judgments on your knowledge of the language.

3. It's rather inconvenient to be writing notes constantly when you're trying to ask questions.

4. It's just more natural to see two people speaking in a social situation such as that.

5. So speaking face to face while abroad is a lot more expected than writing short notes to each other.

6. Grammar and spelling mistakes can easily be overlooked, but speech mistakes are going to be noticed right away.

7. If a person cannot understand you, they're going to write you off without a second thought.

8. Not having fluency in the interview will hurt your standing with the employer and have someone else possibly take the job.

9. So an interview shows how well you speak could be a make-or-break factor in getting employed.

10. Fluency is judged on how fluent and accent-free your speech is. And that not easily explained away.

Q142. Which is your favorite ethnic (Italian, Chinese, Korean, Mexican, French, etc.) food?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My favorite ethnic food is Mexican food.

Support 1: Mexican cuisine uses very simple ingredients.

Support 2: Mexican food always reminds one of home-cooking.

Support 3: Mexican food can be made either mild or spicy.

Thesis: Because it is simple, comforting, and versatile, Mexican food is my favorite ethnic food.

B. Model Essay

I would have to say that my favorite ethnic food is Mexican food. It's a simple food that uses simple ingredients to make beautiful dishes. It's the kind of food that would remind one of home cooking. And the food can be spicy or mild depending on how the person likes his meals. These are the traits of Mexican food that I enjoy so much.

First, Mexican cooking doesn't need a lot of fancy or expensive ingredients to make good food. The ingredients used in Mexican cooking are the kinds of ingredients that people can afford easily or can grow themselves in their own gardens. It uses common spices like pepper and common vegetables like tomatoes and onions. This is because most Mexicans can't afford fancy ingredients and make do with whatever they can get and this is where the imagination comes in, because combining simple ingredients into delicious food requires a lot of creativity. It's this creativity through simplicity that makes me admire Mexican cooks.

Another reason, I like this kind of food is because it reminds me of old-fashioned home cooking. Most chefs in other styles of cooking try to make their dishes look fancy for presentation at expensive restaurants. But

Mexican chefs learn their skills at home, not at expensive schools, so they concentrate more on making the dish taste good, as opposed to making it look good. Mexican restaurants are not where one goes for frills, but for full stomachs. This homey approach makes Mexican food much more enjoyable to me.

Lastly, Mexican food can be spiced to an individual's taste for spicy or mild food. Whenever, my friend and I go out to our favorite Mexican restaurant, we always order different levels of spiciness. I really like my food spicy, so I always get it hot. My friend on the other hand cannot tolerate anything too spicy, so he gets his food more mildly flavored. Even though we like different kinds of flavors and spice, we can enjoy Mexican food together because of this flexibility.

Mexican food is the ethnic foods I can always count on to be enjoyable. This is because it is simply made with simple, basic ingredients anyone can buy. The cooks always focus on making the food look and taste like something one can make at home by themselves. And the different levels of spiciness means anyone can enjoy it. That is why Mexican food is my favorite ethnic food.

C. Useful Expressions

1. It's the kind of food that would remind one of home cooking.

2. These are the traits of Mexican food that I enjoy so much.

3. This is where the imagination comes in because combining simple ingredients into delicious food requires a lot of creativity.

4. It's this creativity through simplicity that makes me admire Mexican cooks.

5. Most chefs in other styles of cooking try to make their dishes look fancy for presentation at expensive restaurants.

6. Another reason, I like this kind of food is because it reminds me of old-

fashioned home cooking.

7. But Mexican chefs learn their skills at home, not at expensive schools, so they concentrate more on making the dish taste good, as opposed to making it look good.

8. Mexican restaurants are not where one goes for frills, but for full stomachs.

9. My friend, on the other hand, cannot tolerate anything too spicy, so he gets his food more mildly flavored.

10. Mexican food is the ethnic food I can always count on to be enjoyable.

Q143. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Laughter and joy are essential aspects for a healthy life. Why or why not? Give specific reasons and details to support your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe that laughter and joy are an indispensable part of a healthy life.

Support 1: By filling your life with laughter and joy, you are not leaving any room for sadness to take control.

Support 2: Laughter and joy are medically proven to better your health.

Support 3: Laughter and joy in your life will bring laughter in joy to the lives of others.

Thesis: Because there are no disadvantages to laughter and joy, I believe one must have them in his life.

B. Model Essay

As the old adage goes, “Laughter is the best medicine.” I firmly believe in the healing power of both laughter and joy and their ability to improve your quality of life. So, I agree with the statement that laughter and joy are essential aspects for living a healthy and happy life. First and foremost, having laughter and joy in your life equates to a life free of debilitating unhappiness. Furthermore, both laughter and joy have been proven to better one’s physical wellbeing. Finally, having laughter in joy in your life helps to better the lives of those you encounter.

To begin with, if your life is full of laughter and joy, there is no room for sadness. Looking on the bright side of a situation can make any challenge seem significantly less daunting. If you laugh in a situation where all you want to do is cry, you’ll reduce the amount of unhappiness in your heart. Being joyful in all circumstances will help you to see the

good that is inevitably in every situation. Eventually, you'll be able to effortlessly see the silver lining in every dark cloud. Laughter and joy are the best safeguards against anxiety and depression and a sure way to keep your thoughts positive.

Just as laughter and joy can help your mind stay healthy, so too can they aid in bettering the health of your body. Laughter is an instant stress alleviator. Stress can lead to all kinds of strain on your body, such as insomnia, fatigue, and muscle aches. By engaging in the relaxing activity of laughing, you can decrease the amount of stress in your life and thus live a more pain-free life. Additionally, laughing and living joyfully can actually help to boost your immune system by increasing immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies. As a result, your body will be able to fight off illnesses such as the flu more quickly. So, by simply adding laughter and joy to your life, you can increase your physical wellbeing.

One last benefit of having laughter and joy in your life is that you will be able to bring laughter and joy to the lives of others as well. For example, laughter is contagious. If you begin laughing in a roomful of people, it won't be long before they are all laughing as well. By thinking positively, you'll teach those around you to do the same. People will be drawn to you because of your positive attitude and ability to make them laugh. You'll be able to share the benefits of laughter and joy with those around you simply by having laughter and joy in your own life.

In conclusion, I believe that having laughter and joy in your life is necessary. While the disadvantage of laughter and joy are nonexistent, the benefits that laughter and joy bring are great. By simply laughing and being joyful, you can increase your mental health. Likewise, you can become a healthier person by adding laughter and joy to your life. Furthermore, by being joyful and laughing, you can extend the benefits of laughter and joy to those around you as well. If everyone incorporated more laughter and joy into their lives, the world would be a much more pleasant place to inhabit.

C. Useful Expressions

1. As the old adage goes, “Laughter is the best medicine.”

2. First and foremost, having laughter and joy in your life equates to a life free of debilitating unhappiness.

3. Looking on the bright side of a situation can make any challenge seem significantly less daunting.

4. Eventually, you’ll be able to effortlessly see the silver lining in every dark cloud.

5. Laughter and joy are the best safeguards against anxiety and depression and a sure way to keep your thoughts positive.

6. Just as laughter and joy can help your mind stay healthy, so too can they aid in bettering the health of your body.

7. Stress can lead to a wealth of strain on your body, such as insomnia, fatigue, and muscle aches.

8. If you begin laughing in a roomful of people, it won’t be long before they are all laughing as well.

9. While the disadvantages of laughter and joy are nonexistent, the benefits that laughter and joy bring are great.

10. Furthermore, by being joyful and laughing, you can extend the benefits of laughter and joy to those around you as well.

Q144. When you feel sad, what are some of things you do to help yourself feel better?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I have some surefire tactics that enable me to feel better when I am feeling low.

Support 1: I like to take a long walk when I'm feeling down.

Support 2: It's good to contact friends and family when you're feeling sad.

Support 3: Turning to literature also seems to help all of my problems disappear.

Thesis: Because they help to alleviate my sadness in the fastest manner possible, I always take these three steps when sadness strikes.

B. Model Essay

Whenever I am feeling sad there are a few things I may do to help myself feel better as soon as possible. First, I would go for a walk and think about my feelings. Then the next step would be to contact close friends or family members to seek support. Then, I would try to find some good books to read in order to learn how to deal with my feelings in a positive manner.

First, whenever I am feeling sad I would try to go for a walk somewhere. One of my favorite places I like to go is the woods, because it is isolated and there are not many people there. The woods provide a good atmosphere for a person to think clearly about their feelings, and even cry if they need to without being around a lot of people. Plus, the scenery can also help one to clear their mind and elevate their mood.

Second, when I feel ready to talk with others about my problems I will try to seek out close friends or family members to consult with about my problem. Trying to repress feelings or not talk about them could make the

problem worse. My friends and family may have been through a similar situation before, and may be able to offer positive solutions to my problem. At best, they can be a good support network and allow me to just talk.

Finally, after reflecting on my feelings and talking with others, I would usually find some good self-help books to find advice on how to move on past the sadness. Some of the best books that have helped me were books that discussed NLP. NLP helps because it helps people to focus on the meanings we give to problems. By changing the interpretations of the problems, I can overcome sadness and feel better quicker. As well, I also enjoy reading inspiring stories of people who have had to deal with certain problems in their lives and how they overcame them. This could also provide a plan of action for me to overcome my problems.

Many people have their own methods of dealing with sadness. For me, I find the best way to help myself feel better is to go on a walk alone and gather my thoughts. As well, talking with and getting support from friends and family is important as well. Books are also important too because of the professional advice or inspiring stories of people who have dealt with and overcome major life problems.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Whenever I am feeling sad I have a few go-to techniques I may do to help myself feel better as soon as possible.

2. Then next step would be to contact close friends or family members, my support network, to seek comfort and guidance.

3. First, whenever I am feeling sad I would try to go for a walk somewhere to clear my head.

4. Also, sometimes one needs to be alone with his thoughts.

5. Trying to repress feelings and keep them under wraps could make the problem worse.

6. At best, they can lend me an ear and allow me to just talk.

7. Finally, after some soul searching and talking with others, I would usually find some good self-help books to find advice on how to move on past the sadness.

8. This could also provide a plan of action for me to overcome my problems.

9. Many people have their own methods of dealing with their demons.

10. For me, I find the best way to help myself feel better is to go on a walk alone and gather my thoughts.

**Q145. Do you think it's a good idea to loan money to friends?
Why or why not**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe that loaning money to friends could actually be quite beneficial for a relationship.

Support 1: You picked that individual to be your friend because he proved himself to be worthy of your friendship.

Support 2: Loaning money can be virtually risk-free by simply setting up a written contract regarding the loan.

Support 3: It is important to consider how you would feel if the roles were reversed and you were the one needing money.

Thesis: Because loaning money to a friend will help strengthen your friendship, I believe loaning money to a friend is a good idea.

B. Model Essay

Loaning money to anyone, regardless of his relationship to you, is always a risky move. This is especially true when it comes to loaning money to your friends. What may start out as a kind gesture could easily backfire, resulting in the loss of money and a good friend. However, I believe loaning money to a friend is a good idea, as long as you trust your friend, both you and your friend understand the terms of the loan, and are able to put yourself in your friend's position.

To begin with, your friend is your friend for a reason. There is a certain level of mutual trust that two people share that allows them to become good friends. Your friend is the one with whom you spend most of your time, share your secrets, and discuss any problems either of you is having. You know him and you still like him enough to remain his friend. Therefore, if your friend asks for money, you should be able to understand his situation well enough to justify lending him the money.

However, prior to lending him the money, you and your friend should make sure that you both understand the terms of the loan. Your friend should be able to tell you how he plans on spending the money and when he will be able to pay you back. Furthermore, you need to understand that you may never get that money back. You should only lend your friend the amount that you are comfortable with losing.

Most importantly, you should put yourself in your friend's position. What if the roles were reversed? Wouldn't you want your friend to loan you the money? If you were in a difficult situation and needed help from a friend, you would expect your friend to trust you enough to help you out. So, you should loan your friend money if he needs help.

Although many believe that loaning money to a friend will end up ruining the relationship, it doesn't have to end disastrously. Everyone needs some help sometimes, and we should be able to count on our friends to help us out. For that reason, I believe you should lend money to friends. If you truly trust your friend, understand the details of the loan, and are able to empathize with his situation, loaning your friend money will help to strengthen your friendship.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Loaning money to anyone, regardless of his relationship to you, is always a risky move.

2. What may start out as a kind gesture could easily backfire, resulting in the loss of money and a good friend.

3. There is a certain level of mutual trust that two people share, a certain it-factor that allows them to become good friends.

4. Your friend is the one with whom you spend most of your time, share your secrets, and discuss any problems either of you is having.

5. However, prior to lending him the money, you and your friend should make sure that you both understand the conditions of the loan.

6. You should only lend your friend the amount that you are comfortable with losing.

7. Most importantly, you should put yourself in your friend's position.

8. If you were in a difficult situation and needed help from a friend, you would expect your friend to trust you enough to help you out.

9. Everyone needs help sometimes, and we should be able to count on our friends to help us out.

10. If you truly trust your friend, understand the details of the loan, and are able to empathize with his situation, loaning your friend money will help to strengthen your friendship.

Q146. Is it important to have expensive but beautiful things, such as fancy cars and designer label clothes?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: It is definitely not important to surround oneself with luxurious items.

Support 1: By spending money on luxury items, we are leaving ourselves with less money for the more important things in life.

Support 2: Looks can be deceiving, so higher prices do not necessarily equate to better quality.

Support 3: If we waste money on a large amount of luxury items, we give people a negative impression of us.

Thesis: Due to the numerous disadvantages associated with luxury items, I think it's best to not to have an excess amount of expensive items.

B. Model Essay

There are many ways to spend our money. Some of those ways are on expensive but beautiful things, such as fancy cars and designer label clothes. However, it is not important, to me, to have these items due to all the negatives that surround these luxurious items; they take away from the real important things in life, they aren't necessarily quality items, and they send a bad message to those around us.

First of all, having expensive things takes money away from the more important things. In life, we have basic needs to meet. Some examples of these needs are food, shelter, and companionship. When we start spending money on expensive cars, it takes away from the money we could be investing on improving our fundamentals in life. I could better use the money spent on a car towards a good college education for my children, or I could use it towards a family vacation. So, having luxury items doesn't

lead to happiness because other things in our life are lacking.

Secondly, just because something is beautiful and expensive, it doesn't mean that that item is a quality item. Let's take designer clothes for example. We go out and buy hundreds and hundreds of dollars worth of clothing that we assume is a good quality because of the name that is sewn on to it. But, within a few months, that clothing wears away just as quickly, if not quicker, then the clothing bought at a less expensive department store. In the end, having expensive clothing doesn't guarantee a quality item.

Finally, having all of these luxury items sends the wrong message to those around us. When we buy high-dollar value items, it says that we are a rich person and that we waste our money on frivolous things. Don't we want to raise our children to know that looks are not what is important in life? We should be teaching them that it is what is inside a person that counts. I am not denying that a person who looks rich will have more friends than a person who looks poor. On the contrary, what type of message is that? We should instead put our focus on improving our mind and body, versus improving our clothing line and garage stock.

Since having expensive but beautiful things has so many downsides, I think that luxury items are not worth buying. We need to stop the thinking that a brand name has more importance than the quality of something. We also should strive to save our money for more important things and not waste it on an item that will lose its value over time.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Finally, it sends the wrong message to those around us.

2. First of all, having expensive things takes money away from the more important things.

3. When we start spending money on expensive cars, it takes away from the money we could be investing on improving the fundamentals in life.

4. We go out and buy tons of dollars worth of clothing that we assume is a good quality because of the name that is sewn onto it.

5. But, within a few months, that clothing wears away just as quickly, if not more quickly, than the clothing bought at a less expensive department store.

6. When we buy high-dollar items, it says that we are a rich person and that we waste our money on frivolous things.

7. We should be teaching them that it is what is inside a person that counts.

8. We should instead put our focus on improving our mind and body versus improving our clothing line and garage stock.

9. Since having expensive but beautiful things has so many downsides, I think luxury items are not worth buying.

10. We also should strive to save our money for more important things and not waste it on an item that will lose its value over time.

Q147. Exercise is a useful means of alleviating stress, and many doctors suggest that people should exercise every day to stay healthy and fit. What is your favorite type of exercise?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My favorite way to stay in a shape and keep my body healthy is playing soccer.

Support 1: Soccer requires various physical skills.

Support 2: Through playing soccer, one can develop his social skills.

Support 3: Soccer is easy because it can be played anywhere.

Thesis: Due to the entertainment and health values associated with soccer, it is my favorite type of exercise.

B. Model Essay

In today's technology-based society, people are spending more and more time indoors working and studying. Because of this, it is more important than ever to make sure that we are engaging in some kind of physical exercise in order to keep our bodies healthy and strong. My favorite way to stay in shape is playing soccer. Playing soccer is a great way to utilize many different physical skills. In addition, soccer helps one to develop his social skills. Finally, soccer is an easy sport to play anywhere.

First of all, one of the reasons soccer is an excellent sport to play is because it requires one to use several different physical skills. Soccer allows one to build up his endurance because he will need to run up and down the field several times throughout the game, at times quickly sprinting in order to score a goal or stop his opponent from doing the same. In addition, one must practice his footwork. Many of the great soccer players, such as Landon Donovan, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Leonardo Messi, are able to use their feet to manipulate the soccer ball and

confuse their opponents. Also, one must develop his coordination in order to pass and shoot with accuracy.

Along with being physically demanding, soccer is also a great way to develop your social skills. Soccer is a team sport, so one must learn how to appropriately socialize with both his teammates and his opponents. Both winning and losing need to be handled gracefully. No one likes a conceited winner or a sore loser. Also, one has to develop his communication skills to notify his teammates of what he is planning on doing or where he plans on positioning himself on the field. Soccer encourages fair play as well, as unsportsmanlike behavior could result in a yellow or red card, potentially causing one to be expelled from the game if he is acting inappropriately.

Finally, one of the best parts about soccer is that it can be played almost anywhere. While one can play soccer in a formal setting using all of the proper gear and referees, many people all over the world simply play pickup games of soccer. All they need is something that can be used as a soccer ball, objects with which to mark the goals, and a few willing players. A game of soccer is an entertaining way to spend a Saturday afternoon with your friends. Anyone can play because it does not require any special or advanced skills.

Due to the different physical demands of soccer, its ability to develop social skills and the accessibility of the sport, soccer is my favorite way to stay in shape both physically and mentally. I am not alone in my opinion, as soccer has been, is, and will remain one of the world's most popular sports. However, regardless of whether one enjoys playing soccer or not, he needs to find some kind of physical activity that he enjoys doing. Exercise must remain an important part of our lifestyles in order for us to live fulfilling lives.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Because of this, it is more important than ever to make sure that we are engaging in some kind of physical exercise in order to keep our bodies healthy and strong.

2. Soccer allows one to build up his endurance because he will need to run up and down the field several times throughout the game, at times quickly sprinting in order to score a goal or stop his opponent from doing the same.

3. Many of the great soccer players, such as Landon Donovan, Cristiano Ronaldo, and Leonardo Messi, are able to use their feet to manipulate the soccer ball and confuse their opponents.

4. Both winning and losing need to be handled gracefully.

5. No one likes a conceited winner or a sore loser.

6. Soccer encourages fair play as well, as unsportsmanlike behavior could result in a yellow or red card, potentially causing one to be expelled from the game if he is acting inappropriately.

7. While one can play soccer in a formal setting using all of the proper gear and referees, many people all over the world simply play pickup games of soccer.

8. A game of soccer is an entertaining way to pass a Saturday afternoon with your friends.

9. Due to the different physical demands of soccer, its ability to develop social skills and the accessibility of the sport, soccer is my favorite way to stay in shape both physically and mentally.

10. I am not alone in my opinion, as soccer has been, is, and will remain one of the world's most popular sports.

Q148. When you choose a friend, which quality is more important in that person, honesty or physical appearance? Give reasons for your choice.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Honesty is undoubtedly the more important quality to look for in a friend.

Support 1: A friend's main role should be secret keeper, not super model.

Support 2: A dishonest friend would be a negative influence on me.

Support 3: One's physical appearance is not necessarily an accurate indicator of someone's personality.

Thesis: Because my life would be markedly more pleasant if I had an honest friend versus an attractive one, I would definitely choose to befriend an honest person.

B. Model Essay

Though one can alter her physical appearance with the aid of cosmetics or surgeries, honesty is a quality that is not as easily accessible. Therefore, when choosing my friends, I seek people who value honesty as much as I do. Honesty is a much more important characteristic to have in a friend than physical appearance, for I can trust an honest person. Furthermore, I do not want to be around people who might encourage me to be dishonest. Lastly, honesty is a much better judge of someone's personality than her looks are.

Honesty is much more important than physical appearance because a friend's primary function is to be my secret keeper and problem solver. When I have a problem that I need help resolving, I like to be able to ask advice from my friends. However, I want to know that I can discuss private things with my friend and that she won't tell anyone else. Also, I want my friend to be able to give me her honest opinion. I don't want her

to lie to me or try to cover the truth. That would only hurt me and make me upset.

In addition, I like being an honest person that people can trust. I don't want to be around someone that might encourage me to lie. I believe friends should have a positive influence on you and help you to better yourself. If I am around someone who repeatedly lies or stretches the truth, I might pick up her habits. Then, I would become someone that others cannot trust.

Another reason I would choose honesty over physical appearance is because physical appearance is not always a good reflection of how someone is on the inside. Personality is much more important than how someone looks because your friend's looks cannot help you to solve a problem or make you feel better when you're feeling bad. However, an honest person will have a good personality because she will respect your feelings enough to tell you the truth, even when telling the truth may be difficult. Unlike a good personality, good looks do not last.

Overall, my social life would be much more pleasant if I had an honest friend rather than a physically attractive one. An honest friend would be able to help me solve my problems and keep my secrets. Additionally, if I were friends with a dishonest person, I might pick up her habits and become someone that others cannot trust. Finally, honesty will outlast good looks and is a better indicator of someone with a good personality. Because a pleasant physical appearance is easier to obtain than honesty, I would rather have a friend who is honest. The phrase that suggests, "Honesty is the best policy," is especially true when it comes to keeping and maintaining lasting friendships.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Though one can alter her physical appearance with the aid of cosmetics or surgeries, honesty is a quality that is not as easily accessible.

2. Lastly, honesty is a much better gauge of someone's personality than

her looks are.

3. Honesty is much more important than physical appearance because a friend's primary function is to be my secret keeper and problem solver.

4. I don't want her to lie to me or try to cover the truth to save my feelings.

5. I don't want to be around someone that might pressure me into lying as well.

6. If I am around someone who repeatedly lies or stretches the truth, I might pick up her habits.

7. Another reason I would choose honesty over physical appearance is because physical appearance is not always a good reflection of how someone is on the inside.

8. However, an honest person will have a good personality because she will respect your feelings enough to tell you the truth, even when telling the truth may be difficult.

9. Unlike a good personality, good looks do not last.

10. Additionally, if I were friends with a dishonest person, I might pick up her habits and become someone that others cannot trust.

Q149. If there was a fire or some other type of disaster in your house, what would you take with you? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If a disaster were to strike my home, I would make sure to take my family's photo albums with me.

Support 1: My photo albums tell the story of my family.

Support 2: There are life-defining moments captured in those photos that inspire me.

Support 3: Photos from my childhood are irreplaceable.

Thesis: Because my history would be lost if my photo albums were destroyed, I would make sure to save those.

B. Model Essay

Disasters are a terrible part of life, especially when one is not prepared for them to strike. A bad fire or flood could destroy a house and everything inside of it. If there was some kind of disaster in my house, I would try my hardest to save the photo albums my family has collected over the years. One of the main reasons I would want to save the photo albums is because they contain pictures that chronicle my family's history. Additionally, those photos albums captured parts of my life that made me who I am today. Most importantly, the photo albums are one of the very few things in my home that could never be replaced if they were damaged.

First of all, my family has collected several photo albums over the years. We even have albums from when my parents were younger, telling the story of how they grew up back when the world was recovering from the destruction of World War II. Those photo albums contain my family's history. They show how we grew up, what our lives were like, and what the latest fashions of the time were. I love going through the albums with my parents because they are able to weave all of the individual pictures

into one continuous story about our lives. Therefore, if we were to lose the photo albums, we would lose part of our family's story.

Furthermore, the photo albums contain pictures of moments that have helped to define my life and made me the person I am today. My family didn't just capture the happy moments, but the sad moments as well. Flipping through the pages of the photo albums remind me of moments that really changed me for the better. For example, pictures of my time with family members that are no longer living help me to remember all of the valuable life lessons they taught me. Also, the photo my mother took of me after I won my first art competition reminds me how much I hated art class because I thought I was a terrible artist. Winning the competition reminded me not to ever stop believing in my own abilities.

The most important reason I would try to salvage my family's photo albums from a disaster is because those photos cannot be replaced. I can't go back in time and become a little kid again. I cannot bring back people that have passed away. I cannot recreate those memories captured in the photos that shaped my life both negatively and positively. Computers, televisions, clothing—those are all things that can be repurchased and replaced. Photos cannot. I would hate to lose all of those wonderful memories.

Recovering from a disaster is not an easy task, especially if one loses most or all of his personal belongs in the disaster. However, I think I would be okay as long as I had my family and the photo albums. Those photo albums would be invaluable to me in the process of recovering from a disaster, as they would remind me of who I am. Photo albums chronicle my family's history, capture the life changing moments in my life, and can never be replaced. I would save my family's photo albums from any disaster that might affect my home.

C. Useful Expressions

1. A bad fire or flood could destroy a house and everything inside of it.

2. Additionally, those photos albums capture parts of my life that shaped

me into the person I am today.

3. So, all things considered, I would save my family's photo albums.

4. We even have albums from when my parents were younger, telling the story of how they grew up back when the world was recovering from the destruction of World War II.

5. I love going through the albums with my parents because they are able to weave all of the individual pictures into one continuous story about our lives.

6. Flipping through the pages of the photo albums remind me of moments that really changed me for the better.

7. Also, the photo my mother took of me after I won my first art competition reminds me how much I hated art class because I thought I was a terrible artist.

8. I cannot bring back people that have passed away.

9. Recovering from a disaster is not an easy task, especially if one loses most or all of his personal belongings in the disaster.

10. Photo albums chronicle my family's history, capture the life changing moments in my life, and can never be replaced.

Q150. Who is your best friend? Why is he/she important to you?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Though I have met many amazing friends, Peter Lynch remains my best friend.

Support 1: Because Peter knows me better than anyone, he always gives me sound advice.

Support 2: It's easy to pick up right where we left off, even if we haven't spoken to each other in ages.

Support 3: Peter and I have experienced some pretty dark moments together.

Thesis: Peter will always have my back no matter what, so he will always be my very best friend.

B. Model Essay

I have many friends both here in South Korea and in America, but my best friend is Peter F. Lynch. He and I have been best friends since our junior year at Allentown Central Catholic High School. We had two classes together, where we had numerous projects to do together. These projects started our friendship that has now lasted for 12 years. We formed our friendship from a common love for a book and it has only grown from there.

First, Peter knows me the best and can always give me the best advice. We have known each other for 12 years and because of this, we have learned about each other very well. I often go to him to ask advice about dating, or what I should do next in life. He always gives me advice perfectly suited for me. It is never what he wants me to do, but rather what he knows I should do. To me, this is a very important feature in a best friend. Somebody who knows what is best for you, not for them.

Next, Peter and I have gone two years without talking; but when we saw each other again, it was like that two year gap never existed. After we graduated high school, we went our separate ways but found each other again in college. We caught up with each other and discussed the past and future with each other. Most friendships will fade or drift apart if they have that length of time between them. However, our friendship only became stronger because we realized how important we were in each other's lives.

Finally, Peter and I have been through some of our most difficult and darkest times together. These times challenged our thoughts of others and our plans for the future. Despite these tough times, we worked through them together and can now look back on them and chuckle about the things we got ourselves into. One example was when he was dealing with the death of some soldiers on a Chinook in August of 2011. It was the most difficult time for both of us because he was dealing with a lot of guilt and I was dealing with the fact I almost lost my best friend. He was to have been on the helicopter that crashed, but he gave up his seat to another soldier, who died. He felt guilty because that person had a fiancé and a child but we worked through it together and we have only become stronger because of these difficult feelings.

Because of my friendship with Peter, we have been able to grow as adults together. I am very lucky to have him in my life and I would have been devastated if I had lost him in August of 2011. A best friend should always be there for you, no matter what difficulties may come your way. To me, a best friend is rare and not something that comes along that often.

C. Useful Expressions

1. From those projects blossomed a friendship that has now lasted for 12 years.

2. We formed our friendship over a common love for a book and it has only grown from there.

3. First, Peter knows me inside out and can always give me the best advice.

4. He always gives me advice suited perfectly to me.

5. Somebody who knows what is best for you, not for him, is the best kind of friend.

6. We are able to pick up quickly where we left off.

7. We caught up with each other and discussed the past and future with each other.

8. Most friendships will fade or friends will drift apart if they have that length of time between them.

9. Despite these tough times, we worked through them together and can now look back on them and chuckle about the things we got ourselves into.

10. A best friend should always be there for you, no matter what difficulties may come your way.

Q151. If you could be famous for something, what would you want to be famous for? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I want to be famous for curing cancer.

Support 1: The world would be a better place if cancer were cured.

Support 2: I wouldn't have to perform in front of people, like many other celebrities.

Support 3: No one would forget that I cured cancer.

Thesis: Since many people could benefit from me curing cancer and I would always be remembered, I would like to be famous for having found a cure for cancer.

B. Model Essay

If I could be famous for something, I would want to be well-known for discovering the cure for all cancers. By doing this, it will make the world a better place. Also, I would not be famous for something that I would need to perform or do in front of a larger arena of people. Lastly, I would be known for an important thing, not for just a hit song that is played on the radio once.

First, if I could be famous for discovering the cure for cancer, the world would be a better place. So many people are dying from cancer every year. We have gotten better at diagnosing the early signs of this disease but we are still losing too many people. If there is a cure, then we could focus our money and resources on finding more cures for other diseases and to fix other problems we have on Earth. Also, people would not have to be as worried about possibly getting cancer. When I had my scare with cancer, it was so terrifying thinking what could happen to me and my family. So this to me would be a great thing to be famous for because it is personal to me.

Next, I don't like singing or performing in front of extremely large arenas of people, so finding a cure for cancer would be a great 'behind-the-scenes' fame to have. I wouldn't have to get up and sing and dance for anybody. Maybe, I would have to do a speech but speaking is much easier than performing. My speeches would be written and rehearsed and I would have props to help me discuss the way to cure cancer. These speeches would help educate many other doctors who can then use this information to cure their own patients, until all patients are cured around the world.

Finally, my fame would be for something that is important and that has an impact on the world. It won't be like a song that will fade over the years. Because of this cure, people will be happier, resources can be used elsewhere, and I will be making a difference in people's lives. A singer, athlete, or musician might be well-known for a year or two, but after that, their fame will be worth nothing.

Since there are many benefits that could come from my fame, I would want to be famous for being the person who cured all cancer in the world. This is a type of fame that not only is important to me, but also to others. It could change the way the world is and I could feel proud of being the person who started it all.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I could be famous for something, I would want to be well-known for discovering the cure for all cancers.

2. Lastly, I would be known for an important thing, not for just a hit song that is played on the radio once.

3. So, I would like to get my 15 minutes of fame, or even more, from discovering the cure for cancer.

4. We have gotten better at diagnosing the early signs of this disease, but we are still losing too many people.

5. When I had my cancer scare, it was so terrifying thinking what could

happen to me and my family.

6. Next, I don't like singing or performing in front of extremely large arenas of people, so finding a cure for cancer would be a great 'behind-the-scenes' fame to have.

7. My speeches would be written and well-rehearsed.

8. Finally, my fame would be for something that is important and makes an impact on the world.

9. It won't be like a song that will fade over the years.

10. Since there are many benefits that could come from my fame, I would want to be famous for being the person who cured all cancers in the world.

Q152. Do you think teenagers should be allowed to drive? Give specific reasons and details for your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I don't think teenagers should be allowed to drive.

Support 1: Many teenagers get into traffic accidents when they drive.

Support 2: Because of their changing bodies, some teenagers drive carelessly such as through drag racing.

Support 3: Teenagers are just too immature to understand the responsibilities of driving.

Thesis: Since teenagers are just too underdeveloped and reckless to drive, they should not be allowed to until they are much older.

B. Model Essay

In my honest opinion, I do not believe that teenagers should be allowed to drive. There are too many problems that occur when teenagers get behind the wheel. There are too many traffic accidents involving teens. Also, most teenagers are not responsible enough to handle the financial responsibility of driving.

First of all, most traffic accidents involve teen drivers. There is a saying that the first one hundred days a teen has their license are the deadliest.” Many times when teens are driving, they will drive with too many people in the car. This is a distraction for the driver. Another distraction for teens behind the wheel are cell phones. Teen drivers are notorious for texting or talking on their cell phones while driving.

Also, some teens feel the need to prove themselves to others. Because of 'raging hormones' that teens experience, many will become involved in risky behavior such as speeding or drag racing. This not only creates a dangerous situation for the teen drivers, but for other drivers and

pedestrians as well. This is one of the reasons why insurance companies tend to charge more for younger drivers, as well as owners of certain sports cars.

Finally, most teens are not mature enough to handle the responsibilities of driving, or owning a vehicle, because they tend to equate driving with freedom. However, most teens need to understand that there is more involved with driving. Most teens never think about the costs of driving such as insurance. They will usually have to pay higher fees, which would require them to work a job in addition to studying. This does not sound like the freedom that teens may imagine.

Since teenagers are at a vulnerable age where they do not fully understand the responsibilities of driving, it would probably be wise for them to hold off on driving until they are older. As well, keeping teens from driving would potentially reduce the number of traffic accidents, and make our roads safer. Driving is not a right, but a privilege, and teens need to be mature enough to understand this.

C. Useful Expressions

1. In my honest opinion, I do not believe that teenagers should be allowed to drive.

2. There are too many problems that occur when teenagers get behind the wheel.

3. Also, most teenagers are not responsible enough to handle the financial responsibility of driving.

4. Teen drivers are notorious for texting or talking on their cell phones while driving.

5. Because of 'raging hormones' that teens experience, many will become involved in risky behavior such as speeding or drag racing.

6. This not only creates a dangerous situation for the teen drivers, but for

other drivers and pedestrians as well.

7. Finally, most teens are not mature enough to handle the responsibilities of driving, or owning a vehicle, because they tend to equate driving with freedom.

8. Most teens never think about the costs of driving such as insurance.

9. Since teenagers are at a vulnerable age where they do not fully understand the responsibilities of driving, it would probably be wise for them to hold off on driving until they are older.

10. Driving is not a right, but a privilege, and teens need to be mature enough to understand this.

Q153. If you could meet one world leader, who would it be and why? Give specific reasons and details for your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would want to meet Mahatma Gandhi.

Support 1: Gandhi had an interesting life as a civil rights leader.

Support 2: I would like to learn about his life philosophy.

Support 3: I want to ask Gandhi how we can change the world today for the better.

Thesis: Because he was a great inspiration to everyone fighting injustice, I want to meet Mahatma Gandhi.

B. Model Essay

There is so much that one could learn from these individuals to help better our world and avoid mistakes committed by some of the leaders of the past. If I were given the opportunity to meet one world leader, I would love to meet Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, more commonly known as Mahatma Gandhi. Unfortunately, he passed away several years ago. Despite this, I believe there are many valuable lessons I could learn from him. If I were to meet him, I would ask him about the experiences that had the greatest impact on his life. I would make sure to ask him about his personal philosophy. Also, one of the things I would look forward to the most is asking him for his advice and opinion on the current situation of the world today.

One of the very first things I would like to learn about Gandhi is his life experience. Gandhi has been involved in several important movements, such as the Civil Rights Movement, as well as struggles of independence. He was beaten, arrested, and yet revered by many. I would like to know which of those experiences he felt changed him or inspired him the most. I feel that he would have some very interesting stories to tell

and that he would be very entertaining to listen to. I could learn about many important details of the events he experienced that might have been left out of the history books.

Another reason I would enjoy meeting Gandhi is because I would like to learn about his personal life philosophy. Everyone has a life philosophy, whether they know it or not. I would like to learn about what drove Gandhi to engage in the types of causes that he did. How would he define a successful or happy life? What was his main goal in life? It would also be intriguing to learn how his life experiences helped shape and alter his personal philosophy. After listening to him, I would be able to evaluate my own goals in life and maybe alter them to encompass what I learned from him.

Most importantly, if I were given the opportunity to meet Gandhi, I would make sure to ask him for his opinion on the world we're living in now. Gandhi has a lot of experience and was so successful that there is a holiday commemorating his work, so he would be a valuable source of information. I would want to know what he thinks is positive about the world and what we need to change. Moreover, I would ask him for his advice on how to change those things about the world that he believes are negative. He and I would exchange thoughts and opinions. I would be sure to take notes so I wouldn't forget anything that he told me.

Meeting any world leader would be beneficial and an amazing experience, but I would prefer to meet Gandhi. I could learn so much from him! Meeting him would allow me to ask him about his life experiences, his personal philosophy, and his opinion on the world we live in today. Because Gandhi is such a patient man, I'm sure he would allow me to ask as many questions as I would like. He would be so inspiring to talk to! By talking to him, I might even have the opportunity to become the next great world leader.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There is so much that one could learn from world leaders to help better

our world and avoid mistakes committed by some of the leaders of the past.

2. I would love to meet Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, more commonly known as Mahatma Gandhi.

3. I would make sure to ask him about his personal philosophy.

4. He was beaten, arrested, and yet revered by many.

5. I would like to learn about what drove Gandhi to engage in the types of causes that he did.

6. It would also be intriguing to learn how his life experiences helped shape and alter his personal philosophy.

7. After listening to him, I would be able to evaluate my own goals in life and maybe alter them to encompass what I learned from him.

8. Gandhi has a lot of experience and was so successful that there is a holiday commemorating his work, so he would be a valuable source of information.

9. He and I would exchange thoughts and opinions.

10. I could learn so much from him! Meeting him would allow me to ask him about his life experiences, his personal philosophy, and his opinion on the state of the world we live in today.

Q154. Which do you think is better, going to college right after high school or after taking a few years off?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think people should go to college directly after high school.

Support 1: College life is more enjoyable when fellow students are the same age as you.

Support 2: We might lose the motivation to go to school after being away for a couple of years.

Support 3: College itself is the perfect time for people to find themselves because of the many opportunities available.

Thesis: Because college life is more enjoyable with peers our own age and university provides such great opportunities, I think people should go to college straight after finishing high school.

B. Model Essay

Graduating high school is no longer very impressive, as everyone now has the opportunity to do so. In order to increase your chances of being successful in the world, it is important to obtain a college degree. I believe that one should go to college right after graduating from high school because it is more advantageous to do so. By going to college upon high school graduation, one is able to be around his peers. Furthermore, if one takes time off, he might not be as motivated to go back to college later. Finally, college offers many experiences for one to 'find himself' while still remaining in an academic setting.

First of all, attending college right after one graduates high school ensures that he will be surrounded by his peers at school. Being around people one's own age going through the same adaptation to college life as him will help him be more comfortable in the college setting. College life will be more enjoyable if one is able to hang out around friends his own

age. Meeting new friends and forming life long bonds with them is an important part of the college experience. By taking time off, one will enter college when he is older than the rest of the freshman starting out. This might make his experience more difficult because he won't have anyone his own age to relate to.

Another reason it is best to attend college immediately after completing high school is because one might not be motivated to return to school later. However, having a college degree is extremely important in today's society. Having time off from school might become too appealing. If one finds a job, he might end up staying in that job instead of going back to school and getting a degree that would allow him to obtain an even better job. Also, it becomes much harder to learn as one ages. The longer he stays out of school, the greater the risk that he will not go back to get his college degree. He'll be thrown into the real world that he may not be quite ready to enter yet.

Although some people argue that taking a few years off will enable one to 'find himself' or better understand what he really wants in life, I believe that college is the perfect time to do that. College allows one to partake in many different clubs, volunteer organizations, and trips that will help him figure out what he really desires to do with his life. Furthermore, in college, one is able to meet inspiring professors, crazy friends, and mentors all while still intellectually stimulating his mind. The people that he meets in college will help mold him into the person he will be for the rest of his life. College is the perfect opportunity to discover one's true aspirations.

In conclusion, going to college upon graduation from high school is the best option. One of the advantages it offers is that it allows one to be surrounded by his peers. Moreover, one might not actually be motivated to attend college after he has taken time off. Most importantly, college gives one several opportunities to explore himself and figure out where his interests truly lie. College is an amazing experience that will shape your mind and drive you to become successful at whatever it is that you desire to do. It should be experienced as soon as possible.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Graduating high school is no longer very impressive, as everyone now has the opportunity to do so.

2. I believe that one should go to college right after graduating from high school because it is more advantageous to do so.

3. Furthermore, if one takes time off, he might not be as motivated to go back to college later.

4. First of all, attending college right after one graduates high school ensures that he will be surrounded by his peers at school.

5. College life will be more enjoyable if one is able to hang out around friends his own age.

6. This might make his experience more difficult because he won't have anyone his own age to relate to.

7. He'll be thrown into the real world that he may not be quite ready to enter yet.

8. Although some people argue that taking a few years off will enable one to 'find himself' or better understand what he really wants in life, I believe that college is the perfect time to do that.

9. Furthermore, in college, one is able to meet inspiring professors, crazy friends, and mentors all while still intellectually stimulating his mind.

10. College is the perfect opportunity to discover one's true aspirations.

Q155. Which do you think is better—to live on campus or to rent an apartment off campus?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe that it is better to rent an apartment off campus.

Support 1: It is cheaper to rent an apartment off campus than live in the dormitories.

Support 2: College dorms can be too noisy and prevent people from studying.

Support 3: It's good to take a break from all the activities on a college campus.

Thesis: Because off campus apartments are cheaper, college dorms can be too distracting, and it's good to take a break from campus, I think it's better to rent an apartment off-campus.

B. Model Essay

While living in the college dormitories can be a fun and exciting experience, sometimes it can detract from the main purpose of attending college, studying and learning. So, I believe it is better to rent an apartment off campus rather than live in the dorms on campus. One reason renting an apartment off campus is more beneficial is because it can severely cut the cost of attending college. Secondly, college dorms typically do not create an atmosphere conducive to academic success because they are so noisy. Finally, it is good to be able to escape from the commotion of the college campus.

Although obtaining a college degree is a necessity in today's society, the costs of college may feel daunting to some wanting to attend. However, one will be able to dramatically reduce the cost of his college bill by choosing to live off campus. Dormitories typically cost much more per month than the average apartment. It is much cheaper to rent an

apartment off campus and use the money saved to pay for the most important college cost, tuition. Furthermore, stores around college dorms tend to have higher prices, as they know that the students in the dorms will prefer to pay extra for the convenience of being able to simply walk to the store. Shops off campus, however, are much cheaper. By renting an apartment off campus, one will not only be able to slash the cost of his housing, but save money on everyday necessities as well.

Another important reason to live off campus is that college dorms are very noisy places. Because most colleges require their incoming students to live on campus for their first year, the dorms are normally filled with underclassmen who are becoming accustomed to the college lifestyle for the first time. Many of the students are quite noisy and, due to their newfound freedom, will stay up much later and be much louder than normal. Additionally, college dorms are small and most require one to live with a roommate. The atmosphere created in the college dorm setting is not favorable for academic success, as it is much harder to focus with so many distractions. Living in an off-campus apartment would help to minimize the distractions and allow one to be more efficient while studying.

Moreover, one needs a break from the college campus. A student will spend most of his day on campus, attending classes, studying in the library, or simply hanging out with his friends between classes. However, he needs some time away from the campus. Students need to stay in touch with the idea that there is life outside of college. It is very easy to become overwhelmed by all of the activity and stress that accompany the college experience. Therefore, I think it is important for a student to be able to escape that. A beneficial way of doing that is living off campus.

Overall, the benefits of living off campus make it the best choice for one's housing arrangement during his college years. Living on campus is much too expensive, and that money could be better spent towards paying for books or tuition. Not only that, but living off campus enables one to study without the incessant distractions one will inevitably face while living in the college dorms. Last, but not least, it is important for one to

have an opportunity to escape the daily stress and excitement that he will encounter on campus. In order to get the most of one's college experience, I believe that one should rent an apartment off campus.

C. Useful Expressions

1. While living in the college dormitories can be a fun and exciting experience, sometimes it can detract from the main purpose of attending college, studying and learning.

2. One reason renting an apartment off campus is more beneficial is because it can severely cut the cost of attending college.

3. Although obtaining a college degree is a necessity in today's society, the costs of college may feel daunting to some wanting to attend.

4. Shops off campus, however, are much cheaper.

5. Many of the students are quite noisy and, due to their new-found freedom, will stay up much later and be much louder than normal.

6. The atmosphere created in the college dorm setting is not favorable for academic success, as it is much harder to focus with so many distractions.

7. Students need to stay in touch with the idea that there is life outside of college.

8. Overall, the benefits of living off campus make it the best choice for one's housing arrangement during his college years.

9. Not only that, but living off campus enables one to study without the incessant distractions one will inevitably face while living in the college dorms.

10. In order to get the most out of one's college experience, I believe that

one should rent an apartment off campus.

Q156. Some people prefer going to a movie theater instead of watching a movie at home. Which do you prefer? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I like watching movies at home more than watching movies in a movie theater.

Support 1: There are too many distractions in movie theaters.

Support 2: It costs more to watch movies on the big screen.

Support 3: It's more comfortable to watch movies at home.

Thesis: Because it's cheaper and more comfortable and offers less distractions, I think watching movies at home is the best place to watch movies.

B. Model Essay

I prefer staying at home to watch a movie rather than to watch a movie at a theater. Movie theaters are usually the preferred place for most, but not for me. With the few advantages of the movie theater, there are many more disadvantages: distractions, cost, and comfort.

First, there are many distractions that come along with watching a movie at a theater. Movie theaters are made for large groups of people, about 100 or more. With this large number come many distractions, such as loud chewing, talking, walking in front of the viewers, and cell phones. When I am in the comfort of my own home, I don't have any of these distractions. If I do, they only affect me and nobody else.

Next, the cost is higher to watch a movie at the theater. The initial ticket price might not seem very expensive, but when you add in all the other costs, it becomes a larger price than expected. Take for instance, the cost of gas to get to the theater, the cost of snacks and drinks, and also the cost of parking at some places. As you can see, these all add up to be much

more expensive than just a \$5 movie on TV.

Finally, it is more comfortable to see a movie at my own home. When I am at a theater, the seats are usually very comfortable but they are also very close to others. I cannot spread my legs out or curl my feet up without being in the way of somebody else. I am one who likes to move a lot during a movie, so being at a theater prevents me from doing this. Also, if I have to go to the bathroom, I can pause the movie, go and start the movie when I come back. I cannot do that at a movie theater. Therefore, it is much more comfortable to me at my own home to view a movie.

As stated above, I prefer the comfort of my own home to view a movie rather than a noisy and distracting movie theater. The movie theater has some comforts and amenities that I can't receive at my home, but my home has more advantages. Not having to deal with many people distracting me during a movie, the price being cheaper, and the ability to pause and start the movie again are the reasons I prefer watching movies at my own home.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Movies theaters are usually the preferred place for most, but not for me.

2. First, there are many distractions that come along with watching a movie at a theater.

3. Finally, watching a movie at home is far more relaxing.

4. First, movie theaters have many people who cause a myriad of distractions.

5. When I am in the comfort of my own home, I don't have any of these distractions.

6. With this large number come many distractions, such as loud chewing, talking, walking in front of the viewers, and cell phones.

7. If I do, they only affect me and nobody else.

8. The initial ticket price might not seem very expensive, but when you add in all the other costs, it becomes a price larger than previously expected.

9. I cannot spread my legs out or curl my feet up without being in the way of somebody else.

10. The movie theater has some comforts and amenities that I can't receive at home, but my home has more advantages.

Q157. What is your favorite way to spend your free time? Explain and include details and examples to support your explanation.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I spend my free time in three very distinct ways.

Support 1: I read books when I have the time.

Support 2: I have lunch or dinner with my friends from time to time.

Support 3: I also love to go hiking in the woods.

Thesis: Reading books, spending time with friends, and going hiking are my three favorite ways to spend my free time.

B. Model Essay

I work a lot and have very little free time. However, when I do get free time, I enjoy spending it in a variety of ways. First, I enjoy reading books. Second, I visit my friends. Third, I go outdoors and do many different activities in the fresh air.

First, most of my free time is spent reading books. I really like to read books, but I don't have much time to do so. Therefore, I would take advantage of my free time. I enjoy both electronic books and paperback books at a local park or coffee shop. There is something exciting about being able to read a book and imagining you are one of the characters in the story. It is a very exciting thing to do in my free time, even though most others would think it to be rather boring.

Second, I enjoy spending time with my friends. During my lunch and dinner time, I usually spend it eating at a restaurant with one of my many friends. We enjoy going to different types of ethnic food restaurants and learning about new countries through their food. We also like to see movies together and talk about the story and actors afterwards. I am lucky to have good friends to keep me company during my free time at lunch and

dinner.

Finally, my most favorite thing I enjoy doing during my free time is hiking or any other outdoor activity. I don't get to do these activities that often because they take up more time than I have, but they are the types of things that I enjoy the most. There are many mountains surrounding the area I live in, along with many trails that follow the rivers. So, my location is fantastic for outdoor activities. Being outdoors keeps me healthy, active and happy.

I have three favorite pastimes. The three ways I enjoy my free time are split between reading, socializing with friends, and doing outdoor activities. These three things keep my happy, healthy, and enjoying my life. I wish I had more free time to do all these things more often.

C. Useful Expressions

1. However, when I do get free time, I enjoy spending it in a variety of ways.

2. Third, I go outdoors and do many different activities in the fresh air.

3. I really like to read books but I don't often have time to do so, so I take advantage of them during my free time.

4. I enjoy cracking open both electronic books and paperback books at a local park or coffee shop.

5. It is a very exciting thing to do in my free time, even though most others would think it to be rather boring.

6. We enjoy going to different types of ethnic food restaurants and learning about new countries through their food.

7. I am lucky to have good friends to keep me company during my free time at lunch and dinner.

8. I don't get to do these activities that often because they take up more time than I have, but they are the types of things that I enjoy the most.

9. There are many mountains surrounding the area I live in, along with many trails that follow the rivers.

10. As you can see, I have three favorite pastimes.

Q158. Some people prefer learning from books, while others prefer learning from experiences. Which one do you prefer?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I prefer to learn through experience.

Support 1: We remember things better when we learn them through experience.

Support 2: Experiencing something is more fun and exciting.

Support 3: Knowledge gained through experience is more useful when we are trying to get a job.

Thesis: Since it is more memorable, exciting, and useful, I prefer to learn through experience.

B. Model Essay

Many have argued about this topic whether it is better to learn through books or to learn through experience. I prefer learning through experience for three reasons. We will gain more if we have the experience and not just book knowledge.

First, when we experience things ourselves, we can remember them better. As C.S. Lewis said, "Experience: that most brutal of teachers." We learn more when we actually experience something and make the mistakes ourselves. Take for example, making a cake. You can read the recipe all you want, but you need to actually experience it in order to remember it and to do it properly. The more you do it, the more you will remember it and it will become second nature to you.

Second, learning through experience is much easier and more exciting than learning through books. When we learn through books, we are only just memorizing facts, which is very boring. However, when we learn through experience, we are more interested in the materials and we will be

able to learn it more easily. For instance, learning to paint can be very boring if all you do is read theories about colors and brush strokes. But, if you are given a paint brush and some paints, you will be able to learn them on your own, with a teacher's guidance from behind. This is much more exciting and fun to do than reading books.

Finally, having knowledge through experience is more useful in the real world. Many jobs require experience over knowledge already, so it is more beneficial to you if you get that experience. Many times, the employer will chose a candidate that has the experience over the knowledge because they won't have to train a new employee. This saves them time and money which makes a better business. Not every job or specialty is going to follow this rule though; some need the knowledge in order to do their job properly, such as doctors and lawyers.

Since having experience over knowledge is more beneficial in the real world and in the long term, I prefer to learn through experience rather than to learn from books. Many jobs require experience in order to do perform their job. Book knowledge is important as a basis, but it is the experience that will carry you through life more successfully.

C. Useful Expressions

1. We will gain more if we have the experience and not just book knowledge.

2. As C.S. Lewis said, "Experience: that most brutal of teachers."

3. You can read the recipe all you want, but you need to actually experience it in order to remember it and to do it properly.

4. The more you do it, the more you will remember it and it will become second nature to you.

5. But, if you are given a paint brush and some paints, you will be able to learn them on your own, with a teacher's guidance from behind.

6. When we learn through books, we are only just memorizing facts, which is very boring.

7. Many jobs require experience over knowledge already, so it is more beneficial to you if you get that experience.

8. This saves time and money which makes a better business.

9. Since having experience is more beneficial in the real world and long term, I prefer to learn through experience rather than to learn from books.

10. Book knowledge is important as a base, but it is experience that will carry you through life more successfully.

Q159. Who do you admire the most? Give specific reasons to explain your answer.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I admire my mother the most.

Support 1: My mother helped raise three children after she got divorced.

Support 2: She taught me and my sisters how to be strong and independent.

Support 3: She has fought health problems and lost a lot of weight

Thesis: Since my mother is such a strong-headed, encouraging, and positive woman, I admire her the most.

B. Model Essay

I have many people whom I admire a lot. They have all taught me many life lessons. However, if I have to choose one person, I would choose my mother for many reasons.

First, my mother took on three children after the divorce between my parents. She packed us up, put us in a car, and drove three children, herself, a cat, and all of our household belongings from Pennsylvania to Texas. This was a huge feat for her but she navigated it successfully. We lived in Texas for six years; every summer we would fly to Pennsylvania to spend the summers with our dad. My mom worked hard to give us a good life with what little she had.

Second, my mother taught her three daughters to be strong, resilient, and independent women. She did this by teaching us how to shop, cook and clean for ourselves at a very young age. Once a week, we would be given \$20, which was a lot of money then, to go shopping a mile away by walking to the local grocery store. We would have a list and some coupons, then we would compare prices and figure out which was the

better deal. Also, once a week, each of us would have a day to cook a meal for the family. So, when our mom came home, we would have a meal all ready, prepared, and set on the table. It seems like a dangerous thing for children to do, but I am very fortunate to have a mother who encouraged this type of behavior.

Finally, despite her challenges from health issues that came about after her military service and deployments, she has fought off her weight problems. She has dropped from a size 24 to a size 14 in just a year! I'm so proud of her for continuing to look at life in a positive light and not let all the negatives get her down.

As you can see, my mother has some unusual teachings for children, but because of these teachings, I am the woman I am today. If I had been raised differently, I don't think I would be as independent as I am now. I am faced with problems, and through her example, I am come back, even stronger. My mom has taught me many great things, and this is why she is the person whom I admire the most.

C. Useful Expressions

1. This was a huge feat for her and she navigated the route successfully.

2. She packed us up, put us in a car, and drove three children, herself, a cat, and all of our household belongings from Pennsylvania to Texas.

3. My mom worked hard to give us a good life with what little she had.

4. Second, my mother taught her three daughters to be strong, resilient, and independent women.

5. We would have a list and some coupons, then we would compare prices and figure out which was the better deal.

6. It seems like a dangerous thing for children to do, but I am very fortunate to have a mother who encouraged this type of behavior.

7. Finally, despite her challenges from health issues that came about after her military service and deployments, she has fought off weight problems.

8. I'm so proud of her for continuing to look at life in a positive light and not let all the negatives get her down.

9. I am knocked down a lot, and through her example, I am able to get back up and become even stronger.

Q160. Describe an important social or political event in your country. Why do you think it is important?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Prom is an important social event in my country.

Support 1: Prom makes everyone feel special.

Support 2: Students spend a lot of money on prom to look beautiful.

Support 3: Local businesses make a lot of money on prom too.

Thesis: Because students spend a lot of money on prom and get to feel special, prom is one of the most important social events in my country.

B. Model Essay

Prom is an important social event in the USA that brings about many positives and negatives. Most high schools participate in this coming of age event. It is held mostly for the seniors, but will include juniors as well, in May or June. Prom is meant to be the last big farewell for the graduating class.

First, prom brings about many positive things for the students. It allows the students to be excited about a big party just for them. Also, it teaches the students how to be rejected and how to reject others. This skill might not seem important, but it is when it comes to larger things in life. Another positive aspect of prom is that the students get to feel special for a day. They usually get very beautiful dresses or suits, do their hair in a special up-do, and take special photographs.

On the other hand, there are many negatives that come about because of prom. Students spend too much money focusing on looking beautiful or having the most stylish dress. They also focus a lot on who to choose to bring with them to this dance. It is often a very harsh, stressful, and

disappointing time of year for a young high school student. This time of year, there are also many demands on relationships that most students are not ready for.

Finally, this time of year is a big money maker for the local businesses. Also, the schools get to show pride in their students one last time. Flower shops, hotel ballrooms, restaurants, tuxedo rental stores, dress shops, limousine companies, and many more receive a great deal of money to support these functions. It is a great thing for the local economy, but also a taxing thing for the parents to support for just one event.

Prom is an important event in the USA because it teaches the students many positive and negative aspects of life. Also, businesses receive a financial boost during this time of year. So, these are the reasons why prom is an important social event in America for high school students.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Most high schools participate in this coming-of-age event.

2. Prom is meant to be the last big farewell for the graduating class.

3. Also, it teaches the students how to be rejected and how to reject others.

4. They usually get very beautiful dresses or suits, do their hair in a special up-do, and take several photographs.

5. Students spend too much money focusing on looking beautiful or having the most stylish dress.

6. This time of year, there are also many demands on relationships that most students are not ready for.

7. Finally, this time of year is a big money maker for the local businesses.

8. Flower shops, hotel ballrooms, restaurants, tuxedo rental stores, dress shops, limousine companies, and many more receive a great deal of money

by supporting this function.

9. It is a great thing for the local economy, but also quite taxing for the parents to support just one event.

10. Also, businesses receive a financial boost during this time of year.

Q161. What are the advantages and disadvantages of moving to a new home?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: There are many advantages and disadvantages to packing up your house and moving to a new location, assuming that it is to a new city, state, or even country.

Support 1: Some advantages of moving to a new town, city or country are making new friends, gaining a more open mind to a different society or culture, and starting over fresh.

Support 2: Some disadvantages of moving to a new town, city or country are the financial burdens obtained, losing friends, and being lost or out of place in the new environment.

Support 3: I wouldn't mind moving to a new place because I have already done so numerous times.

Thesis: Since it can bring about both ups and downs, moving to a new home in another place can be both exciting and terrifying at the same time.

B. Model Essay

Sometimes we are forced to move and other times we choose to move. Some reasons might be that our parents found a better job, or maybe the school district is a better one for our education. Or maybe, we lost money and can afford to live in a new place, or came into more money and can live in a more luxurious house. Whatever the reasons may be, there are many advantages and disadvantages to packing up your house and moving to a new location, assuming that it is to a new city, state, or even country.

To begin with, I will discuss some advantages of moving to a new town, city or country. One of them is making new friends for both the parents and the children. This can often be a good thing because there is no

such thing as having too many friends. Secondly, the family can gain a more open mind to a different society or culture. Maybe they lived in a single-racial society, and then moved to a more multi-racial society. This has numerous benefits for the families' perceptions and acceptance of others' differences. Finally, starting over fresh can be a great way to clear your life of a negative past. Maybe the former town's people were not very friendly because of one mistake you had made many years before. Moving to a new place will completely obliterate this haunted past of yours.

Next, I will explain in more detail some disadvantages of moving to a new town, city or country. Moving puts a major financial burden on the family. The process requires a large number of packing supplies, realtor fees, and vehicle rental fees. Probably the most influential factor of moving for the children is the loss of their longtime childhood friends. Losing a friend to a move can have a major impact on a child's social skills, but it can be easily overcome if done in the proper manner. By making it a positive thing, the students will gain new friends while keeping the old ones too. To conclude with the negatives, being lost or out of place in a new environment can add some unnecessary stress on the family. This holds to be especially true in a new country or even state where having to adapt to a new environment can be difficult due to a language barrier.

In my opinion, I wouldn't mind moving to a new place because I have already done so a copious amount of times. Moving brought an excitement to my life, because my parents put a positive spin onto it, as I previously mentioned. Also, I was able to sort through my old clothes and toys and donate those things that I didn't need to the shelters in my current town. On the other hand, it was a great feeling to do this type of thing every time I moved. It was a little bit scary for me because I would have to start all over again, make new friends, and be the new kid in school, again. However, I didn't mind being the new kid that much because I could learn from my mistakes I made in the last school, and not make them again in this school, such as telling them that I sucked my thumb until 3rd grade.

Since it can bring about both ups and downs, moving to a new home in another place can be both exciting and terrifying at the same time. Being

challenged financially and being in a new environment can be quite intimidating. On the other hand, being in a new surrounding can bring about a new perception on different people. I've had the opportunity to move many times, and despite the negatives, I would move again in a heartbeat!

C. Useful Expressions

1. Or maybe, we lost money and can afford to live in a new place.

2. We came into more money and can live in a more luxurious house.

3. This can often be a good thing because there is no such thing as having too many friends.

4. Maybe they lived in a single-racial society, and then moved to a more multi-racial society.

5. Finally, starting over fresh can be a great way to clear your life of a negative past.

6. Moving puts a major financial burden on the family.

7. Losing a friend to a move can have a major impact on a child's social skills,

8. This holds true in a new country or even state where having to adapt to a new environment can be difficult due to a language barrier.

9. In my opinion, I wouldn't mind moving to a new place because I have already done so a copious amount of times.

10. Since it can bring about both ups and downs, moving to a new home in another place can be both exciting and terrifying at the same time.

Q162. You found \$20 under your desk at school. What would you do, tell the teacher or keep it?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would keep the \$20 I found.

Support 1: Someone may have meant to leave it for me.

Support 2: I am poor, but the person who would leave money on the floor must be rich.

Support 3: I can spend the money on important things, like food.

Thesis: Because I could really use the money, I would keep the \$20.

B. Model Essay

If I found \$20 under my desk at school, I would be more inclined to keep the money. While this may seem wrong, I have a few good reasons why I would keep the money. First, it's possible that someone may have meant to give me the money. Second, the person who dropped the money on the ground clearly does not care enough about the money; if he did, he would not have lost it in the first place. Third, I could spend the money on important things, while the student who lost his money would probably spend it on things he didn't need. For these reasons, I would keep the money.

It is definitely possible that someone may have left me money on purpose. Although I am poor, I am also popular and sometimes lend money to other people. This may have been an attempt to repay me for lunch. Because my desk is locked, this student may not have been able to put the money in my desk and put it on top instead. Then, the wind might have blown and put the money under my desk. This is a definite possibility, and if this were the case, there would be no need to tell a teacher.

Second, if a person actually did lose the money, he was probably rich. Because my family does not make a lot of money, we are fairly poor. While \$20 means a lot to me, this person was reckless with his money and lost it. In all likelihood, he probably does not care about the \$20; his allowance might be a lot more, maybe \$50 or \$200. In that case, he could definitely spare \$20. Therefore, it would be better to hold on to the money and wait; if someone really cared about the \$20, he would ask around and then I would give the money back. That way, I would definitely get the money instead of the teacher.

Lastly, because I am poor, I could really use the money. While some other students might spend the money on less important things like a smart phone or going to the movie theatres, I would spend the money on something really important: food. Sometimes, my family does not have enough money, and so my brother and I go to bed hungry. With this money, we would not have to go bed hungry for at least a week, maybe more.

Because of these reasons, I would keep the money rather than tell the teacher. I know that I would use the money better than other students and the main reason I would keep it is out of necessity. The money would be best spent by me.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I would be more inclined to keep the money.

2. It is possible that someone may have left me money on purpose.

3. If this were the case, there would be no need to tell a teacher.

4. While \$20 means a lot to me, this person was reckless with his money and lost it.

5. In all likelihood, he probably does not care about the \$20.

6. In that case, he could definitely spare \$20.

7. Therefore, it would be better to hold on to the money and wait.

8. Lastly, because I am poor, I could really use the money.

9. My brother and I go to bed hungry.

10. The main reason I would keep the money is out of necessity.

Q163. What is your preferred place to visit on weekends?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My preferred place to visit on the weekends is the spa.

Support 1: Visiting a spa helps me to relax and reduce stress.

Support 2: I can have fun at the spa with my friends.

Support 3: I look and smell great after visiting the spa for a couple of hours.

Thesis: Because visiting a spa makes for a wonderful trip, it is my preferred place to visit on the weekends.

B. Model Essay

Many people like to visit different big cities on the weekend. For them, a new place can be an exciting change of pace from the average day. However, I like to visit the spa on weekends because it helps me to relax and reduce stress, I can have fun there with my friends, and because I look and smell great at the end.

One of the most relaxing things I can think to do is go to a spa. While many people think that spas are just people sitting in tubs of warm water, there are a lot of other things you can do at a spa, like getting a soft facial. My favorite thing to do at a spa is to get a massage. I always get a full-body massage when I go to a spa, and my muscles and joints feel more limber after I'm done. Plus, soothing, classical music is played, which always makes me feel at peace. Just walking into a spa, I can feel the entire daily stress go away, if only for an afternoon.

Another reason that I got to the spa is that I can go with my friends and we can share a great time together, even if we don't talk to each other. Although there are other quiet activities I can do with my friends, these tend to be things that are difficult to enjoy with other people. Take, for

example, going to the library. If I go to the library with others, we usually cannot share what we're reading with each other because the library forbids any talking. At a spa, we can get massages at the same time or swim in the pool together. It makes for a great weekend with my friends.

Last, I always end up looking, smelling, and feeling great after going to a spa. There are always fresh flowers and lavender soap throughout the building. Facials help clear my pores and I also love to get pedicures or manicures, which make my nails look great and the perfect shade of pink. The best part is when a staff member removes all of the dead skin cells on my body. My skin feels so much softer as a result.

In conclusion, visiting a spa makes for a wonderful trip. Not only do you end up relaxing, but it can be a great way to get closer to your friends, not to mention you end up looking and feeling great at the end. That is why going to the spa is my favorite place to visit on weekends.

C. Useful Expressions

1. For them, a new place can be an exciting change of pace from the average day.

2. It helps me to relax and reduce stress.

3. One of the most relaxing things I can think to do is go to a spa.

4. Just walking into a spa, I can feel all of the stresses of daily life go away, if only for an afternoon.

5. Another reason that I got to the spa is that I can go with my friends and we can share a great time together, even if we don't talk to each other.

6. Take, for example, going to the library.

7. It makes for a great weekend with my friends.

8. Facials help clear my pores and I also love to get pedicures or

manicures.

9. Not only do you end up relaxing, but also it can be a great way to get closer to your friends.

10. It can be a great way to get closer to your friends, not to mention you end up looking and feeling great at the end.

Q164. Explain in detail your happiest childhood memory and provide reasons as to why it is your happiest.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My happiest childhood memory was when my mom took me to the amusement park.

Support 1: I got to go on many rides, including the merry-go-around.

Support 2: I got to eat a lot of junk food that day.

Support 3: It was a special time between just me and my mom.

Thesis: Because it was a very special day, my happiest childhood memory was the day my mom took me to the amusement park.

B. Model Essay

I have many childhood memories ranging from the dull and unexciting to sad and depressing to the downright humiliating. However, my happiest memory from when I was a kid was the day my mom took me to the amusement park. On that day, I got to go on many rides, eat as much junk food as I wanted, and spend all day with my mom.

First of all, on that day, I got to go on many different rides. The one I remember most is the merry-go-around. It had many different animals that you could ride on. I got to ride on a big unicorn. It went up and down as the merry-go-around spun and played music. It was definitely my favorite. Another ride that I remember vividly is the bumper cars. My mom and I were in one car. I was still too small to drive, so she drove us all around the arena. We bumped into at least ten other cars! I don't think she liked it very much, but we still had fun together.

I also remember eating a lot of junk food that day. My father was very strict about food; he did not let me have junk food at all and always made me eat my vegetables. My mother was more relaxed, so when he was

away, I could eat things like candy, cake, and popcorn. When I went to the amusement park with my mother that day, I got to eat whatever I wanted. I got to eat this thing called cotton candy, which is nothing more than spun sugar dyed blue or pink. I also remember eating a hot dog and drinking some of my mom's soda. It was a definite departure from the usual salad I ate at home.

Last, the day I spent with my mom at the amusement park was special because it was a day I got to spend with my mom. Although I am close with my dad, I am a lot closer with my mom, so I was glad I got to spend time with her alone, just the two of us. We got to talk about a lot of things: school, my love of horses, and maybe getting a new bicycle. My mother is a very kind woman and that is why that day was the happiest day I can remember from my childhood.

In summary, the day I spent with my mom at the amusement park was probably the best day I've ever had. I got to do so many special things compared to my otherwise mundane life. I hope that one day when I have a child, my kid can share a special day with me.

C. Useful Expressions

1. On that day, I got to go on many rides.

2. The one I remember most is the merry-go-around.

3. Another ride that I remember vividly is the bumper cars.

4. I don't think she liked it very much, but we still had fun together.

5. When I went to the amusement park with my mother that day, I got to eat whatever I wanted.

6. I got to eat this thing called cotton candy, which is nothing more than spun sugar dyed blue or pink.

7. It was a definite departure from the usual salad I ate at home.

8. I was glad I got to spend time with her alone, just the two of us.

9. My mother is a very kind woman and that is why that day was the happiest day I can remember from my childhood.

10. I got to do so many special things compared to my otherwise mundane life.

Q165. What is your most valued possession non-reflective of monetary value, but of sentimental value?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My couples' ring is my most valued possession of sentimental value.

Support 1: My boyfriend sacrificed a lot to get me this ring.

Support 2: The ring signifies the bond we have made together.

Support 3: Every time I look at the ring, it reminds me of my boyfriend.

Thesis: Because my ring means a lot to me and my boyfriend, it is my most valued possession of sentimental value.

B. Model Essay

I have many things that mean a lot to me because they are worth a lot of money. I have a smart phone, nice clothes, and even a pricy, brand new computer. However, my most cherished possession is the ring my boyfriend gave to me, not because it was expensive, but because it represents the union my boyfriend and I have made together.

First of all, my boyfriend sacrificed a lot to get me the ring I'm wearing now. When we decided to get the rings, my boyfriend was not making a lot of money. He was still a student and couldn't afford a lot of lavish presents. He saved up a lot of his money from his part-time job as a busboy to pay for our couple's rings. I was so surprised when he got them because I could not believe he could afford them. It was so nice for him to have done that for me.

Second, the rings we were signify the bonds we have made together. My boyfriend and I have been together for three years now. Though we have our differences, we have decided that we care for one another deeply. Even after we have an argument, we still tell each other, "I love you."

Because we are willing to make our relationship work despite some difficulties, I know that our bond is strong. That is why I love the ring he gave me: even when we may not be enjoying the other's company, I can look down and remember that it's worth it.

Last, every time I look at my ring, it reminds me of my boyfriend. Recently, my boyfriend moved to America for his new job. Although I will be moving to America in just a couple of months, the separation is stressful and many times I miss my boyfriend. That is when I remember to look down at my ring; I always know that my boyfriend is there in spirit, even though he may not be there physically. I know somewhere out there he is wearing the same ring as me. My ring helps me get through the difficult times without my boyfriend.

Because my couples ring shows off the special union I've made with my boyfriend, it is the most special thing that I own. My ring helps me get through the difficult portions of our relationship. I hope our relationship will last for as long as our rings do: a lifetime.

C. Useful Expressions

1. However, my most cherished possession is the ring my boyfriend gave to me.

2. My most cherished possession is the ring my boyfriend gave to me not because it was expensive, but because it represents us.

3. It represents the union my boyfriend and I have made together.

4. First of all, my boyfriend sacrificed a lot to get me the ring I'm wearing now.

5. He was still a student and couldn't afford a lot of lavish presents.

6. It was so nice for him to have done that for me.

7. Though we have our differences, we have decided that we care for one another deeply.

8. I always know that my boyfriend is there in spirit.

9. I know somewhere out there he is wearing the same ring as me.

10. My ring helps me get through the difficult times without my boyfriend.

Q166. Talk about a teacher who has inspired you. Explain why this person is an inspiration.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Mr. Lee influenced me positively.

Support 1: He encouraged me to behave both in and outside of class.

Support 2: He helped improve my writing tremendously.

Support 3: He helped shape my career goals.

Thesis: Because Mr. Lee helped shape who I am today, he is the most inspirational person in my life.

B. Model Essay

There are many teachers who have influenced me in my life, all making me a better person today than I was then. However, none of them can compare to Mr. Lee, my eleventh grade English teacher. Mr. Lee encouraged me to behave in class, improved my writing enormously, and inspired me to become a writer. For these reasons, Mr. Lee is the most influential teacher I've had.

First of all, Mr. Lee taught me to be more respectful towards others. When I was younger, I would often disrupt class. I talked while the teacher was talking, teased and made fun of other students, and sometimes I would take other kids' school supplies. Although this wasn't very nice of me, the other teachers said nothing. Mr. Lee seemed to barely notice at first. Then one day, he told me to come into class early. He told me that he noticed me being mean to other students since the beginning of the year and also told me, in a very kind way, to be nicer to other students. From that point on, I acted on my best behavior and received a citizenship award at the end of the year. Mr. Lee helped me achieve this, and I am very happy he had that conversation with me.

Additionally, Mr. Lee is a great writing teacher. When I first started school, my writing was not very good. I often made grammatical mistakes and I would write in a very informal style for formal essays. However, by the end of the year, I was able to write much better and even got an A on my final, 15-page paper. Mr. Lee was so dedicated to me and I owe him so much for having spent as much time as he did working on my writing.

Last, but not least, Mr. Lee made me want to become a fiction writer. Before I took his class, I was not sure what I was going to do with my life. Although I knew that I wanted to do something intelligent, I wasn't sure what that was going to be, but after I taking Mr. Lee's class, I was certain that I wanted to write novels for a living. Mr. Lee inspired me every day and I loved the books that he chose for class, from Madame Bovary to The Stranger. I know that I now have the skills to become someone great and it is all thanks to Mr. Lee.

It is for the above reasons that I owe a tremendous debt to Mr. Lee. He has inspired and influenced me so much and made me into someone great. I hope that one day I will leave a positive mark on someone younger too.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are many teachers who have influenced me in my life, all making me a better person today than I was then.

2. However, none of them can compare to Mr. Lee, my eleventh grade English teacher.

3. First of all, Mr. Lee taught me to be more respectful towards others.

4. Although this wasn't very nice of me, the other teachers said nothing.

5. He told me that he noticed me being mean to other students since the beginning of the year.

6. From that point on, I acted on my best behavior.

7. Mr. Lee was so dedicated to me and I owe him so much for having spent

as much time as he did working on my writing.

8. Before I took his class, I was not sure what I was going to do with my life.

9. I know that I now have the skills to become someone great.

10. It is for the above reasons that I owe a tremendous debt to Mr. Lee.

Q167. What is your favorite location or establishment to eat at?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Of all the dining establishments in the United States, my favorite place to eat is my grandparents' house.

Support 1: My grandmother has over 60 years of cooking experience.

Support 2: The atmosphere at my grandparents' home is much nicer than that of any restaurant.

Support 3: At my grandparents' home, I know how clean the cooking environment is.

Thesis: Because eating at my grandparents' home is always a delicious and worry-free experience, I prefer to dine there more than anywhere else.

B. Model Essay

My hometown is known for its vast array of restaurants. People from neighboring cities, travel to my town to eat at one of our delicious restaurants. However, my favorite location to eat isn't any of those restaurants; it's my grandparents' house. I love to dine with my grandparents because my grandmother is an amazing cook. Furthermore, the atmosphere is much more homey and relaxed than one can find at any other restaurant. Finally, at my grandmother's house, I can participate in the preparation of the meals. There's no better place to eat anywhere in the USA than at my grandparents' home.

The most obvious reason I prefer to eat at my grandparents' home is because my grandma has about 60 years of cooking experience. She is a true Southern chef. She uses recipes that have been passed down for generations and has perfected each of them. Eating her meals is always a treat because she likes using lots butter and sugar in her meals. With everyone being so health conscious these days, it's difficult to find a truly

unhealthy, yet well-made, dish. My favorite meal that she makes consists of macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, and pork chops with chocolate cake for dessert. Just thinking about my grandmother's cooking makes my stomach grumble.

Another reason I like to dine at my grandparents' house is because the atmosphere is so pleasant. Most restaurants I eat at are cold inside. If I forget to bring a sweater with me, then I spend my meal freezing. My grandfather gets cold very easily and my grandmother gets hot easily, so their house is always kept at a pleasantly moderate temperature. Also, my grandmother has incredibly comfortable cushions on the chairs in her dining room. A lot of restaurants have uncomfortable seats, which detracts from the overall dining experience. Furthermore, there's not a bunch of noise, like loud music or people, to distract me from conversing with my family over the meal while dining at my grandparents' home. It's easy to have a conversation without needing to resort to yelling in order to be heard. So, at my grandmother's house, I am very comfortable and I can easily engage in conversation with my friends and family.

The final reason I prefer to eat at my grandparent's house is because my grandmother lets me help prepare the meals. My least favorite part about eating out is waiting for the meal to arrive. When I eat at my grandmother's house, time passes quickly because I am allowed to help her in the kitchen. It's enjoyable to see how the food gets made and know that it comes from a clean kitchen. It's hard to tell how clean the kitchens in restaurants are. My grandmother, on the other hand, always keeps her kitchen spotless, so I don't have to worry about contracting any illnesses while eating at her house.

To sum up, my grandparents' home is my favorite location to eat at. My grandmother's cooking is so delicious that I'm certain she could become a world renown chef if she wanted to. Furthermore, the atmosphere there is warm, quiet, and relaxing. Finally, eating at my grandparents' home eliminates the unpleasant experience of wondering when your food will come out and how clean the location it came out of truly is. The dining experience at my grandparents' home cannot be beat,

which is why I would choose to eat there rather than go to any other restaurant in the USA.

C. Useful Expressions

1. My hometown is known for its vast array of restaurants.

2. Furthermore, the atmosphere is much more homey and relaxed than one can find at any other restaurant.

3. There's no better place to eat in the USA than at my grandparents' home.

4. With everyone being so health conscious these days, it's difficult.

5. It's difficult to find a truly unhealthy, yet well-made, dish.

6. Just thinking about my grandmother's cooking makes my stomach grumble.

7. A lot of restaurants have uncomfortable seats, which detract from the overall dining experience.

8. When I eat at my grandmother's house, time passes quickly.

9. My grandmother, on the other hand, always keeps her kitchen spotless.

Q168. Where in your town is a good place to have fun?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The best place in my town to have fun is the lake.

Support 1: The most obvious reason is that it is the most convenient place to meet my friends.

Support 2: There are lots of activities to partake in down by the lake.

Support 3: In case of bad weather or hunger, there are several restaurants and cafes to go to.

Thesis: The lake is the perfect location to have fun in due to its convenience.

B. Model Essay

Every town has a special place where everyone goes to hang out. Because my hometown is quite big, there are many different popular locations where kids go have fun. However, my favorite location to spend time with my friends is down by the lake. The lake I live by is right next to my high school, so it's the easiest location for all of my friends to get to. Another reason I like hanging out by the lake is because there are many activities to do there. Finally, there are a lot of restaurants and coffee shops close to the lake, so if we get hungry, there's always a place close by to grab food.

The first reason I like hanging out down by the lake is because it's a really convenient place to meet my friends. Our high school is about a ten minute walk away from the lake. My high school soccer team practices at our high school. After practice, my teammates and I like to walk down to the lake and work on our homework together or talk about how our day at school was. There are always friends from my high school there, so whenever I get bored, I like to walk down by the lake. I almost always find someone to chat with.

Another reason the lake is such a great place to have fun is because there is so much to do there! During the summer, the lake is a great place to take a refreshing swim. Also, there are a lot of volleyball nets on the beach, so it's easy to find some kind of volleyball match taking place. My cross country coach even likes to hold practices down by the lake. Running in the sand is very difficult, but very good for developing endurance, so it's a great location to practice. The lake is even a wonderful place to hang out in the winter time! The area by the lake is much warmer than any other place during the winter, so it's a good outdoor location to spend time at. Although we don't go swimming in the winter, there are still other activities, like the playing on the playground or simply skipping rocks on the water.

Finally, I really like the lake because there are a lot of coffee shops and restaurants close by. Because my friends and I are always exerting a lot of energy at the lake, whether it be from physical activity or a really intense study session, it's great to have a location close by where we can grab food or coffee to replenish our energy. Most of the restaurants offer take-out, so we can have picnics by the lake. Also, the weather in my hometown is always changing. One minute it's sunny, and the next there's a thunderstorm, especially during the summer. With the shelter of restaurants and coffee shops close by, the weather isn't much of a concern when we make plans to hang out at the lake.

In conclusion, I think the lake is by far the best place to have fun in my town. The lake is in such a great location! Since it's close to the high school, it's easy to find people hanging out there. Also, the lake offers a plethora of fun and healthy activities. It's great to spend time out in the fresh air rather than being cooped up indoors. Last but not least, with so many restaurants and coffee shops nearby, it's easy to quickly grab some food and continue on with our activities. Though my town has many exciting places, I think the best place for my friends and I to have fun is down by the lake.

C. Useful Expressions

1. However, my favorite location to spend time with my friends is down by the lake.

2. If we get hungry, there's always a place close by to grab food.

3. It's a really convenient place to meet my friends.

4. Whenever I get bored, I like to walk down by the lake.

5. I almost always find someone to chat with.

6. During the summer, the lake is a great place to take a refreshing swim.

7. Running in the sand is very difficult, but very good for developing endurance.

8. There are still other activities, like the playing on the playground or simply skipping rocks on the water.

9. My friends and I are always exerting a lot of energy at the lake.

10. One minute it's sunny, and the next there's a thunderstorm, especially during the summer.

Q169. Talk about an embarrassing experience in your life and describe why it was embarrassing.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My most embarrassing moment was definitely when I made a fool of myself on television.

Support 1: The experience entailed a tumble down the stairs in a crowded department store.

Support 2: The whole scene was captured on tape.

Support 3: I hurt both my body and my pride at the same time.

Thesis: Because of the vast amount of pain and embarrassment that came along with falling down the stairs, that was my most embarrassing experience to date.

B. Model Essay

Although embarrassing moments are fun to look back on and laugh about, they are mortifying to experience. I like to forget about my embarrassing moments. Unfortunately, there is one that I cannot forget. My most embarrassing moment was when I fell down the stairs at a crowded mall and knocked over the mannequin at the bottom of the stairs. This moment is so embarrassing to me for two reasons. The first is that it was captured on tape. The second reason it was so mortifying was because I ended up hurting myself quite badly. I will never be able to forget this embarrassing moment.

To begin with, I should explain how I ended up tumbling down a flight of stairs and making a fool of myself. The story begins on the day after Thanksgiving, popularly known as “Black Friday.” On this day, many of the stores have huge sales to kick off the Christmas season. Despite the crowds of people, it is the best time to find amazing Christmas presents for equally amazing prices. It was early in the morning when my mom and I

headed to the department store. The shoelaces on one of my shoes had become untied. However, as I was in a crowd of people, I didn't want to stop to bend over to retie it. When I got to the staircase, I ended up stepping on the untied shoelace and falling down the stairs. To make matters worse, there was a mannequin at the bottom of the stairs that I collided with. I can still feel the pain of smacking into the mannequin.

While the actual tumble down the stairs was embarrassing enough, it also happened to get captured on tape. A local news crew was at the store that day, filming all of the Black Friday madness. My fall down the stairs was captured by the camera man, though I didn't know it at the time. Later that night, as I was watching the evening news with my parents, I was excited to see that the crew had been filming at the same department store that I had been at with my mom. I intently watched the segment to try to catch a glimpse of my mom or me. That's when I saw it—a girl in a red jacket colliding with a mannequin. Although it was in the background, it was definitely noticeable. To my horror, later that night I received phone calls from three of my friends, asking me if that had in fact been me on the tape. My friends still make fun of me to this day about the incident.

The accident was made additionally mortifying due to the fact that I hurt more than my pride when I fell down the stairs. I somehow twisted my ankle. Also, when I hit the mannequin, her heavily adorned arm fell right onto my face, giving me a nice black eye. I even started crying, though it was more from embarrassment than it was from actual pain. Some employees at the store took pity on me and gave me a coupon for 50% off at a local ice cream shop in the mall even though I had destroyed their mannequin, so at least something good came from the tears. Furthermore, fortunately for me, because we received a few days off to celebrate Thanksgiving, my black eye had pretty much faded by the time school started up again. It was still embarrassing explaining to people how I hurt my ankle, though.

In conclusion, I think it is safe to say that I will never be able to forget my most embarrassing moment. Every time the holiday season rolls around, I remember that fateful day when I broke a mannequin and my

pride. I can close my eyes and see the horrific scene unfold as if it had happened yesterday. The situation wouldn't have been as bad had it not been caught on film and if I had not hurt myself so badly in the process of falling down the stairs. Still, from every bad moment comes a valuable lesson. To this day, you will never catch me with my shoelaces untied.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Embarrassing moments are fun to look back on.

2. The first is that it was captured on tape.

3. To begin with, I should explain how I ended up tumbling down a flight of stairs.

4. I ended up making a fool of myself.

5. Despite the crowds of people, it is the best way to find amazing Christmas presents for equally amazing prices.

6. However, as I was in a crowd of people, I didn't want to stop to bend over to retie it.

7. I can still feel the pain of smacking into the mannequin.

8. I intently watched the segment to try to catch a glimpse of my mom or me.

9. My friends still make fun of me to this day about the incident.

10. In conclusion, I think it is safe to say that I will never be able to forget my most embarrassing moment.

Q170. What is your favorite subject in school?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Of all the subjects in school, Spanish was my absolute favorite.

Support 1: My first Spanish teacher sparked my interest in the language due to his excellent teaching.

Support 2: I was pretty good at Spanish, which made me like it even more.

Support 3: Spanish is an extremely useful language to know in the United States.

Thesis: Spanish was and still remains my favorite subject because it has benefited me more than any other subject.

B. Model Essay

Although school may sometimes seem very boring, every student inevitably has one subject that makes him look forward to going to school. For me, that subject was Spanish. One reason that I really enjoyed my Spanish classes so much was because the first Spanish teacher I ever had made the language so exciting. Another reason was because I excelled in all of my Spanish courses. The last reason why I thoroughly enjoyed Spanish was because it was easy to see the relevance of learning the language. Spanish was a subject for which I developed a passion due to those three reasons.

I first fell in love with the Spanish language when I took my very first Spanish class in middle school. All students were required to take a semester of Spanish and a semester of French in order to better decide which language to study in high school. My Spanish teacher was a jolly old Mexican man, Mr. Garcia, who was obviously excited to teach us about his native language. I've never had more fun learning about basic grammar than I did with Mr. Garcia. He also taught us about the customs and traditions from his hometown in Mexico and brought in delicious

homemade food that his wife had prepared for us. He introduced us to popular Latin music as well as exquisite films by Latin directors. To put it simply, he made the Hispanic culture seem absolutely fascinating. I was enamored with the subject by the time my first semester of Spanish class ended. Mr. Garcia is the reason that I decided to continue on with my studies of the Spanish language.

Though my love for Spanish was ignited by Mr. Garcia's class, it was further fueled by the fact that I was quite good at Spanish. I always studied hard in school in order to maintain a high GPA and learn as much as possible, but Spanish was one of those few subjects that just came naturally to me. The grammar rules seemed quite simple and actually made sense, which isn't always the case with the English language. In my high school, I received many awards for excellence in my Spanish classes. However, the most rewarding moment of my Spanish career was when I was a junior in high school. My brother was a senior that year, but we ended up in the Spanish class. My brother seemed to excel in every subject, so I was extremely proud of myself when I finished the school year with a grade in Spanish that was ten points higher than his! My love for Spanish grew a little stronger that year.

Lastly, the main reason I enjoyed Spanish class so much was because it was very easy to see the importance of learning the language. The United States of America, where I'm from, is becoming increasingly more dominated by the Spanish language due to the influx of immigration from Hispanic countries. Most of the signs in stores are in two languages, English and Spanish. Every time I walk into a grocery or clothing store, I saw Spanish. Furthermore, I worked at a restaurant while in high school in order to save money for college. Most of the cooks that worked in the kitchen were Hispanic. By studying Spanish hard, I was able to eavesdrop on their conversations as well as practice my Spanish with them. They were always thrilled to help me learn new words or improve my pronunciation. Because I was surrounded by Spanish most of the time, studying Spanish was instantly gratifying.

To sum up, Spanish was undoubtedly my favorite subject in school.

Mr. Garcia sparked my interest in Spanish many years ago through his highly entertaining and informative Spanish class. That interest was only made more intense due to the fact that I was able to get excellent grades in my Spanish classes without much effort, which was a nice boost to my ego. Last but not least, the benefits of learning Spanish were so obvious that it actually seemed detrimental to not take full advantage of learning the language while in class. I would advise anyone to take a class or two in Spanish. It is such a beautiful language that will offer a myriad of benefits from anyone who takes the time to learn it.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Every student inevitably has one subject that makes him look forward to going to school.

2. One reason that I really enjoyed my Spanish classes so much was because the first Spanish teacher I ever had made the language so exciting.

3. I've never had more fun learning about basic grammar than I did with Mr. Garcia.

4. He also taught us about the customs and traditions from his hometown in Mexico.

5. To put it simply, he made the Hispanic culture seem absolutely fascinating.

6. However, the most rewarding moment of my Spanish career was when I was a junior in high school.

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10. Last but not least, the benefits of learning Spanish were so obvious that it actually seemed detrimental to not take full advantage of learning the language.

Q171. Discuss an interesting tourist attraction that you have visited.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The Great Barrier Reef was probably the most interesting tourist attraction I have ever visited.

Support 1: I got to experience the Great Barrier Reef with a group of my closest friends.

Support 2: The beauty of the Great Barrier Reef was exquisite.

Support 3: Thanks to global warming, the Great Barrier Reef won't be around much longer.

Thesis: Because I was able to experience the Reef with my friends and witness the beauty that won't be available much longer, the Great Barrier Reef was the most interesting tourist attraction that I have ever been to.

B. Model Essay

Throughout my life, I have been given many amazing traveling experiences for which I am very grateful. I have seen things like the Great Wall of China, the Statue of Liberty, and the Eiffel Tower. However, of all the interesting tourist attractions I have visited, I would have to say that the Great Barrier Reef tops them all. One of the reasons the experience was so amazing was because I got to experience it with a group of my best friends. Another reason it was so interesting was because the Great Barrier Reef is one of the prettiest sights I have ever seen in my entire life. Lastly, I am very fortunate to have gotten the chance to see it before it eventually is destroyed by global warming. For all of these reasons, the Great Barrier Reef is one tourist attraction that I will never forget.

First of all, I got the opportunity to visit the Great Barrier Reef while I was studying abroad in Australia. My junior year of college, I studied in

Sydney, Australia. While there, I met three of the best friends I have ever had. During one of our university's breaks, my friends and I took a trip to Brisbane in Queensland. While there, we saw an advertisement for a scuba diving expedition in the Great Barrier Reef. I wasn't very adventurous, but all three of my friends were and they dragged me along. I'm so glad they made me come with! I was a little nervous about being completely submerged underwater with only a tank of oxygen between me and death. However, my friends kept me relaxed and made me laugh through the whole experience. We made sure to take a lot of pictures to document the event. I still have several hanging in my room at home.

Furthermore, the Great Barrier Reef was stunningly beautiful. Once I got over the novelty of breathing through a tube, I paid more attention to my surroundings. The reef contained shades of colors that I didn't even know existed. There were several brightly colored flowers and plants growing on the reef. I saw schools of fish flitting through the water, attempting to avoid the gaggle of humans that was invading their territory. I even saw a tortoise that looked like the one in "Finding Nemo!" The scenery was exquisite. No photograph of the reef will ever quite do its beauty justice. I consider myself lucky to have seen this breathtaking sight with my own eyes.

Lastly, I am happy that I had to a chance to the Great Barrier Reef before global warming takes its toll on the site. The burning of fossil fuels is heating up our planet. This increase in temperature is killing the oceanic organisms that provide the reef with its source of food. This is killing the reef and dulling its beautiful colors. Experts predict that if global warming continues to carry on at the same rate, the Great Barrier Reef could be gone within the next 100 years! For this reason, I am very happy I will be one of the lucky few who got to see the reef in all of its glory. It's very sad that someday the site will be gone!

To conclude, though I have seen many wonderful attractions, the Great Barrier Reef will remain my favorite tourist attraction. First of all, the Great Barrier Reef reminds me of all the memories I created with my best friends while on our crazy scuba diving excursion. Additionally, the

beauty of the Great Barrier Reef will always remain unparalleled and I am lucky I got to see such exquisite beauty. Finally, the Great Barrier Reef is an endangered site due to global warming, so I'm glad I got to see it before much of its destruction set in. I would highly recommend to everyone that they see the Great Barrier Reef if they ever have the opportunity to. It's an adventure one will not easily forget!

C. Useful Expressions

1. However, of all the interesting tourist attractions I have visited, I would have to say that the Great Barrier Reef tops them all.

2. While there, we saw an advertisement for a scuba diving expedition in the Great Barrier Reef.

3. I wasn't very adventurous, but all three of my friends were and they dragged me along.

4. We made sure to take a lot of pictures to document the event.

5. Once I got over the novelty of breathing through a tube, I paid more attention to my surroundings.

6. No photograph of the reef will ever quite do its beauty justice.

7. I consider myself lucky to have seen this breathtaking sight with my own eyes.

8. Experts predict that if global warming continues to carry on at the same rate, the Great Barrier Reef could be gone within the next 100 years!

9. The Great Barrier Reef will remain my favorite tourist attraction.

10. First of all, the Great Barrier Reef reminds me of all the memories I created with my best friends while on our crazy scuba diving excursion.

Q172. Discuss a time in your life when you felt successful due to a goal or obstacle being overcome.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I felt most successful when I raised my calculus grade from a D to a B+.

Support 1: I worked very hard to create and stick to a study plan.

Support 2: I made a conscious effort to ask for help more often.

Support 3: Though it was difficult, I tried to change my point of view of math.

Thesis: Because I made several changes to my routine and stuck to it, I felt most successful when I raised my calculus grade.

B. Model Essay

If there's one thing in life I truly disliked, it was math. I had always struggled in every math class I took. It was the bane of my academic career. Though I hated the subject so much, I was normally able to manage to get a decent grade my math classes. However, my senior year of high school, that was not the case. By the end of my first quarter of AP Calculus, I had a D! At that point, I knew I had to make some changes in studying strategy to pull off at least a B by the end of the year. In order to accomplish this goal, I set up a strict study plan for myself. Additionally, I made a stronger effort to ask others for help when I didn't understand a concept. Finally, I tried to mend my broken relationship with the subject of math. Through these three steps, I was successful in raising my grade as well as my self-confidence.

To start with, I decided make a study plan. I mapped out what I planned to study every night, created flash cards to help me memorize formulas, and found YouTube videos that would act as my tutor since I could not afford one. My schedule proved to be quite difficult for me to

follow, because, as a high school student, I was very busy. I had school all day, soccer practice at night, and soccer games or work on the weekends, not to mention my regular homework assignments and tests. Due to my busy schedule, I had to make a lot of sacrifices to stick to my schedule. Though it was hard for me, I turned down many invitations to go to the movies, out to dinner, or over to my friends' houses to hang out. I actually surprised myself about how dedicated I had become to my goal.

In addition to making my own schedule, I decided to ask for help more often when I was struggling to understand something. I never really liked going to see my teachers to ask for help. Oftentimes, I was so confused in math class that I didn't even know what questions to ask! I also hated feeling stupid when my teacher asked me questions that I didn't know the answers to. However, my math grade was more important to me than my pride at that point. I started to wake up early in the mornings to go in before school for extra math help, as going after school was not an option for me. This actually benefited me in more ways than one. First of all, my homework and test grades slowly started to increase. More importantly, I was able to develop a good relationship with my math teacher. She saw that I was trying hard to improve my grade and went out of her way to help me succeed. I felt accomplished simply due to the fact that I created a better relationship with my math teacher.

The last step I took to help myself perform better in my calculus class was to take a different approach to the way I viewed math. As I stated earlier, I had always hated math. That hatred of math hampered my performance in the subject. Instead of viewing math as something I could successfully take on, I viewed it as an evil and incomprehensible subject. I decided to start viewing math more positively. Each problem became like a difficult, yet rewarding, game to me. It was fun pushing myself to see how many problems I could successfully solve. Furthermore, I started being less critical of myself when I failed. After all, I was in an AP Calculus class! It was supposed to be hard! I believe this new mindset was the key reason my math scores improved so much.

As a final point, I should mention that I did in fact raise my math

grade! While I would like to say that I ended up with an A in my math class, I did in fact only get a B. However, I was extremely proud of myself for raising my grade so much in such a short amount of time. Through my study plan and strict dedication to it, I learned how to budget my time more efficiently and work for an end goal, not instant gratification. Furthermore, I got over my fear of asking for help and even managed to create a better relationship with my teacher. Lastly, I completely changed the way that I viewed difficult situations by making an effort to change the way I viewed math. To this day I still have my report card from my senior year in high school. I tape it up where I am studying to remind me what hard work, determination, and a little help from others can achieve.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I had always struggled in every math class I took.

2. It was the bane of my academic career.

3. In order to accomplish this goal, I set up a strict study plan for myself.

4. My schedule proved to be quite difficult for me to follow.

5. Though it was hard for me, I turned down many invitations to go to the movies, out to dinner, or over to my friends' houses to hang out.

6. Oftentimes, I was so confused in math class that I didn't even know what questions to ask!

7. The last step I took to help myself perform better in my calculus class was to take a different approach to the way I viewed math.

8. That hatred of math hampered my performance in the subject.

9. I believe this new mindset was the key reason my math scores improved so much.

10. I tape it up where I am studying to remind me what hard work, determination, and a little help from others can achieve.



Q173. When hiring a new employee, should the employer hire a person based on their knowledge or on their experience?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: An employer should hire an employee based on personal relationships when able to do so.

Support 1: If you know someone personally, you will have a better idea of his ability to complete the work assigned to him.

Support 2: By hiring based on personal experience, you will know that you are hiring someone who will get along with your current employees.

Support 3: It can be tricky to hire a genuinely good person if you are not hiring based on personal relationships.

Thesis: Because of the adverse effects that could result from hiring someone based on his experience alone, I think it is best to hire an individual based on personal relationships.

B. Model Essay

Hiring new employees can be a risky undertaking. Employees are the face of a company, so it is important to hire only the best of the best. Nowadays, it is difficult to find someone who is intelligent, hardworking, and personable. So, I believe that it is better for an employer to hire someone based on his personal relationship with that individual rather than simply experience alone. By hiring based on personal relationships, one can ensure that he truly is hiring someone who is capable of handling the work, that he will be able to get along with that employee, and that the employee is honest. Thus, hiring based on personal relationships is the safest route to take when hiring new employees.

First, by hiring someone based on a personal relationship, you know that the employee will be capable of effectively completing the work

assigned to him. For example, my uncle owns a paper distribution company. He likes to tell stories about some of his employees to me. He once told me a story once about a man he hired. While my uncle normally hires people that he has some kind of personal relationship with, one time he hired someone that had just moved into town. Although the man's resume indicated that he was more than qualified for the job, his actual performance proved that he was not. My uncle said that the man was easily confused by all of the technology in the office and broke the copier not once, but twice, before he finally learned how to make a copy. However, if you have a personal relationship with someone, you tend to know about his abilities. If you know the strengths and weaknesses of someone well before you hire him, you can save yourself the expense of hiring someone not suited for the job.

In continuation, if you hire someone that you know through some kind of personal relationship, you have a better idea of his personality, and if you and your current employees will be able to work with him. When I was a junior in college, I worked at a law office. We once got a new employee that was studying law at the local law school. He was extremely smart, but also extremely difficult to work with. To put it bluntly, he was a know-it-all. It was very difficult to have a conversation with him in which he wasn't trying to teach you something. He once tried to correct my boss, a prominent lawyer in the office, on a legal issue. Not only was the employee incorrect, but he also offended my boss. While it was great that he shared his opinions so freely with us, he did not go about it in a tactful way. Nobody in the office liked him very much and my boss politely asked him to resign after only two weeks. If my boss had hired someone he heard about through a personal relationship, he could have saved himself and the new employee from disappointment.

Finally, it is very tricky to hire someone who is always looking out for the best interests of the company. As the old saying goes, "Never judge a book by its cover." By hiring someone based on his experience alone, you are essentially judging a book by its cover. This can be especially damaging in a business situation. If you don't have a personal relationship with someone, you can never be truly sure of his true colors. Though he

may seem pleasant and friendly to the customers, he could be a thief who steals office supplies. Furthermore, he may be the type that will try to sabotage others in order to further his own success within the company. If you have a personal relationship with someone, you know a lot more about him and can make a safer judgment on his true character.

To sum up, in the long run, I think it is better to hire individuals based on personal relationships rather than on experience alone. By hiring someone that you know, you can avoid hiring an employee who isn't prepared to handle all of the tasks that the job entails. Additionally, only through knowing someone well can you figure out if you and your employees will be able to get along with him at work. Most importantly, if you don't know a person well before hiring him, you might end up hiring someone who will try to advance himself at the expense of the company. While it is important to note that it is not always feasible to hire an employee based on a personal relationship, I think that it is best to do so when you are able to.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Hiring new employees can be a risky undertaking.

2. It is important to hire only the best of the best.

3. By hiring based on personal relationships, one can ensure that he truly is hiring someone who is capable of handling the work.

4. Although the man's resume indicated that he was more than qualified for the job, his actual performance proved that he was not.

5. To put it bluntly, he was a know-it-all.

6. While it was great that he shared his opinions so freely with us, he did not go about it in a tactful way.

7. Finally, it is very tricky to hire someone who is always looking out for

the best interests of the company.

8. By hiring someone based on his experience alone, you are essentially judging a book by its cover.

9. It is important to note that it is not always feasible to hire an employee based on a personal relationship.

Q174. There is such a thing as being too independent. Do you agree or disagree?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe that too much independence can be detrimental to your well-being.

Support 1: If you are too independent, you will miss out on the experience of helping other people.

Support 2: You will be unable to achieve all of your goals without the help of others.

Support 3: In today's society, networking is of the utmost importance, so you cannot simply isolate yourself from others.

Thesis: Because being too independent can cause one to lose many important opportunities in life, I believe that there is such a thing as being too independent.

B. Model Essay

My country, the United States of America, has long been known for its individualism. Unlike many other countries, which focus on the nation as a whole, the United States is much more attuned to the needs of the individual. Though I am an American, I believe that there is such a thing as being too independent. First of all, being too independent can cause one to lose sight of what is truly important in life. Furthermore, being too independent might cause you harm when you do need help. Lastly, by isolating yourself from others, you will lose valuable social skills. So, while independence can be a good thing, too much will be detrimental to you and your well-being.

To begin with, by becoming super independent, you are hindering your ability to help out those in need. One of the most important things to ensure a good life is to help others whenever they need it. The United

States learned an important lesson in helping others when it isolated itself from the world in the 1920s and 1930s. My country basically ignored the plight of the rest of the world while it focused on bettering itself. As a result, World War II almost ended unfavorably. When the war first broke out, the United States tried to stay out of it, although its friends, Great Britain and France, were suffering. Eventually, France fell under the control of Hitler and the Germans. Fortunately, the United States eventually stepped up to the plate and began to help out its friend, Britain. Had the United States not decided to help out Britain at the last minute, the British might have fallen to Hitler along with the French. Therefore, it can be dangerous if someone simply ignores the troubles of others in order to maintain his independence.

To continue, if you are too independent and do not seek out the help of others, it could end badly for you. There will come a time in everyone's life when they simply cannot achieve their goals without the aid of others. This happened to me my senior year of high school. I wasn't very good at math, and my AP Calculus class was killing me. I basically didn't understand anything, but I was too proud to ask for help. At the end of the first quarter of the year, I had a D in the class. With college just around the corner, I couldn't risk lowering my GPA with a D in my math class. So, I quit being so independent and simply asked for help. I ended up going in before school to receive help from my math teacher. With his guidance, I was slowly able to bring my grade up and I am happy to say that I finished with a B in that class. Being too independent almost caused me to ruin my good academic record.

Lastly, today's society is very much a networking society. One cannot simply make himself a hermit and be successful. Building connections and relationships is of the utmost importance. By isolating yourself from others, you are losing valuable skills. As the old saying goes, if you don't use it, you lose it. This was especially important for me. As a very shy individual, being a "people person" didn't come naturally to me. I was very awkward and had a terrible time talking to others. It wasn't until I started working with others that I was able to develop my social skills. I did this by seeking out relationships with others. For example, instead of

studying for an important test alone, I would call up a few of my classmates and study with them. This helped me to build friendships and social skills. Thus, if you want to succeed in today's world, you must be careful not to become too independent.

To conclude, I firmly believe that there is such a thing as becoming too independent, and its consequences are not pretty. By striving to be overly independent, you are losing out on valuable opportunities to help others succeed in life. Not only that, but you are also inflicting harm upon yourself. Additionally, without practice seeking guidance from others, you are losing your fundamental people skills. As a result, practicing a completely independent lifestyle will cause you nothing but harm.

C. Useful Expressions

1. My country, the United States of America, has long been known for its individualism.

2. Unlike many other countries, which focus on the nation as a whole, the United States is much more attuned to the needs of the individual.

3. First of all, being too independent can cause one to lose sight of what is truly important in life, helping others.

4. So, while independence can be a good thing, too much will be detrimental to you and your well-being.

5. Fortunately, the United States eventually stepped up to the plate and began to help out its friend, Britain.

6. I wasn't very good at math, and my AP Calculus class was killing me.

7. With college just around the corner, I couldn't risk lowering my GPA with a D in my math class.

8. Lastly, today's society is very much a networking society.

9. Building connections and relationships is of the utmost importance.

10. As a very shy individual, being a “people person” didn’t come naturally to me.

Q175. Should the mistakes a person makes in the past affect a person's future? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Mistakes in the past should have an effect on a person's future.

Support 1: Mistakes are not an effective learning tool if they don't shape your future.

Support 2: It is safest for everyone involved if grave mistakes in the past affect your future.

Support 3: Everything that transpires in one's life does so for a reason.

Thesis: Because mistakes help to mold one's life into the best life for them, mistakes one makes in the past should affect his future.

B. Model Essay

Mistakes are an inevitable part of life. Everyone will make many mistakes, whether big or small, throughout their lifetime. Those mistakes will, and should, affect their future. If the mistakes you make don't affect your future, then making those mistakes served no purpose to you. Furthermore, by letting the mistakes one made in the past affect his future, others are ensuring that that individual will not repeat the same mistake. Finally, I firmly believe that everything happens for a reason. The mistakes you made will only help you to figure out what future plan is best for you. So, I think it is for the best that past mistakes affect your future.

First of all, if the mistake you made in your past doesn't affect your future, that means you have not learned from your mistake. Most of the time, the only valuable thing that comes from a mistake is the lesson that you learn from it. Learning a lesson helps you to change your old habits. For example, one time I made the mistake of lying to my mother about where I was going after school. She always wanted me to study after school, but one day I wanted to go over to my friend's house. I told her I

was going to the library instead. When she found out, I was grounded and never able to go anywhere after school by myself for a long time. From this I learned to never lie to my mother. That mistake still affects my life today. Every time I think it would be easier to lie to my mom, I remember the consequences of doing so. In that way, I think it is beneficial for your past mistakes to affect your future.

In addition, it is safer for everyone if the grave mistakes one makes in the past negatively affect his future. This is especially the case when one is hiring someone for a job. If, as a teenager, a man got into a fight with his friend and ended up killing his friend, he should probably not be hired for a position that entails working closely with people later on in life. Even though the man made the mistake in the past, who's to say that he won't commit the same error in the future? While it would be nice to believe that the man has changed from his murderous ways, I don't believe it is worth the risk to hire him for a people-oriented position. If a mistake that one commits is heinous enough, he deserves to have it negatively affect his future. That might help to deter others from making the same mistakes that he did.

Finally, everything happens for a reason. The mistakes you made in the past will help to shape your future into one that is perfect for you. This idea is evident through the movie "The Lion King." When Simba's father dies, he makes the mistake of running away from his problems and hides out in the jungle with his friends. He leaves his mother and evil uncle to run the kingdom alone while he enjoys a life of ease. Fortunately for the animals of Pride Land, Simba's home, he is forced to go back and face the problems he had run away from. Though it was not the best decision from Simba to run away from his problems, the lessons he learned while in the jungle helped prepare him to be the king he was born to be. Had he not run away, he probably would have submitted to the will of his uncle or even been killed. His father's death and his cowardice happened for a reason, and that reason benefited everyone in Pride Land. Though this may seem like a silly example, the movie contains a powerful lesson about the necessity of mistakes.

So, because mistakes cannot be avoided, I think it is best for mistakes to affect one's future. If they don't affect your future, then the only purpose the mistakes served was to make you feel some kind of pain. Also, society is a safer place if the grave mistake that one made in the past follows him into the future. Lastly, everything that transpires in life, including a mistake, helps to mold your future into one that will make you the happiest. Mistakes should no longer be synonymous with failure, because, in a variety of ways, they truly help to make our lives more pleasant.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Mistakes are an inevitable part of life.

2. Everyone will make many mistakes, whether big or small, throughout their lifetime.

3. Learning a lesson helps you to change your old habits.

4. When she found out, I was grounded and never able to go anywhere after school by myself for a long time.

5. In that way, I think it is beneficial for your past mistakes to affect your future.

6. I don't believe it is worth the risk to hire him for a people-oriented position.

7. The mistakes you made in the past will help to shape your future into one that is perfect for you.

8. When Simba's father dies, he makes the mistake of running away from his problems and hides out in the jungle with his friends.

9. Had he not run away, he probably would have submitted to the will of his uncle or even been killed.

10. Mistakes should no longer be synonymous with failure, because, in a variety of ways, they truly help to make our lives more pleasant.

Q176. Describe a tactic that helps you to study better.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Taking breaks throughout my studying time my foolproof study tactic.

Support 1: By taking small breaks, I can better focus on my studies.

Support 2: Science has proven that taking breaks while studying helps one to retain more information.

Support 3: The small break acts as an incentive to help me push through my studies.

Thesis: Because I can more efficiently study, my favorite study technique is to take small breaks.

B. Model Essay

My junior year of high school was quite challenging. I took a number of AP classes in order to prepare myself for college and the upcoming SAT. In addition to my school work, I was also involved in after school activities as well as a part-time job. So, whenever I studied, I had to make the most of the time. Luckily, I was able to perfect my studying techniques during that busy year. I found that the best studying tactic was to take brief breaks intermittently throughout my study sessions. The reasons for this are threefold. First of all, by taking small breaks, I was able to eliminate any potential distractions. Additionally, it helped me to better retain the information that I was studying. Finally, it increased my studying stamina. I owe much of my academic success in high school to this studying tactic.

First, taking small breaks helps me avoid the distractions that cause my mind to wander during my study time. For every hour or so of studying, I reward myself with a ten to fifteen minute break. During this time, I address any potential distractions before they surface. For example, I tend to eat a lot. When I get hungry, my mind seems to focus on one thing and

one thing only: food. So, I take my break time to grab a snack. Another distraction that tends to plague my study time is my cell phone. I like to chat with my friends. If I chatted with my friends every time it crossed my mind while studying, I would never get anything done! A ten minute break is a good amount of time to check my Facebook or reply to a few text messages from my friends. By addressing all of these distractions during my break-time, I am ensuring myself a more fruitful study session.

Another more important reason for taking breaks while studying is because it helps me to retain the information better. There's actually science supporting this! This technique is known as the Zeigarnik Effect. The Zeigarnik Effect states that if you interrupt your studying with a short break before you have finished studying what it was you were studying, you will actually be able to remember the information better. Though this idea is still debated, I can attest to the validity of it, especially when I am attempting to memorize facts or formulas. However, a key part of the success of this tactic comes from the fact that you should not actually finish what you are studying before you take your break. So, if you are midway through memorizing a particularly difficult concept and it's time for your break, do not delay the break to finish memorizing! This technique was a lifesaver for me when I was bogged down with formulas from my AP Physics class.

The last benefit of giving myself short breaks is that it gives me something to look forward to. It's much easier to push through your studies if there is a definite light at the end of the tunnel. Many times when I am studying, I just want to give up and finish studying later. However, I simply have to remind myself that soon I will have a break and will be able grab a chocolate bar or some other kind of reward. That is generally enough motivation for me to keep carrying on with my studies. Because I was so busy in high school, I didn't necessarily have the luxury of giving up on my studies for the day and picking them up later. If I did that, I doubt I would have passed any of my classes. This tactic ensured that my studying willpower remained strong.

To sum up, this studying tactic saved me from performing poorly in

my classes my junior year of high school and pretty much every year since then! Taking short breaks enabled me to study effectively and still have time left to partake in my other activities. The amount of time it took me to successfully study was much lower because my study time was virtually distraction-free. In addition, taking short breaks enables my brain to remember information better! Furthermore, taking short breaks provided me with an incentive to keep on studying even when I was ready to throw my books out the window. I would recommend this studying technique to any serious student, as it has served me well over the entirety of my academic career.

C. Useful Expressions

1. In addition to my school work, I was also involved in after school activities as well as a part-time job.

2. So, whenever I studied, I had to make the most of the time.

3. Luckily, I was able to perfect my studying techniques during that busy year.

4. Additionally, it helped me to better retain the information that I was studying.

5. By addressing all of these distractions during my break-time, I am ensuring myself a more fruitful study session.

6. Though this idea is still debated, I can attest to the validity of it.

7. This technique was a lifesaver for me when I was bogged down with formulas from my AP Physics class.

8. The last benefit of giving myself short breaks is that it gives me something to look forward to.

9. That is generally enough motivation for me to keep carrying on with my studies.

Q177. Is 18 an appropriate age to make a decision about the future of a country, state, or city? Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Without a doubt, 18 is an appropriate age to make decisions concerning one's country, state, or city.

Support 1: In the United States, one is considered an adult in the eyes of the law once he reaches the age of 18.

Support 2: By allowing one vote at the age of 18, we are giving him the opportunity to become more politically minded at a young age.

Support 3: The younger generation has a variety of information at their disposal, so they are more than capable of making sound decisions.

Thesis: Those who have reached the age of 18 are more than ready to tackle the issues of their generation; therefore, I believe that 18 is a good age for one to start making political decisions.

B. Model Essay

In the United States of America, the legal voting age is 18 years. At this age, a teenager has the ability to vote on policies that will shape not only his life, but the lives of everyone in the world. Though some Americans have expressed interest in raising the voting age, citing that these important decisions should not be left in the hands of a teenager, I disagree. I believe that those who are 18 years old are ready to take on the responsibility of voting. First of all, at 18 years of age, a person is legally considered an adult. Every adult should have the right to vote. Secondly, by allowing 18 year olds to engage in the democratic process of voting, we are helping them to become more politically minded at a younger age. Finally, due to the advancements in technology, those who are 18 have enough knowledge to make informed decisions. For all of these reasons, I maintain that when one is 18, he is more than capable of making decisions

that will shape the future of his country.

To start off, in the United States, 18 is the age when an individual is considered an adult by the government. Being an adult in the eyes of the law is quite different than simply being a juvenile. Punishments for illegal activities become much more severe. Additionally, at 18, an individual can join the army without receiving permission from his parents to do so. So, when a citizen turns 18, the politics of the country start affecting him in a completely different way. As such, he should have the ability to help determine which political decisions he will be affected by. It is unfair to subject one to a harsher lifestyle and not allow him any choice in the matter. Therefore, as adults, those who are 18 must be given the right to vote.

Furthermore, by allowing a teenager to vote, we are helping to ensure that he will become more politically minded at a younger age. For example, I didn't care at all about the politics of my country when I couldn't vote. In my opinion, I couldn't do anything about the politics of the time, so why should I care? While this isn't the best attitude to take on, I am sure others under the age of 18 agree with me. It wasn't until I turned 18 years of age that I started actively trying to understand who ran my government and the way in which it was governed. By allowing 18 year olds to vote, we are getting them engaged in the world of politics much sooner. So, if we want a more politically minded youth, we should allow those who are 18 to vote.

Finally, teenagers today are much smarter than we give them credit for. Today's society is much more technologically advanced than it has been in the past. Teenagers have access to all kinds of information through the internet and their smart phones. Furthermore, with the world becoming more globalized, students have to learn even more in order to be a competitive force in the future. So, teenagers have enough knowledge to make informed decisions. We simply need to trust them. By the time an individual is 18, he is definitely capable of voting on people and policies that will shape his world.

To conclude, it is obvious that those who are 18 should be allowed to make important decisions that will affect their nation. By the time one is 18, he is legally considered an adult. As such, he should take on an adult responsibility. Additionally, allowing them to vote will force them to become more involved in the decisions that shape their world at a younger age. Furthermore, teenagers today are quite intelligent due to the vast amount of information they have at their fingertips. They are more than capable of making good decisions. Due to these three factors, I think 18 is indeed an appropriate age to make important political decisions. Anyone who is 18 or older needs to make sure that he takes full advantage of this democratic duty!

C. Useful Expressions

1. At this age, a teenager has the ability to vote on policies that will shape not only his life, but the lives of everyone in the world.

2. I believe that those who are 18 years old are ready to take on the responsibility of voting.

3. We are helping them to become more politically minded at a younger age.

4. Finally, due to the advancements in technology, those who are 18 have enough knowledge to make informed decisions.

5. It is unfair to subject one to a harsher lifestyle and not allow him any choice in in the matter.

6. By allowing 18 year olds to vote, we are getting them engaged in the world of politics much sooner.

7. Finally, teenagers today are much smarter than we give them credit for.

8. Today's society is much more technologically advanced than it has been in the past.

9. To conclude, it is obvious that those who are 18 should be allowed to make important decisions that will affect their nation.

10. Anyone who is 18 or older needs to make sure that he takes full advantage of this democratic duty.

Q178. Libraries, bookstores, coffee shops, parks, and other locations are where people study. Where is your favorite place to study and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The best place for me to study is Starbucks Coffee Shop.

Support 1: Starbucks has a menu filled with delicious baked goods and coffee that will keep me from getting distracted by hunger.

Support 2: Starbucks has the perfect atmosphere to make my study time efficient.

Support 3: I always run into people that I know at Starbucks.

Thesis: Because Starbucks provides the perfect balance of distractions and solitude, my favorite place to study is Starbucks.

B. Model Essay

Studying is a necessary, but not always fun, task. Whenever I have any major tests or projects to study for, I always head to the coffee shop closest to where I live, Starbucks. Starbucks is my favorite place to study because they have an assortment of beverages and snacks for me to purchase if I get hungry. Furthermore, the ambiance at Starbucks is quite soothing, which helps my mind absorb the information I am studying. Finally, because Starbucks is close to my home, I normally run into one or two people to chat with while studying there.

To begin with, Starbucks has a delicious and expansive variety of coffees, as well as baked goods. Although they can be a bit pricey, I like to treat myself when I am studying for major tests or working on important projects. The coffee helps to keep my mind alert and stimulated while I am tackling long essays or memorizing complicated formulas. Also, whenever hunger strikes, I am within a ten foot radius of tasty snacks. When I am hungry, I tend to be unable to focus on my studies and focus instead on

what I would like to eat. So, if I have quick access to filling food, I will be able to concentrate on my studies for a longer period of time. It's beneficial to study at a location that has both coffee to keep you alert and food to dull your hunger pains, knocking out two major distractions that will inevitably occur while studying.

In addition to sustenance, Starbucks has an atmosphere that is quite conducive to effective studying. One of my favorite things about studying at Starbucks is the calm music they play. Most of the songs they play at Starbucks I have never heard before, so I won't get distracted singing or humming along to the music. I also enjoy the lighting in Starbucks. I like that Starbucks doesn't use harsh florescent lighting. That type of lighting tends to give me a headache and make me feel like I am in a hospital. The lighting at Starbucks is much softer, which makes it easier on my eyes when I am reading a textbook. Lastly, the tables are the perfect height and very spacious. Tables that are too high or too low hurt my back as I am leaned over them studying. Also, there is plenty of room to lay out my food, drinks, and books. The atmosphere at Starbucks is perfect for keeping my mind focused on studying.

The final reason I love to study at Starbucks is because I normally run into people I know there. The Starbucks that I study at is very close to my college campus and a popular place for people to study. My friends and professors tend to frequent Starbucks, especially around exam period. Talking to them provides me with the perfect study break. Even if I don't see any friends, the employees are great to talk to because they're so friendly. Because I come go to Starbucks so often, they know me by name and sometimes give me free coffee! Chatting with friends or professors is a great way to give my mind a brief respite from studying. This is especially helpful when I am stumped over a difficult concept or I cannot think of what to write next in an essay.

So, while studying a Starbucks is not great for my wallet, studying there is beneficial in many other ways. I thoroughly enjoy the coffee and snacks at Starbucks that keep my mind alert and my stomach content. Also, the relaxing atmosphere helps my brain to absorb and retain

information more efficiently. Finally, I love running into friends and professors at Starbucks because it provides me with a necessary study break as well as giving me social interaction. In my opinion, the studying experience at Starbucks cannot be beat. I would highly recommend to anyone that he study at Starbucks if he is looking for a distraction-free zone.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Studying is a necessary, but not always fun, task.

2. Whenever I have any major tests or projects to study for, I always head to the coffee shop closest to where I live, Starbucks.

3. Furthermore, the ambiance at Starbucks is quite soothing, which helps my mind absorb the information I am studying.

4. Also, whenever hunger strikes, I am within a ten foot radius of tasty snacks.

5. So, if I have quick access to filling food, I will be able to concentrate on my studies for a longer period of time.

6. In addition to sustenance, Starbucks has an atmosphere that is quite conducive to effective studying.

7. The Starbucks that I study at is very close to my college campus and a popular place for people to study.

8. Chatting with friends or professors is a great way to give my mind a brief respite from studying.

9. This is especially helpful when I am stumped over a difficult concept or I cannot think of what to write next in an essay.

10. So, while studying a Starbucks is not great for my wallet, studying there is beneficial in many other ways.



Q179. Explain about the one food you can't live without.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Though I love all kinds of food, eggs are one food that I could legitimately not live without.

Support 1: There are multiple ways to prepare eggs into delicious meals.

Support 2: The uses of eggs extend far beyond simply eating them.

Support 3: Eggs have a variety of health benefits.

Thesis: Due to the fact that eggs have a wide range of healthy uses, I would be traumatized if I could never have any more eggs.

B. Model Essay

I am a food aficionado. For me, one of the principal pleasures in life comes from eating a hearty meal. As such, I have many favorite foods. However, there is one staple food item that life would be much worse with—eggs. I absolutely love eggs. The most obvious reason is because they are delicious on their own or mixed in with other dishes. Another reason I love eggs is because they are a multifaceted food. They can be used for all sorts of different activities! The last reason is that eggs are a healthful food. For all of these reasons, I would undoubtedly list eggs on the top of my favorite foods list.

To begin with, eggs are delectable. My favorite way to eat eggs is scrambled with a little bit of American cheese mixed in. Other ways to cook eggs include frying, boiling, and poaching, just to name a few. Any breakfast is not complete with a few eggs cooked to taste. Furthermore, eggs are a fundamental ingredient in a variety of other tasty dishes. For example, the recipe for my favorite dessert, chocolate cake, calls for two eggs. Eggs can be added to pastas, casseroles, desserts, vegetable dishes, potatoes...the list goes on and on! Life would be a lot less tasty without the incredible egg.

In addition to the multiple ways to cook eggs, they can be used in quite a few non-eating related activities as well. The most obvious example of this is around Easter time. At Easter, many American children partake in the dyeing of Easter eggs. Once they are dyed and dried, they can be used in Easter egg hunts. Another fun way to use eggs is to have races with them. This is a popular game at birthday parties. Children try to balance an egg on a spoon while racing to the finish line. Another use, though I do not at all condone this one, is to express displeasure at something. Sometimes, rambunctious teenagers throw eggs at buildings, like schools, when they are upset. This action is illegal and has consequences, so I would recommend that one simply exercise his freedom of speech in order to express displeasure rather than resort to wasting perfectly good food. So, when you're feeling bored, you can find a few hours worth of entertainment in your refrigerator!

Finally, eggs are not only delicious and great for a vast array of activities, but they are healthy as well! They are a wonderful source of protein, as well as an abundance of vitamins, like vitamins A and B. Recently, eggs have caught a lot of flak for being high in fat. However, what many don't realize is that fats are an essential part of one's diet, as long as healthy fat is consumed in moderation. Eggs are one of those types of healthy fat. In fact, the vitamins in food are actually better absorbed if they are consumed with fat. So, eggs are extremely healthy. Eggs can also be used topically to better one's health. Many face masks use egg whites to help shrink facial pores. The protein in eggs is also good for the hair and would be very beneficial if included in hair treatments. I contribute much of my good health to the consumption of this super-food.

In conclusion, eggs are definitely one food that I could not live without. Without eggs, my favorite breakfast foods and desserts would not exist! Also, the Easter and birthday activities in households across America would be a little less entertaining if the egg were not around. Lastly, my hair would lose its shine and my body would be worse for the wear without this amazing food as a staple part of my diet. So, to be honest, I really don't care which one came first, the chicken or the egg. All I care about is the fact that the egg is in my life.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I am a food aficionado.

2. Another reason I love eggs is because they are a multifaceted food. They can be used for all sorts of different activities!

3. Furthermore, eggs are a fundamental ingredient in a variety of other tasty dishes.

4. Eggs can be added to pastas, casseroles, desserts, vegetable dishes, potatoes...the list goes on and on!

5. At Easter, many American children partake in the dyeing of Easter eggs.

6. Another use, though I do not at all condone this one, is to express displeasure at something.

7. I would recommend that one simply exercise his freedom of speech in order to express displeasure rather than resort to wasting perfectly good food.

8. Eggs can also be used topically to better one's health.

9. So, to be honest, I really don't care which one came first, the chicken or the egg.

10. All I care about is the fact that the egg is in my life.

Q180. What place has given you fond memories?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I have created the fondest memories in Daegu, South Korea.

Support 1: Everyone in South Korea was super friendly to me, despite the fact that I was an awkward young girl.

Support 2: I was introduced to and fell in love with K-Pop during my stay in South Korea.

Support 3: The food in Daegu was delicious!

Argument: Because Daegu introduced me to a wonderful new culture, I made the best memories while living there.

B. Model Essay

Because my father is in the army, I have traveled to many places all over the world. I never really had a single place to call home. However, I have made many amazing memories because I was able to experience so many different places. The place in which I created the fondest memories was probably Daegu, South Korea. The first reason I loved spending time in Daegu was because everyone there was so friendly! Another was because I fell in love with the popular music there, K-Pop. Finally, South Korean food is delicious! For these reasons, I created the fondest memories in Daegu.

First of all, my family and I moved to Daegu, South Korea when I was 13 years old. My early teens were some of the most awkward years of my life. I always seemed to be saying or doing the wrong thing. However, even when I was clumsy and stumbling over my words, Koreans were always patient and kind to me. There is one guy in particular that I took a liking to. Every time I passed by his restaurant, he was always standing at the door with a friendly smile and wave. Also, he was very cute! Another person that was always friendly to me was an elderly woman and her

loving dog. Whenever the dog spotted me, she would run up and beg to be petted. The elderly woman tried to engage in conversation with me about her dog. Although we never made much progress due to the language barrier, I enjoyed socializing with her. Because of the friendly nature of the people in Daegu, I felt right at home, even as a blonde hair, blue-eyed foreigner.

To continue, I fell in love with the music in Daegu. As K-Pop is the most popular style of music there, I heard it everywhere. I soon fell in love with it. K-Pop groups are like Justin Beiber multiplied by five and with better dance moves, so what's not to love? My favorites are Big Bang and 2NE1. The most impressive part of K-Pop is not the actual singing, but the dance moves. They are so creative! American pop stars could learn a lesson or two from K-Pop stars. I loved K-Pop so much that I collected a ton of posters and plastered them all over the walls of my room. K-Pop is so much better than J-Pop, C-Pop, or really any type of pop. So, whenever I think of South Korea, I fondly remember the dreamy voices of GD and Top.

Lastly, I adore South Korean cuisine. Prior to arriving in South Korea, I was a little worried that I wouldn't like the food very much. I heard much of it was seafood-based, and I wasn't the biggest fan of seafood. The very first dish I had in Korea was of course Kimchi. I loved it! Though it was a little bit too spicy for me to handle, the flavor was absolutely perfect. Over time I gradually built up my spice tolerance and I could eat even the spiciest of Kimchis. Another food I really liked was samgyeopsal, or Korean barbeque. My family and I liked to go out on the weekends and order that. It was fun to eat, talk, and simply spend time together as a family. Also, I must admit that I was the best cook at the table! I cooked the meat perfectly. The Korean fast food burgers in South Korea, from Lotteria, were tasty as well. I loved the sauce that was on the Lotz burger. To this day, I still get cravings for South Korean dishes.

To sum up, I miss South Korea! I was able to create so many wonderful memories in Daegu! I truly miss the kindness of the strangers there. I still daydream about the cute Korean guy at the restaurant.

Furthermore, I discovered a delightful genre of music while in Korea, K-Pop. Also, I often crave the delectable dishes of South Korea. It's very difficult to find a good South Korean meal in the United States. Someday, when I have enough money to purchase a plane ticket, I will return to Daegu. If you haven't been there yet, I suggest that you go! I guarantee that you will love it as much as I did.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Another was because I fell in love with the popular music there, K-Pop.

2. However, even when I was clumsy and stumbling over my words, Koreans were always patient and kind to me.

3. Every time I passed by his restaurant, he was always standing at the door with a friendly smile and wave.

4. Although we never made much progress due to the language barrier, I enjoyed socializing with her.

5. K-Pop groups are like Justin Beiber multiplied by five and with better dance moves, so what's not to love?

6. American pop stars could learn a lesson or two from K-Pop stars.

7. I heard much of it was seafood-based, and I wasn't the biggest fan of seafood.

8. To this day, I still get cravings for South Korean dishes.

9. I was able to create so many wonderful memories in Daegu!

10. Also, I often crave the delectable dishes of South Korea.

Q181. Describe a person with historical significance in your country. Explain the reason for his or her importance.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Barack Obama is the person with the most historical significance in my country.

Support 1: With his election to office in 2008, Obama made political history.

Support 2: He served as an inspiration to children worldwide.

Support 3: He has instigated groundbreaking policies that transformed the political system in the United States.

Thesis: Due to his political and personal feats, Barack Obama is the person with the most historical significance in my country.

B. Model Essay

I was born and raised in the United States of America. Throughout my lifetime, there have been many individuals who have influenced my country in various ways. However, I think the most historically important person in my country is former US Senator and newly reelected president Barack Obama. Though President Obama has received mixed reviews, there is no doubt that he has made quite the impression and will leave a lasting mark on the history of the United States of America. The most obvious reason that Obama is historically significant is because he was the first ever African-American elected to the most prominent position in the United States. Furthermore, I believe Barack Obama is so influential because exemplifies the motif of the underdog that will forever change the way children dream. Finally, Barack Obama is actively working to revamp the image of the United States that will majorly impact the country. Whether or not one agrees with President Obama's politics is irrelevant because all can agree that Barack Obama has left an indelible mark on American society as we know it.

First of all, Barack Obama set a new record with his 2008 election that all Americans should be proud of. Barack Obama beat out Senator John McCain to claim the title of President and, more importantly, the title of the first African-American president in the United States. This accomplishment could not come soon enough. Slavery has long marred American history and is regarded as an embarrassment to many Americans. Though Obama's election does not erase the heinous crime from America's record, it does show the progress my country has made in attempting to rehabilitate itself from its crimes of the past. Though we are not the first country to elect a black president, nor will we be the last, the election of Obama does still prove to be quite significant in the United States.

In addition to being the first African-American president, Obama perfectly demonstrates how an underdog can rise to the top with hard work and determination. As is well-known in the USA, Barack Obama did not come from an affluent family. He was raised primarily by his mother, who took a strong interest in Obama's education. His father died at an early age and was therefore not involved in Obama's life. Though his mother worked in order to make ends meet, she woke Obama up at four in the morning in order to review his school lessons with him before she left for work. His mother's efforts paid off, as well as his own, when he graduated from Harvard Law School with honors. As we all know, he then went on to become the Senator of Illinois and, most importantly, President of the United States of America. Through Barack Obama's life, one can see that anything is possible as long as he is willing to devote himself to his dreams. Hard work can produce some unlikely heroes, as was the case with Barack Obama. This has changed the way children in America dream. His example will remain an important influence on America's youth.

However, Barack Obama's significance did not come to a halt after his election to office. He has caused a stir in American politics with ideas that are strikingly different than the president that preceded him, George W. Bush. One of Obama's most controversial acts has been the Affordable Health Care Act. Although still in the works, this plan would completely alter how health care in the United States is run. The health care system in

the US has long been problematic and Barack Obama is taking active steps to solve the problem. Obama has also implemented changes in the US with regards to foreign policy. Though former President Bush may have started the war in Iraq, Barack Obama intends to finish it, along with the war against terrorism. These decisions will have a profound impact on US Foreign Policy either for the better or for the worse. Regardless, these are changes that greatly influenced the United States.

In conclusion, Barack Obama is a man who has both showcased the changes the American population has made as well as made quite a few changes of his own. The election of Obama as President of the United States has helped to alter the racial dynamic within the United States. Secondly, Obama has demonstrated to everyone that hard work does in fact pay off. To conclude, as president, Obama has shown that he is willing to take risks and change those parts of American politics with which he disagrees. The election of Barack Obama to the office of President will go down in American history as one of the most important events our country has experienced.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Though President Obama has received mixed reviews, there is no doubt that he has made quite the impression and will leave a lasting mark on the history of the United States of America.

2. The most obvious reason that Obama is historically significant is because he was the first ever African-American elected to the most prominent position in the United States.

3. Furthermore, I believe Barack Obama is so influential because he exemplifies the motif of the underdog that will forever change the way children dream.

4. This accomplishment could not come soon enough.

5. Though his mother worked in order to make ends meet, she woke Obama up at four in the morning in order to review his school lessons with him before she left for work.

6. Through Barack Obama's life, one can see that anything is possible as long as he is willing to devote himself to his dreams.

7. He has caused a stir in American politics with ideas that are strikingly different than the president that preceded him, George W. Bush.

Q182. What types of places, tropical, desert, rainforest, etc., would you like to go to spend a vacation?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My ideal vacation spot would be the Amazon Rainforest.

Support 1: The Amazonian culture is one that I don't know too much about.

Support 2: As an environmental studies major, the richness of the biodiversity there is extremely appealing to me.

Support 3: Due to deforestation and other environmental concerns, the Amazon Rainforest will not be around much longer in the majestic state it is today.

Thesis: Due to the amount of knowledge I could obtain from the Amazon Rainforest, as well as simply the opportunity to see it in its splendor, I would love to take a vacation to the Amazon Rainforest.

B. Model Essay

During my school vacations, I normally don't do anything terribly exciting. In fact, I rarely even get myself out of bed before noon. However, if I had the opportunity to go anywhere for my vacation, I would love to go to the Amazon Rainforest. First of all, I adore experiencing new cultures, so I would like to check out the culture of the people of the Amazon. Additionally, I am currently studying environmental science in college, and the Amazon has a plethora of biodiversity that I could study. Also, due to the incredible environmental stress that it is currently undergoing, the Amazon Rainforest isn't going to be around much longer. Therefore, my ideal vacation spot would be the Amazon Rainforest.

Starting off, the people of the Amazon have a culture that I do not know very much about. I once played a computer game about an

Amazonian adventure, and it included parts in which I could interact with the Amazonian people. The clothes they wore and the way in which these people lived sparked my interest. Because a computer game is definitely not reality, I would like to go to the actual Amazon and see for myself what it's like. Maybe they could teach me different herbal cures for illnesses, like how to relieve a runny nose or how to make my mosquito bites stop itching. Also, I would love to purchase some of the crafts that they make. I once bought a purse from a website that sold Amazonian crafts. I bet I could get a much better price on objects if I eliminated the middle man and went straight to the source of the products. Because it would be so beneficial to meet the people of the Amazon, I would totally go to the Amazon Rainforest if I am given a chance to.

Another reason it would be cool to go to the Amazon Rainforest is because I could experience all of the biodiversity there. I currently live in a big city that I like to call the "concrete jungle." I would love a chance to go to a real jungle and see the life that thrives there. I learned a lot about the Amazon Rainforest from my computer game, including the fact that almost three million species of insects live there! While I'm not a big fan of bugs, there is also quite a bit of diversity in the plants there. As an environmental science major, that is extremely interesting to me. I would love to make a photo journal of all the different plants I encounter and perform some in depth research on those plants that currently don't inhabit the United States. As I am approaching my final year in college, my senior thesis is coming up. A vacation in the rainforest would give me a myriad of information for a thesis paper. Due to my love of nature, the Amazon Rainforest would give me plenty of entertainment.

Lastly, and most importantly, the Amazon Rainforest is facing the very real danger of deforestation. I learned a lot about this in one of my geology classes. The Amazon Rainforest contains a wealth of resources, and people have figured this out. Trees are continually being cut down in order to make room for agriculture. Apparently, the rainforest has very productive soil. Another reason the Amazon is being deforested is because the people who live there want room for their cattle. While I understand people need to make a living, their actions are destroying the biodiversity of the

beautiful rainforest. Though there are measures being taken to protect the rainforest, I worry that they won't be enough. Consequently, I want to travel to the rainforest and investigate it before the whole forest is destroyed.

Although there are many wonderful places in the world that I could travel to, I would undoubtedly go to the Amazon Rainforest if I had the opportunity to. The Amazonian people probably have tons of secret cures that I could benefit from, as well as beautiful crafts that I could purchase. Also, by traveling to the Amazon Rainforest, I could research the native plants and secure an awesome topic for my senior thesis. Finally, at the rate that the rainforest is being deforested, I don't have much longer to experience the beauty and biodiversity it. To conclude, the Amazon Rainforest would be my ideal vacation spot. Save the rainforest!

C. Useful Expressions

1. First of all, I adore experiencing new cultures, so I would like to check out the culture of the people of the Amazon.

2. Additionally, I am currently studying environmental science in college, and the Amazon has a plethora of biodiversity that I could study.

3. Starting off, the people of the Amazon have a culture that I do not know very much about.

4. The clothes they wore and the way in which these people lived sparked my interest.

5. I bet I could get a much better price on objects if I eliminated the middle man and went straight to the source of the products.

6. I would love to make a photo journal of all the different plants I encounter and perform some in depth research on those plants that currently don't inhabit the United States.

7. A vacation in the rainforest would give me a myriad of information for a

thesis paper.

8. Lastly, and most importantly, the Amazon Rainforest is facing the very real danger of deforestation.

9. The Amazon Rainforest contains a wealth of resources, and people have figured this out.

10. Though there are measures being taken to protect the rainforest, I worry that they won't be enough.

Q183. Describe an activity that you and your family enjoy doing together.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I enjoy playing board games with my family.

Support 1: It is fun for all ages.

Support 2: We can play a board game quickly.

Support 3: It doesn't matter who wins or who loses.

Thesis: Because playing board games is fun for every member of my family, I like playing board games with them.

B. Model Essay

A lot of people like to do things with their family. Some families like to go on vacation; others prefer to ski together. However, my favorite thing to do with my family is play board games. Because board games are easy, quick, and just plain fun, playing them is one of my favorite activities to do with my family.

To start with, playing board games is fun for everyone. Some games are really not good for everyone because they are boring. For example, my parents never want to play Starcraft; it just doesn't interest them. Plus, my little sister can't play Starcraft because she is too little. However, my parents, my sister, and I can all play board games like checkers, chess, and mahjong together. They are very easy to play and because they don't require my computer, my parents will feel a lot safer. My sister is especially good at checkers; she loves to play dominoes all the time. I just wish that we had more time to play together.

Second, board games are very quick. My parents are especially busy. My mom works full time and still has to take care of the house, me and my sister. My dad works full time and has an extra job. My sister always has

piano classes and has to spend a lot of time in English academy so her grades can improve, and I am always studying for the high school exit exam. In short, my family is very busy, but one of the greatest things about board games is that they don't take a lot of time or set up. You can play a game of checkers in about fifteen minutes altogether. It's a lot easier than finding time to go on vacation to Paris! Playing board games is also great when I don't want to spend that much time with my parents. Sometimes, I just want to be alone, but my parents want to spend time with me. It's a good compromise because we can spend just a little bit of time together.

Third, it doesn't matter who wins or who loses whenever we play a game. A lot of other games are really competitive because they require some kind of skill. For example, many sports like tennis and soccer determine who is faster or who can kick a ball harder. However, one of the things I love about board games is that there is usually no skill involved; so many board games, like Sorry or Monopoly are almost completely based on chance or what number you get when you roll dice. For me, it's a lot less stressful to play with my family members when it's not really a competition. Instead, everything is just for fun, and that is the beauty of board games.

In summary, I think my favorite thing to do with my parents and my sister is play board games. Because board games take very little time, appeal to everyone, and are just for fun, playing them is an ideal way to spend a weekday night. I hope all families get the opportunity to play board games together, even if it is just for a small period of time.

C. Useful Expressions

1. To start with, playing board games is fun for everyone.

2. It just doesn't interest them.

3. They are very easy to play and because they don't require my computer, my parents will feel a lot safer.

4. My sister always has piano classes and has to spend a lot of time in

English academy so her grades can improve, and I am always studying for the high school exit exam.

5. It's a lot easier than finding time to go on vacation to Paris!

6. It's a good compromise because we can spend just a little bit of time together.

7. Third, it doesn't matter who wins or who loses whenever we play a game.

8. In summary, I think my favorite thing to do with my parents and my sister is play board games.

9. I hope all families get the opportunity to play board games together, even if it is just for a small period of time.

10. In summary, I think my favorite thing to do with my parents and my sister is play board games.

Q184. Who is the wisest person you know? What makes him or her so wise?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The wisest person I know is my mother.

Support 1: She always gives me the best advice when I am sad.

Support 2: She is a great professor at a prestigious university.

Support 3: My mother is very understanding and always tries to understand people, rather than judge them.

Thesis: Because she is always understanding, gives me the best advice, and does her job really well, my mother is the wisest person I know.

B. Model Essay

A lot of people don't have anyone in their lives who is even vaguely smart. However, I live with someone whom I consider one of the wisest people in the world. My mother is that person. Not only does she always give me the best advice and is always understanding whenever I make a mistake, she is a world-renown researcher with a lot of experience.

First off, my mother always gives me the best advice. A lot of times, I get really sad because of bad things that happen to me at school. Sometimes, I get into fights with some of my friends or I get made fun of for wearing a purple scarf with a blue sweater. However, I always go to my mom and she always makes me feel better. She always knows just what to say and what I should do. The last time I went to my mom was when I got into a fight with my best friend, Tiffany. Tiffany told me that I was ugly, but my mom reassured me and told me that I was beautiful. She also encouraged me to tell Tiffany how I felt. At first, I didn't want to; I just wanted to spread bad rumors about her. Instead, I approached Tiffany the next day and told her how I felt. Tiffany immediately apologized and

we are still friends today. It's all thanks to my mom.

Second, my mom is one of the best researchers in the social sciences. My mom is a professional linguist and studies languages for a living. She has done a lot of great things for society in general. She studies Native American languages and has helped a lot of Native American groups with her work. For example, my mom helped the Mohawk people when the Mohawk tribe almost lost its language. When my mom went to the tribe, there were only a couple of hundred people who could speak the Mohawk language. However, with the help of my mom and some money from the federal government, she was able to help keep Mohawk alive. My mom developed an immersion schools for the Mohawk children to learn their heritage language. Now, thousands of people speak Mohawk and every time she goes on the reservation, everyone thanks her. In fact, her project was such a success that she has been given numerous awards for her work.

Lastly, my mother is one of the most understanding human beings alive. She will never judge somebody no matter who they are or where they come from. One time a little boy knocked on our door and was crying. He was dirty and it didn't look like his parents made a lot of money. He didn't know where he was. My mother could have gotten angry at him because he should not have gotten lost; however, instead of yelling at him, my mom simply took him inside our home and made him some hot cocoa. It made him so happy. Eventually, we were able to figure out where he was and my mom drove him back to his home. His parents were so happy to see him and it's only because my mom was able to see past the boy's appearance that he was able to get help.

In conclusion, I think my mom is one of the wisest people I know. She never judges people, she is a great researcher that is respected among her colleagues and she always helps me whenever I am in trouble. I hope everyone has somebody in their life as wise as my mom.

C. Useful Expressions

1. A lot of people don't have anyone in their lives who is even vaguely

smart.

2. She is a world-renown researcher with a lot of experience.

3. Sometimes, I get into fights with some of my friends or I get made fun of for wearing a purple scarf with a blue sweater.

4. She always knows just what to say and what I should do.

5. At first, I didn't want to; I just wanted to spread bad rumors about her.

6. However, with the help of my mom and some money from the federal government, she was able to help keep Mohawk alive.

7. In fact, her project was such a success that she has been given numerous awards for her work.

8. She will never judge somebody no matter who they are or where they come from.

9. His parents were so happy to see him and it's only because my mom was able to see past the boy's appearance that he was able to get help.

10. She never judges people, she is a great researcher that is respected among her colleagues and she always helps me whenever I am in trouble.

Q185. What are more effective rewards, intrinsic rewards, such as praise, or extrinsic rewards, such as money?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I for one believe that we should use intrinsic and extrinsic rewards complimentary of each other when it comes to using the most effective method of rewards.

Support 1: To begin with, intrinsic rewards last longer and they give you a sense of self-accomplishment.

Support 2: Next, extrinsic rewards are effective in the short-term, but in the long-term, they lose their luster.

Support 3: Using these internally motivated rewards with a sprinkling of gift-cards, candy, or monetary valued gifts adds a great competition in work and school environments.

Thesis: Since using intrinsic rewards or extrinsic rewards exclusively on their own has some major drawbacks, I have reached a conclusion that they should be used in a complimentary manner to be the most effective.

B. Model Essay

There is a heated debate about how we should reward our employees, students, and children. One side of the debate is through intrinsic rewards, such as praise. The other side of the debate is through extrinsic rewards, such as money. I for one believe that we should use intrinsic and extrinsic rewards complimentary of each other when it comes to using the most effective method of rewards. Both intrinsic and extrinsic rewards have some drawbacks, but they also offer some great incentives; intrinsic rewards last longer, and give a sense of self-accomplishment, extrinsic rewards offer a great short-term incentive, but this eventually decreases.

To begin with, intrinsic rewards last longer and they give you a sense

of self-accomplishment. When someone does a stellar job at work, or in the classroom, their employer, or teacher, might give them praise in front of the whole company, office or classroom. This type of praise gives a person an intrinsic motivation to do well, thereby being an intrinsic reward. This then creates a more effective work or classroom environment because the employees or students are doing excellent work on their own without the use of outside factors motivating them.

Next, extrinsic rewards are effective in the short-term, but in the long-term, they lose their luster. If a person is given the same level of reward over a long period of time, such as a monetary bonus, their motivation eventually decreases because it is no longer a challenge to them or it has become an expected behavior. Therefore, the employer, or teacher, has to create an even larger reward to achieve the same level of motivation as before. This is not effective because the employee or student might do the task well, but they won't do it at the same level of intensity as they had initially done it. Also, extrinsic rewards are not sustainable, so once they are withdrawn, then the motivation is gone as well.

From the information above, it might seem that intrinsic rewards are the most effective and extrinsic rewards are not, but as I stated earlier, there should be a balance of the two. While extrinsic motivation hurts intrinsic motivation, because it takes away the internal desire to do one's own work, it still brings about the desired results. Intrinsic rewards should be given the majority of time; they include praise in front of others, hearing from other students or customers how well one did, or being put in charge as a mentor for other new students or employees. Using these internally motivated rewards with a sprinkling of gift-cards, candy, or monetary valued gifts adds a great competition in the work and school environments.

Since using intrinsic rewards or extrinsic rewards exclusively on their own has some major drawbacks, I have reached a conclusion that they should be used in a complimentary manner to be the most effective. Using intrinsic rewards on their own will lead a person to be under-recognized for their work ethics which will lead to a lack of motivation to continue

achieving the same superior work as previously done. On the other hand, using extrinsic rewards exclusively will lead one to expect a reward for everything they do. With everything in life, there is a balance, and intrinsic and extrinsic rewards are no different.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There is a heated debate about how we should reward our employees, students, and children.

2. Both intrinsic and extrinsic rewards have some drawbacks, but they also offer some great incentives.

3. When someone does a stellar job at work, or in the classroom, their employer, or teacher, might give them praise in front of the whole company, office or classroom.

4. This then creates a more effective work, or classroom, environment because the employees or students are doing excellent work on their own without the use of outside factors motivating them.

5. Next, extrinsic rewards are effective in the short-term, but in the long-term, they lose their luster.

6. If a person is given the same level of reward over a long period of time, such as a monetary bonus, their motivation eventually decreases.

7. Also, extrinsic rewards are not sustainable, so once they are withdrawn, then the motivation is gone as well.

8. But as I stated earlier, there should be a balance of the two.

9. Intrinsic rewards should be given the majority of the time.

10. Using these internally motivated rewards with a sprinkling of gifts-

cards, candy, or monetary valued gifts adds a great competition in the work and school environments.

Q186. What custom or tradition is unique to your country?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Three of traditions and customs from Poland are the saying of ‘thank-you’ when purchasing items, the breaking of bread during Christmas, and Name Day.

Support 1: First of all, the Polish people will say ‘Dziekuje’ (‘thank-you’) only after receiving their change.

Support 2: Second of all, the Polish people break ‘bread’ with their families during their Christmas Eve meal.

Support 3: Last, but not least, the Polish people, and other Slovak countries, celebrate Name Days, or ‘Imieniny’.

Thesis: As you can see, Poland has a few very unique traditions and customs that are unique to them.

B. Model Essay

Being a Polish person, our culture has many different customs and traditions that are unique to Poland. The Polish people are very proud of their culture, and they are also a very tradition based society. Many families who have immigrated to America still continue some of the basic traditions that were practiced in their home country. Three of these traditions and customs I will discuss more elaborately are the saying of ‘thank-you’ when purchasing items, the breaking of bread during Christmas, and Name Day.

First of all, the Polish people will say ‘Dziekuje’ (‘thank-you’) only after receiving their change. What I mean by this is that when you are in Poland, you should wait to say ‘thank-you’ until after you have been given your change back. If you do not, you are telling the cashier that they can ‘keep the change.’ Often times, people visiting Poland will feel that the items are very expensive, until they learn that they are giving the store

clerk permission to keep the money that would have been given back. So, wait to say 'Dziękuję' ('thank-you') until after you've received your money back.

Second of all, the Polish people break 'bread' with their families during their Christmas Eve meal. Unlike most Western countries, Poland holds onto the religious roots of this holiday, rather than the materialistic ideas. The Christmas Eve celebration starts with the breaking of the Oplatek, which is a thin wafer-like piece of 'bread' that is stamped with a religious picture on it. In my family, the eldest in the family (my grandfather) takes the big Oplatek and breaks it into large pieces that he then hands down to each of his four children (my aunt, uncles, and father). Then, these family members break their pieces into smaller sizes and pass them out to their children (my cousins, siblings, and myself). Once the last piece is passed down to the youngest, we say a prayer and eat the flavorless piece of thin bread. This is very similar to the idea of Communion in Catholicism, which many Polish people are a part of.

Last, but not least, the Polish people, and other Slovak countries, celebrate Name Days, or 'Imieniny'. This day is more important than one's birthday, and it also comes from a religious origin, like the breaking of the Oplatek. As stated earlier, Poland consists of many Roman Catholics and Christians, and with these religions are the associations of Saints. Polish people often name their children after a Saint that is closest to the date that they are born. Then their Saint's day that they were named after becomes their 'new' birthday. On Name's Day, families and friends gather together to say, 'wszystkiego najlepszego!', which means 'All the best!', to the celebrant. They will also enjoy a variety of food, drinking, and dancing. It's very similar to one's birthday, but both men and women will receive chocolate and flowers, which are usually given in odd numbers.

As you can see, Poland has a few very unique traditions and customs that are unique to them. If you ever by chance meet a Polish person, wish them 'sto lat!' on their Name's Day, meaning 'a hundred years', instead of 'Happy Birthday.' I respect my Polish heritage and will pass my culture

on to my own children because it is important to know one's own heritage.

C. Useful Expressions

1. The Polish people are very proud of their culture, and they are also a very tradition based society.

2. If you do not, you are telling the cashier that they can 'keep the change.'

3. Often times, people visiting Poland will feel that the items are very expensive.

4. Second of all, the Polish people break bread with their families during their Christmas Eve meal.

5. Unlike most Western countries, Poland holds onto the religious roots of this holiday, rather than the materialistic ideas.

6. In my family, the eldest in the family (my grandfather) takes the big Oplatek and breaks it into large pieces.

7. Once the last piece is passed down to the youngest, we say a prayer and eat the flavorless piece of thin bread.

8. This day is more important than one's birthday, and it also comes from a religious origin, like the breaking of the Oplatek.

9. They will also enjoy a variety of food, drinking, and dancing.

10. I respect my Polish heritage and will pass my culture on to my own children because it is important to know one's own heritage.

Q187. Which person do you depend on for advice when dealing with a problem?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I depend on two categories of people for advice when dealing with a problem; my parents and my boyfriend.

Support 1: First and foremost, I turn to my parents for assistance with finances and career guidance.

Support 2: Secondly, my boyfriend gives me the best advice that fits the person I am today, unlike my parents who view me as the child I once was.

Support 3: Sometimes, I find it difficult to choose between my parents' advice and my boyfriend's advice.

Thesis: Since not every problem has a clear piece of advice, I turn to my parents and my boyfriend for different pieces of advice on how to solve my trouble spots in life.

B. Model Essay

Throughout our lives, we will be faced with many challenges and obstacles to overcome. Many times, we can get through these issues on our own. However, there are times when we need a helping hand because we can't manage on our own. I depend on two categories of people for advice when dealing with a problem: my parents and my boyfriend. Both my parents and my boyfriend offer me advice, but one is better than the other when dealing with certain snags that might come up.

The first and most important category of people I lean on for assistance is my parents. My mother, father, step-father, and step-mother all offer me a different perspective to my various problems that might arise. When it comes to financial advice, I always go to my mother and her husband because they are the most experienced in dealing with monetary

issues. They have done very well financially and have always given me great advice for what to do with my money. For problems concerning my career, I ask my father and his wife because they offer me the most honest advice without letting their personal feelings come into play. It was actually my step-mother who opened my eyes to a career in teaching. She showed me the business and gave me the freedom and guidance to fine tune my skills.

The other person I go to for advice is my boyfriend. Although we have only been dating for a short time, I am able to be completely honest with him. He then in return is one-hundred percent honest with me. His advice is very helpful because he doesn't know my whole, entire life story, like my parents do. Therefore, he can give me the best advice that fits the person I am today, unlike my parents who view me as the child I once was. Recently, I had a difficult decision to make about running in a marathon or not. He gave me the perfect advice, because he knows that I have an injured knee and sees me struggle with it only a daily basis. So, he told me not to push myself and to just enjoy it and have fun. My parents would have told me to do my best, no matter what the cost was to my body because they have such high-expectation levels of me that I want to achieve. Therefore, when it comes to issues dealing with my life here in Korea, I turn to my boyfriend.

Sometimes, I find it difficult to choose between my parents' advice and my boyfriend's advice. On one side, my parents have known me my whole life, and they know my past mistakes and triumphs. However, as I stated earlier, they still view me as a child, and expect me to always take their advice. On the other hand, my boyfriend knows who I am now, but he doesn't know all of the other decisions I've had to struggle with in my life previously, like my parents do. One example of this battle of choosing between the two sides of advice was when I was deciding to stay in Korea for another year. Obviously, my parents want me to come back to America, and my boyfriend wanted me to stay in Korea. It was a very difficult situation to be put in, but in the end, I chose to stay in Korea. Even though I went against my parents' advice, they are still supportive of my decision and are now starting to view me as the adult that I have

become.

Since not every problem has a clear piece of advice, I turn to my parents and my boyfriend for different pieces of advice on how to solve my trouble spots in life. By having the support from five different people, I am able to get well-rounded and well-informed advice from many different minds. Having these people in my life to assist me in times of need has gotten me through some of my toughest decisions in life.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Throughout our lives, we will be faced with many challenges and obstacles to overcome.

2. Many times, we can get through these issues on our own.

3. However, there are times when we need a helping hand because we can't manage on our own.

4. One is better than the other when dealing with certain snags that might come up.

5. When it comes to financial advice, I always go to my mother and her husband, because they are the most experienced in dealing with monetary issues.

6. It was actually my step-mother who opened my eyes to a career in teaching.

7. She showed me the business and gave me the freedom and guidance to fine tune my skills.

8. My parents would have told me to do my best, no matter what the cost was to my body because they have such high-expectation levels of me that I want to achieve.

9. On one side, my parents have known me my whole life, and they know

my past mistakes and triumphs.

10. Even though I went against my parents' advice, they are still supportive of my decision and are now starting to view me as the adult that I have become.

Q188. Name a place that you have visited in your country that you would recommend to others to visit.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I had to recommend one of the places that I have visited for somebody else to visit, I would tell them to venture to New York City.

Support 1: To start, New York City is probably one of the most popular tourism spots in America.

Support 2: Next, visitors from other more mono-cultural societies can experience true cultural diversity in New York City.

Support 3: It is also important to realize that there is a great deal of history in the New York City limits.

Thesis: Since there are a wide variety of activities that one can participate in, learn about, and observe, New York City is my number one choice to suggest a traveler should visit in America.

B. Model Essay

There are hundreds, if not thousands of places to visit within the American borders. I have been to many of these places, but not all of them yet. If I had to recommend one of the places that I have visited for somebody else to visit, I would tell them to venture to New York City. Although this city is a very popular tourism spot, there are a few unique places that not everybody knows of. Also, it offers a diverse location for people to see all types of people. Furthermore, it has a plethora of history to learn about.

To start, New York City is probably one of the most popular tourism spots in America. Everybody knows of the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, and the Brooklyn Bridge, but there are a few less known, unique places that people can journey. One of these places is the Madame

Tussauds Museum. This is an unusual place where you can pose with many different celebrities. Of course they are not real though; they are identical wax replicas. I love bragging about my photo with Tom Cruise to all of my friends. They actually think I was with them, so I think this would be a great photo opportunity for a visitor to have. Then they can show their friends and family something different than the typical Statue of Liberty photo. Other places people can explore that are off the main path include Ripley's Believe It or Not, the Sports Museum of America, and the United Nations. I encourage all tourists to explore outside of the usual and see something unusual.

Next, visitors from other more mono-cultural societies can experience true cultural diversity in New York City. New York is full of all types of nationalities, races, and religions, predominantly due to its large immigration population. In New York, no single country or region of origin dominates, unlike in Los Angeles and Miami where there is a dominate country represented. Among the cultures that are within the New York City limits, Dominican Republic, China, Jamaica, Russia, Italy, Poland, and India are represented the most. As you can see from this, it is a great place to visit to be reminded why America is a place of freedom and equality. Skin color, gender, nationality, and religion are blended together in this amazing city. So visitors will be able to watch a multitude of parades and festivities showcasing one of the many cultures found in New York City.

It is also important to realize that there is a great deal of history in the New York City limits. This is mainly due to the fact that Ellis Island was the gateway for millions of immigrants for a span of thirty plus years. Even though Ellis Island is actually in New Jersey, it is easily accessible from a ferry in New York City. Because of this great diversity in immigration, many history museums were erected to portray the struggles overcome and the battles won by the ambitious travelers from across the oceans. The Museum of Natural History is a fantastic place of history that is often portrayed in movies. So, while you learn about the Earth's history, you can also see some famous locations that were in the movies, such as "A Night at the Museum" with Ben Stiller.

Since there are a wide variety of activities that one can participate in, learn about, and observe, New York City is my number one choice to suggest a traveler should visit in America. In the Big Apple, you can explore many places that are well-known, as well some that are more unknown. It also offers a unique perspective to the mixing pot of various cultures. Finally, a large amount of history is contained within many museums.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I had to recommend one of the places that I have visited for somebody else to visit, I would tell them to venture to New York City.

2. Furthermore, it has a plethora of history to learn about.

3. This is an unusual place where you can pose with many different celebrities.

4. They actually think I was with them, so I think this would be a great photo opportunity for a visitor to have.

5. Other places people can explore that are off the main path include Ripley's Believe It or Not, the Sports Museum of America, and the United Nations.

6. Next, visitors from other more mono-cultural societies can experience true cultural diversity in New York City.

7. As you can see from this, it is a great place to visit to be reminded why America is a place of freedom and equality.

8. Many history museums were erected to portray the struggles overcome and the battles won by the ambitious travelers from across the oceans.

Q189. Of all the types of weather, rainy, sunny, snowy, etc., which is your favorite type of weather?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Of all the weather types though, my favorite weather is a warm, partly cloudy day with a cool breeze blowing.

Support 1: To begin with, when the weather is warm and partly cloudy with a cool breeze, it offers many options for outdoor activities.

Support 2: Next, I love being outdoors, and cloud watching is one of my favorite leisurely outdoor activities.

Support 3: Finally, a day that contains a warm air and a cool breeze is the optimal weather day for me to wear my favorite style of clothing.

Thesis: As you can see, I have three distinct reasons why a warm, partly cloudy day with a cool breeze blowing is my favorite weather type: outdoor sports, cloud watching, and perfect clothing.

B. Model Essay

I have a preference to what type of weather I like, just like everybody else. There are some weather types that I absolutely despise; some of these being any amount of snow, very cold weather, and arctic-like winds. Of all the weather types though, my favorite weather is a warm, partly cloudy day with a cool breeze blowing. I have three reasons for this being my ideal weather type: outside activities, cloud shapes, and clothing options.

To begin with, when the weather is warm and partly cloudy with a cool breeze, it offers many options for outdoor activities. I am a huge outdoors person, so anytime I can be outside I take advantage of it. A few of my favorite outdoor activities are hiking a mountain, taking long walks around downtown, and going on a long bike ride along the river. The weather is perfect for these activities because if you work up a sweat, the

cool breeze will lower your body temperature and take away the wetness on your skin. I know that when I am bike riding, I can tend to get a little overheated, but this type of weather prevents that from happening.

Next, as I mentioned previously, I love being outdoors, and cloud watching is one of my favorite leisurely outdoor activities. As a child, I would often go hiking up a local mountain with my parents. When we would get to the top of the mountain, we would take out a big blanket, lay it out on the ground, and then lay down to look up at the passing clouds. We would go back and forth telling each other what shapes the clouds would make. If it was a big fat oval with a long rectangle coming from one end, we would say, “Elephant!” It is a great way to expand a child’s imagination, so I love this type of weather because I can expose others to keeping their imagination running wild.

Finally, a day that contains a warm air and a cool breeze is the optimal weather day for me to wear my favorite style of clothing. In a warm environment that has a cool breeze blowing, I can wear a few thin layers that can be put on or taken off as the air temperature fluctuates. I love wearing flowing skirts paired with a tank top and a thin long-sleeve jacket over it. It is true that we wear layers in snow and other weather types. However they are not comfortable layers. I find them to be excessively bulky. Moreover, my core gets overheated and I start to perspire, but my appendages are as cold as ice and I can’t warm them up enough.

As you can see, I have three distinct reasons why a warm, partly cloudy day with a cool breeze blowing is my favorite weather type. I am able to join in many outdoor activities without being too hot or too cold. Also, I can partake in the affair of cloud watching, where I am able to keep my imagination flowing. Finally, this weather suits my favorite clothing style of flowing skirts, tank tops, and thin long-sleeve jackets. I don’t see how people can ever choose snow, rain, or very hot weather as their favorites when my favorite type of weather offers so many positives.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I have a preference to what type of weather I like, just like everybody else.

2. To begin with, when the weather is warm and partly cloudy with a cool breeze, it offers many options for outdoor activities.

3. I am a huge outdoors person, so anytime I can be outside I take advantage of it.

4. The weather is perfect for these activities because if you work up a sweat, the cool breeze will lower your body temperature and take away the wetness on your skin.

5. I know that when I am bike riding, I can tend to get a little overheated, but this type of weather prevents that from happening.

6. When we would get to the top of the mountain, we would take out a big blanket, lay it out on the ground, and then lay down to look up at the passing clouds.

7. We would go back and forth telling each other what shapes the clouds would make.

8. It is a great way to expand a child's imagination, so I love this type of weather because I can expose others to keeping their imagination running wild.

9. In a warm environment that has a cool breeze blowing, I can wear a few thin layers that can be put on or taken off as the air temperature fluctuates.

10. I don't see how people can ever choose snow, rain, or very hot weather as their favorites when my favorite type of weather offers so many positives.

Q190. If you're given a month of leisure to do whatever you'd like to do, what would you do in that month?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I were given a whole month of freedom, I'd do three things: travel the world, learn to cook better, and focus on learning Korean more intensively.

Support 1: First, traveling around the world is one of my dreams.

Support 2: Secondly, I would want to spend some time learning to cook more for types of foods.

Support 3: Finally, the most important thing for me to do during a one month hiatus is to focus on studying Korean more intensively.

Thesis: Traveling, learning to cook, and studying the Korean language would be my top three ways to spend this new free time.

B. Model Essay

I have found it to be true that as I have gotten older, I have had less time to do my own leisure activities. So, if I were given a whole month of freedom, I'd do three things. The first thing I'd like to do is to travel the world. The second is to learn to cook better, and the third is to focus on learning Korean more intensively.

First, traveling around the world is one of my dreams. If I were given a whole thirty days of free-time, I'd spend at least two weeks of it traveling to various countries that are on my bucket list. I've always wanted to go to Greece, Rome, Africa, Ireland, and Poland. I know that in two weeks, I can't hit every country on that list, but I definitely can get to half of them. In these countries, I'd go to see the major tourist spots, but also the more unknown locations. I think it would be an amazing opportunity to take time off away from my busy life and go and relax in a few other countries for a few weeks.

Secondly, I would want to spend some time learning to cook more types of foods. I love to cook, but my options are very limited due to the fact that I don't know what a lot of the different products at the markets here in Korea are. If I was able to spend about four days taking a comprehensive cooking and shopping course, I'd be set for life with a plethora of new recipes to prepare. Once I know what the ingredients are and what spices or seasonings go well with each other, then I can expand beyond the simple style of cooking that I have adapted while living in a foreign country.

Finally, the most important thing for me to do during a one month hiatus is to focus on studying Korean more intensively. Being in a foreign country is exciting, but it is also challenging if you can't communicate effectively. So, I would spend the majority of the month with my nose in my Korean language text books. While I am flying to the foreign countries, I can study, and while I'm at the market shopping for my cooking class, I'm learning even more words. With the remaining weeks, I would spend my waking hours memorizing more vocabulary words, and being around only Korean speakers. During this time, I will listen attentively to their words and try to understand what they are saying.

In conclusion, I would be so overjoyed if I could have a month off to do whatever I wanted to do. Traveling, learning to cook, and studying the Korean language would be my top three ways to spend this new free time. In doing so, I would be increasing my level of happiness and ease while being in a foreign language's land.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I have found it to be true that as I have gotten older, I have had less time to do my own leisure activities.

2. First, traveling around the world is one of my dreams.

3. In these countries, I'd go to the see the major tourist spots, but also the more unknown locations.

4. I think it would be an amazing opportunity to take time off away from my busy life and go and relax in a few other countries for a few weeks.

5. I love to cook, but my options are very limited due to the fact that I don't know what a lot of the different products at the markets here in Korea are.

6. If I was able to spend about four days taking a comprehensive cooking and shopping course, I'd be set for life with a plethora of new recipes to prepare.

7. Once I know what the ingredients are and what spices or seasonings go well with each other, then I can expand beyond the simple style of cooking that I have adapted while living in a foreign country.

8. Being in a foreign country is exciting, but it is also challenging if you can't communicate effectively.

9. During this time, I will listen attentively to their words and try to understand what they are saying.

10. In doing so, I would be increasing my level of happiness and ease while being in a foreign language's land.

Q191. What is your most memorable moment that you have experienced in school?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My most memorable moment that I have experienced at school was the attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and the crashing of the plane in Pennsylvania.

Support 1: It frightened me and saddened me very much because so many people were hurt.

Support 2: I was called into the office to be told about my mother being safe, even though I had no idea why.

Support 3: I was in my English writing class, so I wrote in a journal that day to help vent the feelings that had.

Thesis: Because it caused me so much confusion and heartbreak, 9/11 was my most memorable moment in school.

B. Model Essay

The most memorable moment that I have experienced in school is when America was attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001. Four separate planes were deliberately crashed into three buildings and one field. Two of these planes were crashed into two of the World Trade Centers in New York City and the other was crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The third plane was believed to have been heading to another major building, but it instead was crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. I was in my senior year at Allentown Central Catholic, which is less than two hours away from NYC, and many of our students had friends or family members who worked in NYC. So we were all filled with a mix of emotions. This day changed my life and the lives of many other Americans.

As I stated previously, my fellow students, teachers and I were all

filled with a mix of different emotions. We had been in a prayer service because I attended a Catholic school where we had a religious service once a month. During this prayer service, the first plane crashed into one of the World Trade Center buildings. We came upstairs and turned on our classroom TVs, and just as we did that, the second plane crashed. Within two hours, both the buildings had collapsed. All teachers were then instructed to turn off the TVs, and to try and focus on class work the best we could. I was so worried about my friends who had family members in the city. We had no idea that there were two more planes that would cause more damage to even more people's lives.

A short while after we turned our TV's off, I was called to the office. I had known that students who were affected by this unforgettable day were being called to be comforted or to tell them bad news. I was shocked because I did not personally know anybody in NYC. I got to the office, and they began to tell me that my mom was ok. I was surprised by them telling me this, because she works at the Pentagon. Why would they be telling my about my mom, who works miles away from NYC? Then, the principal told me that the Pentagon had been hit too. I broke down in tears, because I was so relieved to know that my mom was not harmed. She had fortunately been on business in Ohio for the day and was not in the Pentagon. But many of the people I had worked with all summer long at the Pentagon were there. My mind immediately went to worrying if they were injured or not. I didn't know what part had been hit and it made me more fearful, because my mom's office and all the people I knew were in the outer ring. Therefore, there was a larger possibility that they might have been harmed too. Fortunately, the portion of the five-sided building the plane hit was the newly renovated section and had had minimal personnel working in it.

After the visit to the principal's office, I gathered my composure and went back to class. I sat down and wrote in my English journal, since I was still in English class. We did not change classes because it was easier to keep track of what students were where, if we all just stayed in our original classrooms. So, I spent an hour writing in my journal about the day's events. I asked questions to myself and to the people who did this horrible

thing. We had speculations that they were all related and had an idea of who might've done it, but we had nothing confirmed yet. To this day, I still have this journal, and I look back on it when I need a reminder of how precious life is. Also, it helps remind me how I should live life without being surrounded by negatives because life is just too short. We never know when something will change it.

September 11, 2001 changed my life, as well as many other people making it unshakable from our memories. It has been the most memorable day to me, even after 11 years. I haven't read my journal in over 3 years, but I still remember all the details and the feelings that rushed through me that day. I hope that the future children of the world will never have to have a high school experience like the one I had. It still makes me upset when I see something about it on TV.

C. Useful Expressions

1. So we were all filled with a mix of emotions.

2. This day changed my life and the lives of many other Americans.

3. We came upstairs and turned on our classroom TVs, and just as we did that, the second plane crashed.

4. A short while after we turned our TV's off, I was called to the office.

5. I had known that students who were affected by this unforgettable day were being called to be comforted or to tell them bad news.

6. I broke down in tears because I was so relieved to know that my mom was not harmed.

7. She had fortunately been on business in Ohio for the day and was not in the Pentagon.

8. My mind immediately went to worrying if they were injured or not.

9. After the visit to the principal's office, I gathered my composure and

went back to class.

Q192. Compare the advantages of positive rewards against the advantages of negative punishments.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: When it comes to children and adults, positive rewards and negative punishments have beneficial aspects to both of them.

Support 1: Positive rewards build upon a person's good deeds.

Support 2: Negative punishments make the negative behavior noticeable to the doer.

Support 3: I fall in the camp of using a mixture of both positive rewards and negative punishments.

Thesis: Between these two options, we should have a good balance, be consistent with them, and not overuse them, or else they will lose their effect.

B. Model Essay

When it comes to children and adults, positive rewards and negative punishments have beneficial aspects to both of them. While positive rewards build upon a person's good deeds, the negative punishments point out one's wrong doing. So what exactly are the advantages to both sides of the debate? They range from making somebody feel good about themselves, to making one understand what is not acceptable behavior.

As I mentioned above, positive rewards build upon a person's good deeds. When we do something that is noteworthy, it feels good to be recognized for it. So by giving a positive reward, we are encouraging a desirable behavior. Take for instance this example from a workplace. When all of the workers are doing well, but one is doing exceptionally well, that one worker will be rewarded with a bonus check. This will encourage all of the other workers to do that same behavior to receive a bonus check as well. By rewarding the good actions, we are promoting

what our expectations are that we want somebody to achieve.

On the other hand, the negative punishments also produce an advantage. The largest advantage is that the negative behavior is made noticeable to the doer. Take for example this scenario from a child's perspective. A child always does their homework on time and they get straight A's. For every A they receive, they get a dollar. But one day, this child comes home late after school and lies about it. By punishing the child for coming home late, they will see that this is not allowed, and they will correct it. If there is a young child who is always being reward for their good behavior, how will they know that their bad behavior is unacceptable? We must correct the child in order to eliminate these undesirable behaviors from continuing.

As for my opinion, I fall in the camp of using a mixture of both positive rewards and negative punishments. As we continue through life, and we only see people receiving positive rewards, then how will we ever know what we are doing wrong? Children need a balance between the two. This is because if we always reward the sought after actions, then they will become accustomed to it, and the rewards will lose their effectiveness; and vice versa.

Both adults and children respond to positive rewards and negative punishments. However, there are times where a negative punishment is needed, or a positive reward is needed. Positive rewards allow a person to be recognized for doing well. While on the contrary, the negative punishments show the person that they are doing something that is not allowed. Between the two of these options, we should have a good balance, be consistent with them, and not overuse them, or else they will lose their effect.

C. Useful Expressions

1. When it comes to children and adults, positive rewards and negative punishments have beneficial aspects to both of them.

2. While positive rewards build upon a person's good deeds, the negative punishments point out one's wrong doing.

3. As I mentioned above, positive rewards build upon a person's good deeds.

4. When all of the workers are doing well, but one is doing exceptionally well, that one worker will be rewarded with a bonus check.

5. Take for example this scenario from a child's perspective.

6. We must correct the child in order to eliminate these undesirable behaviors from continuing.

7. Children need a balance between the two theories.

8. This is because if we always reward the sought after actions, then they will become accustomed to it.

9. Both adults and children respond to positive rewards and negative punishments.

10. Between the two of these options, we should have a good balance, be consistent with them, and not overuse them, or else they will lose their effect.

Q193. If a close friend was in need of an organ, such as a kidney, and you were a viable option, would you give them the organ needed?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I were posed with this difficult proposal, I would without hesitation give my friend the needed organ.

Support 1: Life is precious.

Support 2: I can give the organ that I don't need..

Support 3: To conclude, I would feel a huge sense of guilt if my friend would die because I didn't help them.

Thesis: If I were a viable option to donate an organ that my friend was in dire need of, I would without a doubt donate that organ because my friend really needs it.

B. Model Essay

In life, we are given many difficult obstacles to face. One of these obstacles is helping others when it will put you in harm's way. An example of this is the situation of giving one of your organs to save a friend's life. If I were posed with this difficult proposal, I would without hesitation give my friend the needed organ because life is precious, I don't need the organ, and I would live with guilt if I didn't do so.

It is important to remember that life is the most precious thing we have in this world. Nobody knows for sure what will happen after we pass from this world, so we must be sure to live a happy life while we are here on Earth. By giving my viable organ to my friend, I am able to prolong their life, and who knows what great things they will do in their life! For this reason, I want to give them the chance to do these great things. Maybe they will be the person who finds the cure for all cancers, or maybe they will be the next President. The options are limitless!

A point that is often overlooked is that I most likely don't need the organ that they need, or else the doctors would not grant me permission to donate it. Some examples of these organs are the liver and the kidney. Even though I know that the surgery will be dangerous, the recovery will be difficult, and the possibility of me becoming sick will be increased, none of these adversities deter me from wanting to assist my friend in need. Since I am always one who helps others without any care to what I sacrifice in doing so, I want to give them something that my body is in no need of.

To conclude, I would feel a huge sense of guilt if my friend would die because I didn't help them. I tend to take on others peoples problems a lot, and I feel guilt very easily for not assisting somebody else. So, I know that by not helping them, I would have a very difficult time dealing with the fact that I was selfish and let them die. There was a time in high school that a friend needed my help with something, and I didn't help them. It has been ten years since then, and I still feel the same sense of guilt, like I should have helped them. That was a simple request with no major effects from my selfishness, so I could only imagine the guilt I would be overwhelmed by if I didn't give the needed organ to my friend.

In summary, if I were a viable option to donate an organ that my friend was in dire need of, I would without a doubt lay down on the operating table and give them what they needed to survive. A true friend is hard to come by in this world, and I would never want to lose them, especially if I had something I could do to keep them around. Donating an organ is a terrifying experience, but I would see past all of the negatives that could happen to me, by looking at all the positive aspects that will come about, like saving a friend's life.

C. Useful Expressions

1. In life, we are given many difficult obstacles to face.

2. One of these obstacles is helping others when it will put you in harm's way.

3. If I were posed with this difficult proposal, I would without hesitation give my friend the needed organ.

4. I would live with guilt if I didn't do so.

5. Nobody knows for sure what will happen after we pass from this world, so we must be sure to live a happy life while we are here on Earth.

6. Maybe they will be the person who finds the cure for all cancers, or maybe they will be the next President. The options are limitless!

7. None of these adversities deter me from wanting to assist my friend in need.

8. I tend to take on other people's problems a lot, and I feel guilt very easily for not assisting somebody else.

9. I could only imagine the guilt I would be overwhelmed by if I didn't give the needed organ to my friend.

10. I would without a doubt lay down on the operating table and give them what they needed to survive.

Q194. What would you like to know if you could learn one thing about the future?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I could know something about the future, I would want to know what type of new technologies there will be, such as cars, phones and anything else that we don't currently have.

Support 1: I am always curious about what the future technology is, so it will ease my curiosity.

Support 2: I could be better prepared to use new technology.

Support 3: I could make money in the stock market by investing in the companies that will create this new technology.

Thesis: Since I can ease my wandering mind, feel smarter, and increase my money, I would like to know about future technologies.

B. Model Essay

If I could know something about the future, I would want to know what type of new technologies there will be, such as cars, phones and anything else that we don't currently have. I have always been curious about what our future holds for us. By knowing this, I could gain many advantages in my life now and in the future.

First, I often think about what the future holds. So, my wandering mind is always curious about what things will be different. By knowing this, I will be able to ease my curiosity. I think about the past ten to fifteen years and how different our technology has already become. Will our phones be smaller or bigger? Will we have an implant in our head that is our cell phone? It's very exciting to me to think of the future possibilities.

Next, if I know about the future technology, I will be better prepared to use it. Currently, I have a smart phone and I am not very skilled in its

applications. I feel that I am always behind the learning curve. Sometimes, I will learn about a feature that people already known about and have been using for months. It's rather embarrassing to not know how to use my own phone. So, having this knowledge will help me to feel smarter.

Lastly, by knowing about future technologies, I could invest my money and make even more income. If I knew what company would be the creators of the new technology, then I could put my money in those stocks early on. I can buy the stocks at a cheap price, and be guaranteed a good return in the future because I'll know that the companies will succeed.

Since I can ease my wandering mind, feel smarter, and increase my money, I would like to know about future technologies. These advantages will lead me to a better life now and also in the future. Just think of the possibilities in technology in just another five or ten years, it's amazing.

C. Useful Expressions

1. If I could know something about the future, I would want to know what type of new technologies there will be, such as cars, phones and anything else that we don't currently have.

2. I have always been curious about what our future holds for us.

3. By knowing this, I could gain many advantages in my life now and in the future.

4. So, my wandering mind is always curious about what things will be different.

5. It's very exciting to me to think of the future possibilities.

6. Currently, I have a smart phone and I am not very skilled in its applications.

7. I feel that I am always behind the learning curve.

8. Lastly, by knowing about the future technologies, I could invest my money and make even more income.

9. I can buy the stocks at a cheap price, and be guaranteed a good return in the future because I'll know that the companies will succeed.

10. These advantages will lead me to a better life now and also in the future.

Q195. Describe a peculiar dream of yours.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I had a very peculiar dream that was about me flying with bird wings.

Support 1: I started growing wings at first.

Support 2: Then, I was able to fly to all different countries.

Support 3: When I landed, my wings turned back into my arms.

Thesis: This very peculiar dream about flying, made me want to travel even more.

B. Model Essay

I have had many different types of dreams throughout my life. Some of them are happy or sad dreams, while others are scary dreams. However, about two months I had a very peculiar dream happen to me. I had a dream about growing wings and flying around the world. It was the strangest dream that I've ever experienced I can say without a doubt.

It all started when I fell asleep after having a stressful day. In my dream, I started to walk along the street outside and my arms started to itch. Bird feathers started to grow from my skin. They eventually turned into a full set of bird wings. Fortunately, there was nobody around me to have seen this very strange sight.

After my wings fully grew, I started to flap them. I felt like a baby bird learning to fly for the first time. I was very shaky at first, but I got the hang of it after a few tries. I started to fly more confidently, and within a few months, I was flying all around the world visiting various countries; Hawaii, Japan, China, Australia, Europe, South Korea, Thailand and more! It was so exciting.

When I landed in each of these different countries, I found that as soon

as my feet touched the ground, my bird wings receded back into my body. This was a very good thing, because for all I knew, I was the only person who could do such a marvelous and peculiar thing. If my new wings didn't disappear, I'm sure I would have been looked at very unusually.

It was so strange to be thinking of this while I was sleeping, because I've never had a dream quite like this one. I'm not sure why I had this dream, but it left me wanting to travel to more places. It's funny to me, because I've never been to most of the places that I had traveled to in my dreams. So, I'm curious how the real places relate to my own perceptions of those locations.

C. Useful Expressions

1. It was the strangest dream that I've ever experienced I can say without a doubt.

2. In my dream, I started to walk along the street outside and my arms started to itch.

3. Fortunately, there was nobody around me to have seen this very strange sight.

4. After my wings fully grew, I started to flap them.

5. I was very shaky at first, but I got the hang of it after a few tries.

6. I started to fly more confidently, and within a few months, I was flying all around the world visiting various countries.

7. I found that as soon as my feet touched the ground, my bird wings receded back into my body.

8. This was a very good thing, because for all I knew, I was the only person who could do such a marvelous and peculiar thing.

9. If my new wings didn't disappear, I'm sure I would have been looked at

very unusually.

10. So, I'm curious how the real places relate to my own perceptions of those locations.

Q196. Describe what you would miss from your home if you went abroad to study.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: There are a few things I know I would miss the most from my home if I had to go abroad.

Support 1: The first thing I would miss is my photo album collection.

Support 2: The next thing would be my vast selection of books.

Support 3: The last item I would miss a lot from my home is my movie collection.

Thesis: Even though I would miss all these items a lot, I would enjoy and welcome the new environment's culture, books, and movies.

B. Model Essay

There are a few things I know I would miss the most from my home if I had to go abroad: my photos, my books, and my movie collection. Since I am going abroad, I can't take many things with me. The airlines only allow you to bring two 50 lb. suitcases on board. There is no way that I could fit all those items in my suitcase to take with me, so I could only take a few of them.

First, I would take my photos with me, because I have so many good memories that I want to remember while I'm away. My photos are mostly of my funny, sad, and happy memories with my family and friends. When I am sad or feeling down, I like to pull out my photo albums and page through them, remembering the many good times we have had together. It's comforting to have something, such as my photos, that can brighten my mood.

Next, the books are something that keeps me entertained in my down time. I love reading books, and I'm pretty sure that I wouldn't be able to

find that many English books in a foreign country. If I could, it's almost guaranteed that they will be pricey. Plus, I already have a lot of books, so I wouldn't want to buy the same book twice. When I'm reading books, they take my mind off of my worries and I enjoy relating to the characters in the story. Escaping to another world in stressful times is very soothing.

Finally, movies are something I enjoy seeing a lot. The selection of English speaking movies abroad would also be slim. I currently live in South Korea, and it is often difficult to see many movies in my own home language. Most of them are Korean speaking movies with very few foreign movies being shown. I know that you can download movies, but I love the experience of going to a theater and seeing the new movies on a big screen.

Even though I would miss all of these items a lot, I would still really enjoy and welcome the new environment's culture, books, and movies. Being away from home can be a sad and lonely thing, but it is also an exciting and adventurous thing. By bringing some of these items with me, it would help me not to miss my home as much.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are a few things I know I would miss the most from my home if I had to go abroad: my photos, my books, and my movie collection.

2. The airlines only allow you to bring two 50 lb. suitcases on board.

3. First, I would take my photos with me, because I have so many good memories that I want to remember while I'm away.

4. When I am sad or feeling down, I like to pull out my photo albums and page through them,

5. It's comforting to have something, such as my photos, that can brighten your mood.

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9. I know that you can download movies, but I love the experience of going to a theater and seeing the new movies on a big screen.

10. Even though I would miss all of these items a lot, I would still really enjoy and welcome the new environment's culture, books, and movies.

Q197. Do you prefer to relax or to do another activity when you are taking a break from studying?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: When given the choice between relaxing and doing another activity on my study breaks, I prefer to do another activity.

Support 1: First, when we relax, we tend to feel lazier.

Support 2: I am able to give my mind a chance to do something else.

Support 3: I am able to make the most out of my day.

Thesis: Despite the fact that most people would want to relax during their break from studying, I prefer to do something else during that time.

B. Model Essay

When given the choice between relaxing and doing another activity on my study breaks, I prefer to do another activity. There are three main reasons for opinion. First, I tend to feel lazier if I relax. Second, by doing an activity, I'm still giving my mind a rest from the study materials. Third, I can make the most out of my day.

To start with, when I relax, I tend to feel lazier. When our bodies are too well rested, it is harder for us to be motivated to go back to work. For example, when I am memorizing vocabulary words, and I take a break by just sitting and relaxing, I find it much harder to want to go back to studying again. I will usually say to myself, "Five more minutes, five more minutes." This continues on until it is too late, and then I have lost all of my studying time by relaxing too much.

The next reason is that by doing other activities, such as playing a sport, running, or reading a book, I am still able to give my mind a rest, but I'm not being lazy. By playing sports or running, our body is able to

release a lot of the built up stress. Whenever I am tired, I like to go on a long walk or a quick jog somewhere. It refreshes my mind and re-motivates me to want to study harder.

The final reason is that I am able to make the most out of my day. If the only thing I do on my study break is relax, then I won't be able to accomplish all of my tasks for the day. I usually have many other things to do throughout the day, such as paying bills, buying groceries, etc. So, if I relax, I won't be able to get everything done that is on my checklist. Then, this will cause me to be even more stressed, which will take even more time away from studying.

Despite the fact that most people would want to relax during their break from studying, I prefer to do something else more constructive during that time. This is because I won't feel lazier, I can still rest my brain, and I will be able to accomplish everything I want to for that day. It just seems like a smarter option to me to do other activities rather than to relax and become lazy.

C. Useful Expressions

1. When given the choice between relaxing and doing another activity on my study breaks, I prefer to do another activity.

2. First, I tend to feel lazier if I relax.

3. Second, by doing an activity, I'm still giving my mind a rest from the study materials.

4. For example, when I am memorizing vocabulary words, and I take a break by just sitting and relaxing, I find it much harder to want to go back to studying again.

5. By playing sports or running, our body is able to release a lot of the built up stress.

6. It refreshes my mind and re-motivates me to want to study harder.

7. The final reason is that I am able to make the most out of my day.

8. If the only thing I do on my study break is relax, then I won't be able to accomplish all of my tasks for the day.

9. So, if I relax, I won't be able to get everything done that is on my checklist.

10. Despite the fact that most people would want to relax during their break from studying, I prefer to do something else more constructive during that time.

Q198. Do you prefer learning about movies before you see them or not knowing anything about them and being surprised?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I am one who likes to be surprised in a movie, so I would prefer to know nothing about the movie before seeing it.

Support 1: I want to enjoy the movie and not be thinking about it as a predictable story.

Support 2: I am able to become a part of the movie.

Support 3: I can make my own opinions and conclusions about the movie.

Thesis: Because I will have a more enjoyable and surprising movie experience, I would rather not know anything about a movie before I go to see it.

B. Model Essay

I am one who likes to be surprised in a movie, so I would prefer to know nothing about the movie before seeing it. When I go to see an action movie, or a suspense movie, I don't want to know how it ends because I will be thinking too much, I will not be able to connect with the characters, and I won't be able to make my own opinions freely.

The first thing to point out is that the movie will become predictable if we know information about the movie. This is because during the whole movie, I will just be thinking about when the certain events that I know will take place. It almost ruins the movie because all I will be doing is thinking. It makes it very hard to be excited or surprised by something when you are trying to always guess when that event will take place. It's always better to me to be guessing and paying attention to all the clues, so I can guess what will happen next myself.

With this in mind, I am able to become a part of the movie because I

can let go of my worries. A movie can take you places and be extremely relatable if you let it. When I am watching a love story, I often put myself in one of the characters shoes. It makes the movie more realistic, which allows me to feel the emotions that are portrayed more.

I can make my own opinions and conclusions about the movie. Take, for example, the movie Batman: Dark Knight Rises. If I knew how the movie was going to end, I wouldn't have been as excited or surprised at the ending's twist. I thought that Bane had been the boy from the Hole the whole time. It just isn't the same experience when you know that Miranda, the seemingly innocent women, is the person trying to blow up the city, not Bane, the obvious villain. It ruins the suspense that the movie director and writers worked hard to create.

Because I will have a more enjoyable and surprising movie experience, I would rather not know anything about a movie before I go to see it. Knowing information about a movie, such as plot, twists, and characters, can actually damage your movie watching experience. I love to be surprised and to always be shocked when I see something happen in a movie that I hadn't expected

C. Useful Expressions

1. I am one who likes to be surprised in a movie

2. I will not be able to connect with the characters.

3. This is because during the whole movie, I will just be thinking about when the certain events that I know will take place.

4. It almost ruins the movie, because all I will be doing is thinking.

5. It's always better to me to be guessing and paying attention to all the clues, so I can guess what will happen next myself.

6. With this in mind, I am able to become a part of the movie because I can

let go of my worries.

7. A movie can take you places and be extremely relatable if you let it.

8. When I am watching a love story, I often put myself in one of the character's shoes.

9. It just isn't the same experience when you know that Miranda, the seemingly innocent woman, is the person trying to blow up the city, not Bane, the obvious villain.

10. Knowing information about a movie, such as plot, twists, and characters, can actually damage your movie watching experience.

Q199. What must be considered when choosing a job or career?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: There are a few important factors to be considered when choosing a job or a career; desire to do the job, location, and benefits.

Support 1: First, I would consider whether or not it is something I want to do for a long period of time.

Support 2: The second factor is the location.

Support 3: Finally, the benefits you will receive are an important thing to consider.

Thesis: It would be detrimental for your future to take a job if any of these important factors were not met or considered in deciding a career or a job for you.

B. Model Essay

There are a few important factors to be considered when choosing a job or a career. I think about the future a lot, so my factors are based all on my future, not my present. I would consider my desire to do the job for a long period of time, where the job is located, and what benefits I would receive.

First, I would consider whether or not it is something I want to do for a long period of time. When choosing a job, you have to remember that you will probably be doing this job for many years. So you want to evaluate whether it is something you are able and willing to do for an extended period of time. For example, if you don't like children, then you shouldn't choose a job in teaching. On the other hand, if you love children and are patient enough to be around them all day long, then teaching is a good career option for you.

The second deciding factor is the location. If you want to live in Southern USA, then you will have to choose a career that is offered there. Likewise, an ice-water fishing career would not be a good choice if you don't want to be in cold climates. Also, what countries, cities or states will you have to travel to? Are you able to go to these locations freely and without any dietary or other issues? Some jobs require us to travel, so these are also very important factors in choosing the right job for you.

Finally, the benefits you will receive are an important thing to consider. If you are planning on having a family, then your job needs to have the appropriate health insurance benefits to allow your family to be covered. This is especially important if you are pregnant or your wife is. Some companies or careers do not cover pregnancy under their basic healthcare packages. So you have to watch out carefully for these minor details.

It would be detrimental to your future if you took a job where any of these important factors were not met or considered during the decision process. As I stated before, I am always thinking about how things in the present will affect my future. So, it is important to think about my long term happiness based on my job's location and benefits.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are a few important factors to be considered when choosing a job or a career.

2. I would consider my desire to do the job for a long period of time, where the job is located, and what benefits I would receive.

3. So you want to evaluate whether it is something you are able and willing to do for an extended period of time.

4. On the other hand, if you love children and are patient enough to be around them all day long, then teaching is a good career option for you.

5. The second deciding factor is the location.

6. Likewise, an ice-water fishing career would not be a good choice if you don't want to be in cold climates.

7. Some jobs require us to travel, so these are also very important factors in choosing the right job for you.

8. Some companies or careers do not cover pregnancy under their basic healthcare packages.

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10. It would be detrimental to your future if you took a job where any of these important factors were not met or considered during the decision process.

Q200. If you had the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, what would you learn?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I had the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, I would want to learn the acoustic guitar.

Support 1: The most obvious reason, to me, why I want to learn the guitar is because I already have one.

Support 2: Next, I want to play music to my students and children.

Support 3: Finally, I feel that it will be a good challenge to me.

Thesis: Since I already have a guitar, it is something that will enhance my students' education, and it will be a great challenge to me, I want to learn the guitar if I am given the opportunity to do so.

B. Model Essay

If I had the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, I would want to learn the acoustic guitar. There are many other instruments I also want to learn, such as the piano, the violin, and the ukulele, but the guitar is the first one on my wish list. I have three reasons for my opinion: I already have one, I want to play it for others, and I want the challenge of mastering the chords.

The most obvious reason, to me, why I want to learn the guitar is because I already have one. Therefore, I would not incur any additional costs to purchase a new instrument. For my birthday two years ago, a friend of mine gave me her barely used guitar. I was so shocked that somebody would give me something that was worth so much money. Unfortunately, it has been sitting in my closet for the past two years and has not even been taken out of its box, except for one time when my boyfriend wanted to look at it. Because I already have an acoustic guitar, it makes the most sense to learn it if I'm given the opportunity to do so.

Next, I want to play music to my students and children. Throughout my years in education, the teachers who played music in the classroom are the ones whom I learned the most from. Therefore, I want to help my students and children to learn in a fun environment. In the classroom, we can sing songs that relate to the lessons. This will enhance the students' ability to retain information because it has been proven that songs increase our retention rate. Just think back on the ABC's song that we learn as children. Now, imagine we learn the Periodic Table through the use of a song, too. The options are limitless on what our brain will be able to hold on to over the years.

Finally, I feel that it will be a good challenge to me. I have already learned how to play the clarinet and it was a very simple instrument to learn. I want to challenge myself more by learning a more complex instrument. The guitar is just that. To the eye, it seems simple, but there are many chord progressions, and stylistic holdings that one can do. So it seems like the perfect adventure for me to partake in.

Since I already have a guitar, it is something that will enhance my students' education, and it will be a great challenge to me, I want to learn the guitar if I am given the opportunity to do so. The guitar offers me many options to perform, and I can still talk to others while playing this instrument, unlike the clarinet that I had previously learned as a child. After I master the guitar, then I want to move on to the next instrument, the ukulele.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are many other instruments I also want to learn, such as the piano, the violin, and the ukulele, but the guitar is the first one on my wish list.

2. I want the challenge of mastering the chords.

3. Therefore, I would not incur any additional costs to purchase a new instrument.

4. For my birthday two years ago, a friend of mine gave me her barely

used guitar.

5. Because I already have an acoustic guitar, it makes the most sense to learn it if I'm given the opportunity to do so.

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10. After I master the guitar, then I want to move on to the next instrument, the ukulele.

Q201. Describe an experience of going on a picnic with your school.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: An experience I had going on a picnic during my schools days was my 6th grade class field trip in San Antonio, Texas at Candlewood Elementary School.

Support 1: All year, the 6th grade students look forward to the day off of school, in June.

Support 2: Then, we took a mile walk to the park where there were picnic tables with our teacher's names on them.

Support 3: When we arrived, we put our stuff down and started to play many different organized sports.

Thesis: We had such a great day that by the time we had to walk home, none of us wanted to go.

B. Model Essay

An experience I had going on a picnic during my schools days was with my 6th grade class for a field trip in San Antonio, Texas. Candlewood Elementary School, my school, hosts a party for the class that is moving up to middle school as congratulations for making it through elementary school. We get to go to a park that is nearby, eat yummy picnic foods, and play many fun team games.

All year, the 6th grade students look forward to the day off of school, in June. This is because all of the other students will be busy studying and learning, while we are out playing and having fun. On the day of the picnic, we, being the 6th grade class, all gathered at school wearing our school's colors and holding any sports equipment we wanted to use. We brought items such as footballs, soccer balls, and jump ropes. Our teachers took roll-call, lined use up, and gave us all a safety talk.

After we gathered at school, we then took a mile walk to the park where picnic tables were set up with our teacher's names on them. During the walk, we sang songs and talked about all the fun things we were going to do that day. I remember very clearly all the students having their clothing on backwards and singing to the song, "Jump" by Kris Kross. It was a silly thing to do then, and it makes me laugh even more thinking about it now. I wonder what my little brother's class will dress like and the music they will be listening to.

When we arrived at the park, we put our stuff, sports equipment, and food down. Then, we started to play many different organized sports. We played baseball, basketball, water balloon fights, tug-o-war, obstacle course races, and many other fun activities. The weather was perfect for this day, as it usually is in Texas. All the different classes competed against each other to see who the best 6th grade class was. Unfortunately, we had to wait until the end of the day to find out who the winners were.

We had such a great day that none of us wanted to go back to school or home. Our class was the biggest winner of the day, because we had the best runners in our grade and the strongest students too! It's fun to think about that day and all the good times we had together as a class on our picnic/field day.

C. Useful Expressions

1. An experience I had going on a picnic during my schools days was with my 6th grade class for a field trip in San Antonio, Texas.

2. Candlewood Elementary School hosts a party for the class who is moving up to middle school as congratulations for making it through elementary school.

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many fun team games.

5. All year, the 6th grade students look forward to the day off of school, in June.

6. On the day of the picnic, we, being the 6th grade class, all gathered at school.

7. After we gathered at school, we then took a mile walk to the park where picnic tables were set up with our teacher's names on them.

8. I remember very clearly all the students having their clothing on backwards and singing to the song, "Jump" by Kris Kross.

9. I wonder what my little brother's class will dress like and the music they will be listening to.

10. Unfortunately, we had to wait until the end of the day to find out who the winners were.

Q202. Describe how you dress. Why do you dress this way?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The way I dress is in a simple and modest style that is appropriate for teaching.

Support 1: First, while I am working, I wear loose fitting clothing that is very modest.

Support 2: My after work or free time clothing is less professional but still very modest.

Support 3: I usually wear most of my school clothing after work because it I often will see students or parents.

Thesis: Since clothing is a direct reflection of you, I dress in a modest style.

B. Model Essay

Clothing often times defines who you are, so I always try to dress in an appropriate manner. Therefore, the way I dress is in a simple and modest style. I have two slightly different styles; one for when I am working, and one for when I am out and about with my friends. Both of these styles are almost interchangeable.

First, while I am working, I wear loose fitting clothing that is very modest. I am a teacher, and I have many students who judge me, so I cannot wear the same clothing as the students, nor can I look inappropriate. Also, my clothing has to be more professional, since I am in a professional work environment. Some examples of what I wear to school are dresses, dress skirts, and blouses. I do have to admit that some days, I wear more relaxed clothing, like corduroy pants, but I still maintain my professional look.

On the other hand, my after work or free time clothing is less

professional but still modest. I enjoy wearing long flowing skirts, tank-tops, and t-shirts to go eat dinner with my friends in downtown. I chose to dress this way because it is comfortable for all occasions. Also, it is respectful of the Korean culture's style of clothing. They are a very conservative society, so I try to never wear clothing that would be deemed inappropriate or upsetting to them, even though I might be a little hot during the summer time.

Furthermore, I can usually wear most of my work clothing after school because it is mostly all the same style. Most people classify my style of clothing as hippy or teacher-styled clothing. I don't mind this type of classification because it suits me well. Sometimes, while I am downtown having meals with my friends, I will encounter my students' and their families. So, I feel that I always have to look modest and semi-professional as to not give my school a bad name.

Since clothing is a direct reflection of you, I dress in a modest style. You never know when you will run into somebody and they will think differently of you based on your appearances. So it is very important to me, to always look appropriate to the Korean people and to my students.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Clothing often times defines who you are, so I always try to dress in an appropriate manner.

2. Therefore, the way I dress is in a simple and modest style. I have two slightly different styles; one for when I am working, and one for when I am out and about with my friends.

3. Both of these styles are almost interchangeable.

4. I do have to admit that some days, I wear more relaxed clothing, like corduroy pants, but I still maintain my professional look.

5. I chose to dress this way because it is comfortable for all occasions.

Also, it is respectful of the Korean culture's style of clothing.

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9. Since clothing is a direct reflection of you, I dress in a modest style.

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Q203. Describe your favorite holiday. Why is it your favorite holiday?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: As a child my favorite holiday was always Halloween and still is to this day.

Support 1: The first thing to know is where the holiday Halloween originated from.

Support 2: In modern days, we do a hodge-podge of the traditions from the various ancient histories.

Support 3: My final reason why Halloween is my favorite holiday is because we can dress up and be somebody else for at least a few hours.

Thesis: Halloween is my favorite holiday because people get dressed up, parade around, receive candy, and get spooked by unknown events, and also the history is really interesting.

B. Model Essay

As a child my favorite holiday was always Halloween. As I grew up, I thought that I would grow out of the desire to dress up and scare people. However, this urge to frighten others never disappeared. I'm pretty sure that this passion comes from my own mother's love of Halloween. Halloween is often times only a holiday for the youth, but children and adults of all ages and nationalities can partake in this exciting and spooky holiday.

The first thing to know is where the holiday Halloween originated from. It happens every year on the 31st of October and is most notably celebrated in the United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Canada. The name Halloween originated from the shortening of the words 'All Hallows Evening.' Furthermore, it is actually a celebration from the Celtic times

called Samhain. The ancient Gaels believed that every year on the 31st of October, when the harvest season was over, the worlds of the living and the dead would overlap, causing the deceased to come back to life and bring havoc upon the crops. Festivals were held, and costumes were worn to ward off the evil spirits. Bonfires would attract insects, which would attract bats, hence the bat as a symbol for Halloween. Another key point is the act of trick-or-treating. This came about from the Medieval Times, where beggars would go from door to door asking for food in return for prayers for their dead ancestors.

In modern days, we do a hodge-podge of the traditions from the various ancient histories. In America, we have many interesting activities during this time of year. One of my favorites is the haunted house. We willingly pay money to go inside of a dark and scary house, where the walls are moving, creatures will sneak up behind you and scare the living day lights out of you, and there are horrific looking scenes of bloody dismembered bodies strewn on a table. To many people, this might be too much for their stomachs to handle, but for me, I get a thrill out of it! One of my favorite haunted houses that I had the pleasure of experiencing was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is ordinarily called the Eastern State Penitentiary, but during the Halloween season it is called “Terror Behind the Walls.” This place is a real jail where people have died and bad things have happened, so it makes the experience more realistic to the participants of the dark maze.

My final reason why Halloween is my favorite holiday is because we can dress up and be somebody else for at least a few hours. Throughout my childhood I have had the wonderful experience of being many different people and things. My mom was the creator of my costumes, as well as my two sisters’ costumes. We were black cats, friendly witches, Peter Pan, cute ghosts, ballerinas, and princesses. But, as we got older, our minds changed and we grew up, and so did our costumes. In our teenage years, we were belly dancers, more vicious looking ghosts and witches, 1970’s disco girls, and more. It’s always fun to dress up and be somebody else because it feels like you are putting on a play for your friends. You have to act like the character you are dressed up as in order to get the sweet treats

from the neighbors' candy bowls.

To conclude, Halloween is a very popular holiday around the world. It is a day where people get dressed up, parade around, receive candy, and get spooked by unknown events. It can be a frightening day for others, but for me it is an exhilarating feeling to feel the blood rush through my body when something jumps out in front of me in a dark maze. I look forward to the next Halloween where I will dress up as Alice-In-Wonderland!

C. Useful Expressions

1. As a child my favorite holiday was always Halloween.

2. As I grew up, I thought that I would grow out of the desire to dress up and scare people.

3. I'm pretty sure that this passion comes from my own mother's love of Halloween.

4. Halloween is often times only a holiday for the youth, but children and adults of all ages and nationalities can partake in this exciting and spooky holiday.

5. The first thing to know is where the holiday Halloween originated from.

6. Furthermore, it is actually a celebration from the Celtic times called Samhain.

7. To many people, this might be too much for their stomachs to handle, but for me, I get a thrill out of it!

8. It can be a frightening day for others, but for me it is an exhilarating feeling to feel the blood rush through my body when something jumps out in front of me in a dark maze.

9. I look forward to the next Halloween where I will dress up as Alice-In-Wonderland!



Q204. Describe how you learn a foreign language. Why do you learn this way and is it the best way for you to learn?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: German is a very difficult language to learn, so I learn it in a variety of ways.

Support 1: First, the best way to learn German is to make many friends who speak German.

Support 2: Second, I have a journal that I write a word or a phrase for the day in.

Support 3: Third, I attend a special after school academy where I usually spend four hours a night being taught grammar, reading, writing, and listening.

Thesis: By using a combination of these three learning techniques, I am able to learn German well.

B. Model Essay

Learning any language can be difficult feat, so I learn a foreign language in a variety of ways to make it less daunting and more interesting. Some examples are: I make many friends who speak German, I write in a journal to learn new words, and I attend an after school academy. Through the use of these three techniques, I hope that my German will improve.

First, the best way to learn German is to make many friends who speak this language. By doing this, I am forced to be exposed to the new language, and I have to learn it more quickly to communicate effectively. When I am around my German speaking friends, I am sometimes lost, because I don't always understand them. This might seem like a bad thing, but by being challenged, I am able to learn more things in a quicker amount of time.

Second, I have a journal that I write a word or a phrase every day in. Throughout the day, week, and month, I use these words as often as possible, until they are natural for me to use. For example, today's word was 'recommend.' So everywhere I went, I would use the word recommend in a sentence to become more fluent in its meaning and usage. I have learned many words and phrases this way.

Third, I attend a special after school academy, where I usually spend four hours a night being taught grammar, reading, writing, and listening. It is a very long day for me, but I know that I am improving my German skills every day! The other two ways are more of a self-learning technique, but this one is through the use of a professional teacher. I am able to ask questions to the teachers and get constructive feedback on my pronunciation, which is a great asset. While at the academy, I know that I am learning German well and that it is a guaranteed improvement to my skills.

By using a combination of these three learning techniques, I am able to learn German effectively, efficiently, and in a fun environment. I am able to learn through friends, through myself by writing in a journal, and through the use of a professionally-trained German teacher. I hope that in just a few years, I will be completely fluent in German.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Learning any language can be a difficult feat, so I learn a foreign language in a variety of ways to make it less daunting and more interesting.

2. By doing this, I am forced to be exposed to the new language, and I have to learn it more quickly to communicate effectively.

3. This might seem like a bad thing, but by being challenged, I am able to learn more things in a quicker amount of time.

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possible, until they are natural for me to use.

5. The other two ways are more of a self-learning technique, but this one is through the use of a professional teacher.

6. I am able to ask questions to the teachers and get constructive feedback on my pronunciation, which is a great asset.

7. While at the academy, I know that I am learning German well and that it is a guaranteed improvement to my skills.

8. By using a combination of these three learning techniques, I am able to learn German effectively, efficiently, and in a fun environment.

9. I hope that in just a few years, I will be completely fluent in German.

Q205. Describe your favorite sport.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I love all types of sports, but my favorite sport is soccer.

Support 1: The rules of the game are not very complicated to learn.

Support 2: The offensive teams and the defensive teams are in a constant battle back and forth.

Support 3: It is a physically challenging game, with minimal scoring.

Thesis: Because of the difficulty and the fast paced nature of the game, soccer is my favorite sport.

B. Model Essay

As a child, I loved playing football, tag, and basketball, but none of these are my favorite, soccer. Soccer is a very popular sport all around the world. Some places, such as England, call this sport football though. No matter what you call it, it is a fantastic sport requiring great skill and a body that is in excellent condition.

To begin with, soccer is a very simple game to learn based on the rules. It uses a ball with black and white hexagonal shapes on it. A soccer team consists of 10 players, plus a goalie for each team. These two teams are trying to either score a goal or to prevent a goal from being scored. You may not use your hands at all throughout the game, except for the goalie or if you are out of bounds and throwing the ball back in. Also, you cannot purposefully hit a player or grab a player, or you will receive a penalty.

Furthermore, the 10 players are divided into two teams: the offensive team and the defensive team. The offensive players are the players who shoot and score the goals. They pass and kick the ball towards the goal, where the goalie is waiting to block their shots. The defensive players, on

the other hand, are the players who are trying to prevent the soccer ball from entering their goal. The goalie always stays within his rectangular space and does whatever he can to prevent the ball from entering his goal. I feel that the goalie is one of the most difficult positions because this player has the most pressure put on him or her.

In addition, the soccer field is very large, so the players have to be substituted out after they get tired. To many people, this sport is not very exciting due to the fact that not many goals are scored throughout the game. Actually, it is not uncommon for there to be no goals made by either team. This is because the sport is extremely difficult to play and it requires great skill to make a goal. To me, however, I think it is a very exciting game.

Because of the difficulty and the fast paced nature of the game, soccer is my favorite sport. Soccer players are some of the most physically fit athletes due to the constant motion of all of the players. I was fortunate to be able to play soccer in my school years, and it is the reason why I love the sport even more.

C. Useful Expressions

1. As a child, I loved playing football, tag, and basketball, but none of these are my favorite, soccer.

2. No matter what you call it, it is a fantastic sport requiring great skill and a body that is in excellent condition.

3. To begin with, soccer is a very simple game to learn based on the rules.

4. A soccer team consists of 10 players, plus a goalie for each team.

5. The goalie always stays within his rectangular space and does whatever he can to prevent the ball from entering his goal.

6. I feel that the goalie is one of the most difficult positions, because this player has the most pressure put on him or her.

7. In addition, the soccer field is very large, so the players have to be substituted out after they get tired.

8. To many people, this sport is not very exciting due to the fact that not many goals are scored throughout the game.

9. This is because the sport is extremely difficult to play and it requires great skill to make a goal.

10. Because of the difficulty and the fast paced nature of the game, soccer is my favorite sport.

12. There's the proof that you're doing something good right in front of your eyes.

13. That's why I would choose doing volunteer work over making a donation of money.

Q206. What is the most important subject you study at school?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: To me, the most important subject to study is math for a few reasons.

Support 1: Math is a subject that is guaranteed to be used outside of school.

Support 2: Math is required for many jobs.

Support 3: Too many people have become reliant on computers, calculators and cell phones.

Thesis: Since it is vital to our success in our lives, math is the most important to study in school.

B. Model Essay

There are many important subjects to study in school, such as math, science, art and music. To me, the most important subject to study is math for a few reasons. We will have to use it outside of school, it will be a requirement for our job, and people have become too reliant on technology.

First, math is a subject that is guaranteed to be used outside of school. An example would be estimating time and distance for a trip. If you want to be on time to your appointments, you need to be able to correctly judge what time you should leave your house to arrive at a certain destination that is far away. Also, we need to do calculations when shopping, fueling our gas tanks, and many other daily tasks. Without math, we would have a difficult time being at the right place, at the right time.

Next, many jobs and daily life activities require, at the minimum, basic math skills. For example, a job as a teacher requires a person to compute averages and to score papers. A job as a doctor requires a person to

calculate the correct dosage. Throughout a person's life, he or she needs to be able to count money and know that they received the right amount of change back. If a person is not strong and well-trained in mathematics, then he will also struggle in achieving a good job.

Finally, too many people have become reliant on computers, calculators and cell phones to do their entire math calculations for them. What will happen when the technology doesn't work? Our future generations are going to be lost and they won't be able to work at their jobs properly without learning math in school. Sometimes power outages occur, and it causes many problems. This is because people cannot live without the use of a computer to help them complete their jobs tasks.

Since it is vital to our success in our lives, math is the most important to study in school. Math is needed in everyday life, unlike other subjects. Also, it is a requirement for many jobs. Finally, the current generation of children is too dependent on technology.

C. Useful Expressions

1. To me, the most important subject to study is math for a few reasons.

2. We will have to use it outside of school, it will be a requirement for our job, and people have become too reliant on technology.

3. First, math is a subject that is guaranteed to be used outside of school.

4. Without math, we would have a difficult time being at the right place, at the right time.

5. Next, many jobs and daily life activities require, at the minimum, basic math skills.

6. If a person is not strong and well-trained in mathematics, then he will also struggle in achieving a good job.

7. What will happen when the technology doesn't work?

8. Sometimes power outages occur, and it causes many problems.

9. Since it is vital to our success in our lives, math is the most important to study in school.

10. Finally, the current generation of children is too dependent on technology.

Q207. What has been your most important academic achievement?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My most important academic achievement was earning all A's in my degree related college classes.

Support 1: It was the A's in the important classes that really mattered to me.

Support 2: I realized that my hard work paid off because I used the knowledge I worked hard to learn in my current profession.

Support 3: Getting A's showed me that I was capable of achieving more than what I was told I could achieve.

Thesis: Because I have learned many things in school and life, my obtaining a 3.95 GPA in college is my greatest academic achievement.

B. Model Essay

I have earned many academic achievements throughout my school years. My most important academic achievement was my receiving perfect grades in my degree related college classes. In college, I received a 3.95 GPA, earning all A's in my degree related classes, and two B's in History Fed/Form Republic and German.

My first point is that these two B's made me a little upset at first, but it was the A's in the important classes that really mattered to me. I studied hard to achieve the best grades and the best education I could possibly get in my Early Childhood and Elementary Education classes. I did numerous hours of practical field experience. Therefore, I received my best grades in these situations. So, it proved to me that I was in the right major.

Next, I realized that my hard work paid off because I have used the

knowledge I worked hard to learn during my college years in my current profession. Every day, I have to think on my toes and my educational background has helped make this easier for me. An example would be when there is a change in the schedule and I need to think quickly about what to do with the students who are staring at me with curious eyes. I think of an activity I learned while in school and use that to make the class more exciting and not a waste of time.

Finally, receiving this level of education showed me that I was capable of achieving more than what I was told I could achieve. Throughout my life, I had to move many times, which caused me to repeat two different grades twice: Kindergarten (Germany and Pennsylvania) and 6th grade (Texas and Pennsylvania). It discouraged me for a while because people thought that since I was held back multiple times, I was not intelligent. It was actually quite the opposite and my college education proved it to me.

Because I have learned many things in school and life, my obtaining a 3.95 GPA in college is my greatest academic achievement. It has taught me that I am more capable than what I initially believed. Also, I have used this knowledge in my life towards my actual career.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I have earned many academic achievements throughout my school years.

2. My first point is that these two B's made me a little upset at first, but it was the A's in the important classes that really mattered to me.

3. So, it proved to me that I was in the right major.

4. Next, I realized that my hard work paid off, because I have used the knowledge I worked hard to learn during my college years in my current profession.

5. Every day, I have to think on my toes and my educational background has helped make this easier for me.

6. Finally, receiving this level of education showed me that I was capable of achieving more than what I was told I could achieve.

7. Throughout my life, I had to move many times.

8. It was actually quite the opposite and my college education proved it to me.

9. It has taught me that I am more capable than what I initially believed.

Q208. What type of music do you like the most?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I like classical music the most.

Support 1: It is very calming and relaxing.

Support 2: I can learn a lot about other time periods from classical music.

Support 3: Listening to classical music helps me to study better.

Thesis: Because listening to classical music has so many benefits, it is my favorite musical genre.

B. Model Essay

I listen to many different types of music: jazz, rock, pop, and many others. While these are all good, I have to say that none of them is my favorite genre. Instead, my favorite musical genre has to be classical music without a doubt. I listen to classical music a lot because it is relaxing, because I can learn a lot about other time periods from classical music, and classical music helps me to study.

First, classical music is very calming. While rock, pop, and electronic music are usually very loud and stimulating, classical music beats are very soothing. Sometimes, I like to take a bath while I listen to classical music. They go very well together. The melodies of many famous composers can be upbeat while still tranquil. This is very true of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. I listen to it every time I am feeling stressed from school or angry at somebody; it gets me out of my head for a little while so I can think about a situation more clearly.

Secondly, I can learn a lot about past European societies by listening to classical music. Since classical music is no longer the dominant genre on the planet now, it is in some ways very antiquated. Most of the pieces played by orchestras today were composed at least over two centuries ago.

One of the things I learned from classical music was that all of the instruments were created by Europeans. The Europeans created the piano, the lute, and many other instruments played in traditional, classical music, but the Americans, including John Phillip Sousa, created the first marching band. I think this is a very fascinating part of musical history.

Lastly, classical music helps me to study. One of my worst subjects is math; sometimes, it will take me hours just to solve one problem. However, if I stop for a moment and play some classical music, it will almost instantly help guide me to the problem. There was also a study done in the U.S. on the effects of classical music while studying. They found that middle school students who listened to classical music before studying had higher test scores. This is just one of the many benefits of listening to classical music.

Because it is so relaxing and helps me to study, classical music is one of my favorite musical genres to listen to. Classical music not only helps me to learn more about subjects I currently study in school, for example, math, English, and history, but it also forces me to learn more about European musical instruments and the different waves of music. For these reasons, I will always cherish classical music.

C. Useful Expressions

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time I am feeling stressed from school or angry at somebody.

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Q209. What expectations do you have of your parents?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I expect my parents to support me in many different ways.

Support 1: I expect my parents to give me money until I am out of school and have a job.

Support 2: I expect my parents to support me when I am feeling sad.

Support 3: I expect my parents to tend to me when I am sick.

Thesis: Because parents are supposed to help their children, I expect my parents to support me when I need their help.

B. Model Essay

Some people have too great of expectations of their parents. They expect their parents to do their homework or help them cheat in school. Others have even more unreasonable expectations, perhaps even demanding their parents give them anything they want almost instantaneously. However, I am more reasonable; I simply expect my parents to help me while I cannot help myself. I need them to support me financially while I don't have a job, to cheer me up when I am sad, and to take care of me when I am sick.

First off, I expect my parents to support me when I am still in school. Because my parents brought me into life, I expect them to clothe and feed me, especially as I am still a child. There are many times when I cannot pay for things because they are too expensive even on my allowance. This includes regular meals or sometimes movies. Although I do not expect my parents to pay for all of my entertainment, I would definitely appreciate the gesture. More importantly, though, while I do not have a job, I need food, shelter, and clothing and I believe I am entitled to this at the very least.

Second, I believe that my parents should cheer me up when I am sad. One time in school, my friend made fun of me and my outfit that day. I felt like nobody could understand me at all because it was my best friend who made fun of me. When my mom saw me crying in my room, she immediately dropped everything and tried to cheer me up. She made my favorite meal and reassured me, telling me that everything would be alright in the end. My mom was right, and my friend and I made up the following week. I hope that all parents will give their children the emotional support they deserve.

Lastly, I expect my parents to take care of me when I am sick. This is because when I am sick, I cannot care for myself or make myself food. Then, I would need someone who will make sure I take my medicine or even take me to the hospital if I get worse. Just a couple of months ago, I had to get my wisdom teeth pulled. Because they put me under general anesthetic, I couldn't drive myself home. My mom drove me home from the oral surgeon's office, made me soup, and gave me ice cream because she knew that my mouth was sore. She filled my prescriptions and helped me to relax even as my entire mouth was in pain. My mother was very nice and I hope that she will still do this for me while I still need her.

In conclusion, I think that my expectations of my parents are very minimal. I expect my parents to help pay for me while I am still in school, to make me happy when I am feeling depressed, and to nurse me back to health when I am sick. I don't think these are unreasonable expectations at all, and all parents should do these things for their children.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Some people have too great of expectations of their parents.

2. Others have even more unreasonable expectations, perhaps even demanding their parents give them anything they want almost instantaneously.

3. I simply expect my parents to help me while I cannot help myself

4. Because my parents brought me into life, I expect them to clothe and feed me, especially as I am still a child.

5. More importantly, though, while I do not have a job, I need food, shelter, and clothing and I believe I am entitled to this at the very least.

6. Lastly, I expect my parents to take care of me when I am sick.

7. Just a couple of months ago, I had to get my wisdom teeth pulled.

8. I expect my parents to help pay for me while I am still in school, to make me happy when I am feeling depressed, and to nurse me back to health when I am sick.

Q210. What would wish for if you had one wish?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I had one wish, I would wish for a giant mansion.

Support 1: I would have a place to live at for the rest of my life.

Support 2: I could impress my friends.

Support 3: I could learn how to be an interior designer and practice my skills designing rooms.

Thesis: Because there are so many benefits to having a big house, I would wish for mansion should I be granted one wish.

B. Model Essay

Although we can wish for many things in life, not all of them will come true. Wishes only come true when we work to achieve them. However, if I had one wish guaranteed to come true, I would wish for a mansion. I have three reasons to support this wish. First, I would have a place to live for the rest of my life. Second, I could impress my friends. Third, I would be able to practice interior design with the many rooms in my mansion.

The most important reason why I would wish for a mansion is because I would have a place to live for the rest of my life. One of the worst things in the world, I think, is moving. To me, it is a very stressful activity and it takes a lot of time. With a mansion, I would never have to move again; I would just have to move once into my mansion. That way, I would be less stressed and I would have more time to do the things I want to do like painting or playing video games. Also, it is really important to have some form of shelter, whether that be an apartment, a house, or even a cardboard box. It would be great if I didn't have to pay for a mortgage for a house; I wouldn't have to worry about making a monthly payment. If I forgot a payment, I would still have a roof over my head.

Second, with a mansion, my friends would be jealous of me and my life. Most of my friends live in simple, two-bedroom apartments with their parents. They might have an extra room or two, but for the most part, the places where they live are relatively small. If I had a mansion, especially all to myself, my friends would be impressed. I would have a lot of great things in my mansion: my own private movie theater, a swimming pool, and even a very big, well-stocked kitchen. They might even want to come live with me in my mansion, but I would only let them if they were nice to me. I think that my friends would tease me a lot less if they knew I lived in a big mansion.

Last, if I had a mansion, it would help me to realize my dream of becoming an interior designer. I've only studied interior design for about two years now, but I can now easily decorate a bedroom and my bathrooms are gorgeous. I really like a minimalist, modern aesthetic rather than something with a lot of grandeur. If I had a mansion, I could practice my interior design on many of the rooms in my mansion. Some of the rooms in my mansion could even be considered "test rooms" for me to test design ideas. I might even try to have different color rooms, like a plum room, a titanium room, and even a gray room, with a more grunge, industrial feel. I feel as if there is a lot of potential in a mansion and it would definitely be an asset to my career.

To sum up, if I had one wish, I would without a doubt wish for a brand new mansion. I would have a place to live until I die and I could certainly impress my friends. It would also help me to achieve my ultimate dream of becoming an interior designer. For these reasons, I think wishing for a big house would be the best way to use my one wish.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Although we can wish for many things in life, not all of them will come true.

2. The most important reason why I would wish for a mansion is because I would have a place to live for the rest of my life.

3. Also, it is really important to have some form of shelter, whether that be an apartment, a house, or even a cardboard box.

4. They might have an extra room or two, but for the most part, the places where they live are relatively small.

5. They might even want to come live with me in my mansion, but I would only let them if they were nice to me.

6. Last, if I had a mansion, it would help me to realize my dream of becoming an interior designer.

7. I really like a minimalist, modern aesthetic rather than something with a lot of grandeur.

8. I feel as if there is a lot of potential in a mansion and it would definitely be an asset to my career.

9. I would have a place to live until I die and I could certainly impress my friends.

10. For these reasons, I think wishing for a big house would be the best way to use my one wish.

Q211. Some parents give their children money on a monthly basis. At what age should children receive an allowance and how much should they receive?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Children should be allowed to receive an allowance at age 10 and they should receive \$30 a month.

Support 1: Children should start getting an allowance at 10 because they are too irresponsible before then.

Support 2: Thirty dollars is just enough to get odd things like school supplies or snacks.

Support 3: If you give a child more than \$30 a month, they will not spend the money wisely. They will buy too much junk food.

Thesis: Because it is appropriate, children should be allowed to receive an allowance of thirty dollars at age 12.

B. Model Essay

When I was in elementary school, there were some kids in my class who received an allowance. I never got an allowance, even now as I start the 12th grade. However, I think that kids should receive an allowance and they should be able to start getting an allowance starting at age 12.

However, it should not be for any more than \$30 a month. This is because kids should learn how to be responsible with money; if a child receives any more money than this, he will not spend the money wisely.

First off, some children need to have an allowance in order to pay for things that they need when parents aren't around. For example, after school, some students go to academy in order to study more things in depth, including English, math, or even chemistry. Although there are a lot of kids going to academy earlier in life, there aren't many children going to academy for long hours before the age of 12. Therefore, it makes sense

that 12-year-olds should get an allowance. These kids need to be able to buy dinner when their parents aren't there so they can concentrate on studying and preparing for tests.

Secondly, thirty dollars is just enough for a 12-year-old. There aren't many things that a child needs to buy. They don't have to pay for rent, groceries, gas, electricity, or even Internet access. Most of them just need a little bit of pocket money to spend after school occasionally. I think that 20 dollars is too low; they should get about a dollar a day in case they need to buy snacks or dinner or even some school supplies on their own. That way, just in case, they can buy a little something every day. I think that \$30 is just enough for a 12-year-old.

Last, but not least, although parents could give more money than 30 dollars a month, they shouldn't. Children need to learn how to spend money wisely and how to be responsible. If parents give more than \$30 a month, children almost certainly will spend the money on things they don't need like on a Wii. Back in middle school, almost all of the kids I knew who had an allowance of more than 30 dollars just spent the money on junk food. I'm sure that most of them ended up getting fat later in life, which could be prevented if they just didn't eat candy and cookies all the time. Some of the other kids I know with big allowances started buying and playing a lot of video games. As a result, they didn't study for many tests and they're now at the bottom of the class. Therefore, it is important not to give children too much allowance money.

All in all, there's a lot of good to come out of allowance. It makes parents' lives a lot more comfortable and it gives children a greater sense of independence. However, parents shouldn't start giving an allowance until their child is 12 and even then, they should only give the child \$30 a month. That way, children will spend the money wisely and they will not become lazy or fat.

C. Useful Expressions

1. However, I think that kids should receive an allowance and they should

be able to start getting an allowance starting at age 12.

2. First off, some children need to have an allowance in order to pay for things that they need when parents aren't around.

3. For example, after school, some students go to an academy in order to study more things in depth, including English, math, or even chemistry.

4. Therefore, it makes sense that 12-year-olds should get an allowance.

5. Most of them just need a little bit of pocket money to spend after school occasionally.

6. That way, just in case, they can buy a little something every day.

7. I think that thirty dollars is just enough for a 12-year-old.

8. If parents give more than thirty dollars a month, children almost certainly will spend the money on things they don't need like on a Wii.

9. I'm sure that most of them ended up getting fat later in life, which could be prevented if they just didn't eat candy and cookies all the time.

10. All in all, there's a lot of good to come out of allowance.

Q212. Who do you like the better, athletes or entertainers?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I prefer entertainers to athletes.

Support 1: Entertainers are creative, whereas athletes are not.

Support 2: I don't really like sports, so I don't much care for athletes.

Support 3: Entertainers give more money to charity than athletes.

Thesis: Because entertainers are so much better than athletes, I prefer entertainers to athletes.

B. Model Essay

Many people follow celebrity news in the media; it is all around us. Among the people we follow in the tabloids are entertainers and athletes. Entertainers, including singers, actors, and movie stars, are just some of the people I read about online or in magazines. However, I don't much care for the many athletes these magazines talk about, including figure skaters, runners, and soccer players. On the whole, I simply prefer entertainers to athletes.

First, I think that entertainers are more creative than athletes. Although both entertainers and athletes work hard, I don't think that athletes are generally creative in the sports arena. Playing soccer takes more skill than creativity; you need to be able to pass and shoot the ball in quick situations before being "creative." On the other hand, many entertainers have to be creative: for many of them, it is simply their job. For example, everyone thinks that Madonna is very creative: she reinvented the pop music genre by adding elements of other genres like electronica. When Madonna took a long hiatus between two of her albums, people thought that she was done with her career. Simply put, they thought her music was just too old to survive in a new generation. However, instead of pumping out the same music she had been doing for decades, she came back strong and released a

very modern album. Madonna had to be very creative in order to create vastly different types of music herself.

Secondly, I don't much care for sports and as a result I don't much care for the people who play them. While some people are die hard about a particular sport or even some sports, I do not consider myself a sports fan. While I do enjoy watching some sports like tennis, I don't consider myself a fan at all. Because of that, I don't really follow up on how athletes do in their respective sports or know anything about their personal lives. However, I care a lot about music and movies. I go to the movie theater all the time and I always carry my headphones and mp3 player wherever I go. I read up on many of my favorite movie stars like Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt all the time and I watch movies with them every time I can. They just interest me more than athletes.

Last, I think that of the famous people who give to charity, the majority are people in the so-called entertainment industry. I've heard a lot, for example, about how George Lucas, the creator of the Star Wars franchise, has donated millions of dollars to his charity, the George Lucas Educational Foundation, to help students achieve their dreams. Additionally, actress Barbra Streisand has also donated a lot to her charity, the Barbra Streisand Foundation, in order to find cures for various diseases, including HIV/AIDS and breast cancer. However, I haven't heard about many athletes doing the same; I haven't heard about Michael Jordan donating any of his recent winnings to charity. Because entertainers seem more generous than athletes, I like entertainers more.

In conclusion, there are three reasons why I prefer entertainers to athletes. Entertainers are more creative and more generous than athletes and as a whole, I am apathetic when it comes to sports. Although I think athletes are important and we can read about them in the newspapers frequently, entertainers will always have a special place in my heart.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Many people follow celebrity news in the media; it is all around us.

2. Among the people we follow in the tabloids are entertainers and athletes.

3. However, I don't much care for the many athletes these magazines talk about, including figure skaters, runners, and soccer players.

4. On the other hand, many entertainers have to be creative: for many of them, it is simply their job.

5. When Madonna took a long hiatus between two of her albums, people thought that she was done with her career.

6. Simply put, they thought her music was just too old to survive in a new generation.

7. While some people are die hard about a particular sport or even some sports, I do not consider myself a sports fan.

8. While I do enjoy watching some sports like tennis, I don't consider myself a fan at all.

9. I read up on many of my favorite movie stars like Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt all the time and I watch movies with them every time I can.

10. Because entertainers seem more generous than athletes, I like entertainers more.

Q213. Describe your most unforgettable day. Why will you never forget this day?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My most unforgettable day was my sixteenth birthday.

Support 1: All of my friends were there for my great birthday party.

Support 2: I got a lot of great gifts from my friends.

Support 3: When I drove the car, that night, I got into an accident.

Thesis: Because my sixteenth birthday was so bittersweet, it is a day I will never forget.

B. Model Essay

My sixteenth birthday was both the best and the worst day of my life; it was such a mixture of both extreme happiness and intense sadness. In short, I had an amazing birthday party except right at the very end.

First, my parents held me a great birthday party. All of my friends from school were at my birthday party. They put on their best clothes and we ended up having lots of fun. First, we went to a very fancy steakhouse. We ordered a lot of big steaks that were cooked just perfectly. There were also lots of good side dishes. I also remember having the best piece of cheesecake I ever had. Even though someone at another table complained that there was a fly in his soup, we didn't let that bother us. We kept laughing and giggling with our own conversation. After the restaurant, we went to a karaoke room. Even though I can't sing, my friends didn't say anything. We had lots of fun just trying to sing "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."

After we were done at the karaoke room, my parents took all of my friends and me back to our house to open my presents and have some more cake and coffee. I loved all of the gifts that I got from my friends: lots of

clothes, perfume, lotions, and even a cute little bracelet that my friend Amber gave me. Some of the gifts were even quite expensive; one of my best friends, Tiffany, got me an mp3 player and my other best friend, Nicole, gave me a fur coat. However, they saved the best gift for last. When I was finished with my presents, I was a little sad. My father didn't give me a present and I was worried that he had procrastinated and couldn't get me a gift at the last minute, like he usually does. However, we heard a sound from outside. It sounded like an ice cream truck; my dad told me to go outside with him to investigate. As soon as I got outside, there was a car I didn't recognize in the driveway. It was brand new and my parents said that it was mine. I jumped up and down, screaming with excitement. I hugged and thanked my dad. It felt so great to have a new car.

However, that's when the fun stopped and the misery began. I wanted to drive the car as soon as I saw it. I got my driver's license just that day, so I knew that I could drive the car confidently. I got into the car and started it up. I looked out my window and I moved my foot on the gas. As soon as I did, I realized I did something very, very wrong. I put the car in forward instead of in reverse. My friend was in front of the car and I hit her and the garage door. My beautiful new car now had a big dent in the front. I instantly started crying my eyes out. My car was gone and I was probably not going to get a new one for a while. My dad got angry at me for crashing the car and my mom tried to console me. I later found out that there was no insurance on the car, and so, my dad had to take out a loan to fix the damage to the house and the car. My friend, Kristen, though, had to go to the hospital. She recovered, but never talked to me again after that. I think that was the day I lost both my car and my friend.

To sum up, my birthday was the most unforgettable day in the world to me. I had so much fun until the moment I crashed the car and hurt my friend Kristen. Since then, I learned an important lesson: always double check you put the car in reverse when you're backing out of the driveway.

C. Useful Expressions

1. My sixteenth birthday was both the best and the worst day of my life.

2. Even though someone at another table complained that there was a fly in his soup, we didn't let that bother us.

3. Some of the gifts were even quite expensive.

4. However, they saved the best gift for last.

5. My father didn't give me a present and I was worried that he had procrastinated and couldn't get me a gift at the last minute, like he usually does.

6. It sounded like an ice cream truck; my dad told me to go outside with him to investigate.

7. However, that's when the fun stopped and the misery began.

8. I instantly started crying my eyes out.

9. I later found out that there was no insurance on the car, and so, my dad had to take out a loan to fix the damage to the house and the car.

10. I had so much fun until the moment I crashed the car and hurt my friend Kristen.

Q214. Who will you remember the most after you finish school, your friends or your teachers?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I will remember my friends more than my teachers after I finish school.

Support 1: I will still hang out with my friends after I finish school.

Support 2: I spend more time talking to my friends compared to teachers.

Support 3: My friends support me all the time; my teachers have not done that.

Thesis: Because my friends mean so much to me, I will remember them more than teachers after I finish school.

B. Model Essay

I have a lot of teachers in high school and they are all very great. Mr. Johnson is really funny, Mrs. Smith is really smart, and I learn a lot in Mr. Cooper's English class. However, if I had to pick which I would remember more about high school, my friends or my teachers, I would say my friends. This is because my friends and I hang out a lot after school, because I spend more time talking to my friends compared to my teachers, and because my friends support me 100%.

To start off, I hang out with my friends a lot after schools. Sometimes we go to the movie theater and watch a movie or sometimes we go to the mall and buy some cute clothes. However, I can never do this with a teacher; my teachers are just too busy reading papers and grading my essays. My friends are always up for doing something, even if there is a quiz or test the next day. We just have so much fun talking, shopping, and laughing together. I will always remember that time and I hope that we continue to hang out after we finish high school.

Secondly, I will remember my friends more than my teachers because I simply spend more time talking to my friends. Most of the time, when I talk to my teachers, it is because they want something for me or I want something for them. Just the other day, I tried to talk to Mr. Cooper. However, the only reason why I talked to him was because I was having trouble with my English class. We didn't really talk about anything except the class. Even though he told me I was still doing well, I didn't really get the chance to talk to Mr. Cooper about anything other than English, so I really don't know much about him other than his interest in English. However, I talk to my friends all the time, especially during lunchtime and we talk about everything and anything: boys, music, flowers, and even cake. I wish my teachers were more like my friends; if they were, I would remember them more.

Thirdly, my friends always support me no matter what I do. If I am in a bad situation, my friends will always be there for me and never leave my side. For example, there was one time when I got into an accident. My friend, Caitlin who had just gotten a car, tried to start the car. She didn't really know how to drive and so when she meant to go backwards, she went forwards and hit me. I was in the hospital for a really long time. I never talked to Caitlin after that, but my other friends were nice enough to visit me in the hospital. One of them brought me soup and another one of my friends gave me a bouquet of flowers. My teachers, however, didn't come see me when I was in the hospital; they just gave my friend Tiffany all of this homework to give to me. It hurt to see them be so mean to me.

In conclusion, I will absolutely remember my high school friends more than my high school teachers. We just do so many more things together and spend more time talking to them in and out of class. I hope that I keep in touch with my friends after we go our own ways in life.

C. Useful Expressions

1. However, if I had to pick which I would remember more about high school, my friends or my teachers, I would say my friends.

2. This is because my friends and I hang out a lot after school, because I spend more time talking to my friends compared to my teachers, and because my friends support me 100%.

3. However, I can never do this with a teacher; my teachers are just too busy reading papers and grading my essays.

4. My friends are always up for doing something, even if there is a quiz or test the next day.

5. Secondly, I will remember my friends more than my teachers because I simply spent more time talking to my friends.

6. However, I talk to my friends all the time, especially during lunchtime and we talk about everything and anything: boys, music, flowers, and even cake.

7. If I am in a bad situation, my friends will always be there for me and never leave my side.

8. One of them brought me soup and another one of my friends gave me a bouquet of flowers.

9. We just do so many more things together and spend more time talking to them in and out of class.

10. I hope that I keep in touch with my friends after we go our own ways in life.

Q215. Describe your idea of a happy life.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My idea of a happy life involves three things: a good job, a happy family, and lots of money.

Support 1: I need to be happy with my co-workers at my good job.

Support 2: I want my family to be happy, both in life and with me.

Support 3: I want to have a fair amount of money, so we never have to worry about our basic necessities.

Thesis: My idea of a happy life involves surrounding myself with positive people and lots of money.

B. Model Essay

There are many things that go into a happy life, but I have reduced that down to three, basic things: a good job, a happy family, and a decent amount of money. I have many reasons and several examples to support my opinion.

First, a good life starts with a good job. You can do a lot of things in life: you can be a businessman, an engineer, or even a garbage collector. However, the most important thing about your job is not that you make a lot of money or become famous; rather, you just have to be content with your job. For me, I would like to have a job where I know I am making an important contribution to society. I want to be able to help people, perhaps through a non-profit organization like the Red Cross or Doctors without Borders. In addition, I would like a job knowing that I am valued; for me, that means my boss and my co-workers should be nice and pleasant to work with. It also means that they should be just as hardworking as me, so that we can help as many people as possible.

Also, I want my family to be happy. I want to be able to settle down

with someone in the future and start a family with her. One of my biggest fears in life is that I will grow old with no one to talk to. If I find someone, I will want to marry her and have kids. I want to have two children, but I could also deal with having just one. Not having at least one child will make me very sad. My family should also be happy. I want to be able to provide for them, but they should want me to be around. We should be able to go to the movies together and have a good time. I don't want to argue a lot with my family at all.

Last, I want to have a fair amount of money to live off of for the rest of my life. Although I said that how much money you make from your job is not that important, it is important that you have enough money to live on. For example, I would not be happy if I couldn't pay rent on an apartment or afford to eat everyday. In that way, money does matter, but money doesn't matter so much to me once my family and I have our basic needs met. I want to be able to live fairly comfortably too; I want to be able to own a house one day and take vacations to Europe occasionally, but I don't really care if I earn a lot more other than that. I just want enough to make me and my family happy after I finish working.

To sum up, I don't want a lot out of life; I don't expect to become very rich or famous. However, I want my happy life to include a good job, a happy family, and enough money for me and my family to live off. With that, I would be content and could die happy.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are many things that go into a happy life.

2. I have reduced that down to three basic things.

3. However, the most important thing about your job is not that you make a lot of money or become famous; rather, you just have to be content with your job.

4. However, the most important thing about your job is not that you make

a lot of money or become famous; rather, you just have to be content with your job.

5. One of my biggest fears in life is that I will grow old with no one to talk to.

6. I want to have two children, but I could also deal with having just one.

7. Last, I want to have a fair amount of money to live off of for the rest of my life.

8. In that way, money does matter, but money doesn't matter so much to me once my family and I have our basic needs met.

9. To sum up, I don't want a lot out of life; I don't expect to become very rich or famous.

10. With that, I would be content and could die happy.

**Q216. Which genre of books do you enjoy reading the most?
Why?**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My favorite genre of books is fantasy.

Support 1: Fantasy novels always have really impressive worlds, like in Lord of the Rings.

Support 2: I really like the idea of magic.

Support 3: I really like stories about good versus evil.

Thesis: Because there are so many things I like about fantasy books, I enjoy reading them the most.

B. Model Essay

I am an avid reader; I like to read a lot of books in my free time. I read a lot of different kinds of books too, ranging from romance to science fiction to even political books. However, I enjoy reading fantasy books the most for three reasons. First, fantasy novels have really impressive worlds, like in Lord of the Rings. Second, I really like how the authors incorporate magic into their stories. Finally, I love the traditional story of good versus evil.

To start off, fantasy novels always incorporate great and diverse worlds. Take, for example, Lord of the Rings. Lord of the Rings takes place in a world called Middle Earth. There are many different kingdoms in Middle Earth, including the Elf Kingdom, where all the elves live and Mordor, where there is nothing but evil. The protagonist, Frodo, comes from the Shire, which looks like a quaint little village in the English countryside. In Lord of the Rings, there are also a big forest with tree spirits and the Misty Mountains, where there are lots of rocks and goblins. In general, the worlds in fantasy novels are so impressively described; there is just so much detail, you feel as if you are actually there. Middle

Earth especially seems like a great place to have an adventure and I would love it if I had the chance to actually live in these fantasy worlds.

Next, I really like the idea of magic. It's something I always wanted to do ever since I was a little kid and something that still sticks with me today. Even though it's not real, I can do the next best thing: read fantasy novels. This is because there is always some magical element in fantasy novels. Take, for example, Harry Potter. Harry Potter was an ordinary boy who lived a miserable life in England. When he got older, he learned that he was a wizard. It is there that he starts his adventure and gets entrapped in a magical world, where he can play soccer on flying broomsticks (Quidditch) and make magic potions that can heal people or make them sick. Fantasy novels help me to escape my mundane world and let me live a fantasy, even if it's only for a couple hours.

Last, I really like fantasy novels because most of them deal with the battle between good and evil. This is a tried and true method of talking about a lot of things and it works very well; it always catches my interest. For example, in Lord of the Rings, Frodo battles many creatures who lust after his ring. The ring, made of gold, is meant to represent greed and thus, the battle for good against evil is truly a battle between greed vs. generosity. Harry Potter has the battle of Harry versus Lord Voldemort. J.K Rowling, the author of Harry Potter, has even said that Voldemort represents Adolf Hitler, and so when Harry fights Lord Voldemort, he is fighting against needless cruelty and violence. Because the triumph of good over evil is so meaningful in the fantasy genre, I love to read fantasy books.

In conclusion, the fantasy genre is my favorite among many genres. It is just one of the best because of the cool worlds created, the magic used, and the stories developed by the authors. I hope that everyone reads at least one fantasy novel before they die.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I am an avid reader; I like to read a lot of books in my free time.

2. I read a lot of different kinds of books too, ranging from romance to science fiction to even political books.

3. To start off, fantasy novels always incorporate great and diverse worlds.

4. The protagonist, Frodo, comes from the Shire, which looks like a quaint little village in the English countryside.

5. Next, I really like the idea of magic. It's something I always wanted to do ever since I was a little kid and something that still sticks with me today.

6. Even though it's not real, I can do the next best thing: read fantasy novels

7. Last, I really like fantasy novels because most of them deal with the battle between good and evil.

8. Because the triumph of good over evil is so meaningful in the fantasy genre, I love to read fantasy books.

9. In conclusion, the fantasy genre is my favorite among many genres.

10. I hope that everyone reads at least one fantasy novel before they die.

Q217. Which fruit do you like the most? Why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Avocados are my favorite fruit.

Support 1: Avocados are really delicious.

Support 2: Avocados come from Mexico, a country I really want to visit.

Support 3: Avocados are an unusual fruit; they're not like apples or bananas.

Thesis: Because they are unique, avocados are my favorite fruit.

B. Model Essay

Some people prefer to eat a fruit that is very sweet, like a pear, an apple, or a banana. However, I am a very different kind of person and my favorite fruit is the avocado. Not only are avocados absolutely delicious, but they come from Mexico, which is a country I really want to visit when I get older. Also, avocados are an unusual fruit, which I really like about it. Avocados are my most favorite fruit out of so many great fruits.

First of all, avocados are really delicious. They are green, but they are really creamy. They are used for a lot of different things, but my favorite thing they are used for is guacamole. Guacamole is basically a bunch of mashed up avocados with some onion, some chilies, lime juice, and cilantro. It is really delicious and it is one of the best side dishes when you go to a Mexican restaurant. Avocados are really great; because they are so creamy, some people even make ice cream out of them instead of using eggs. They make the ice cream green, but they're so good. I wish they had more avocados in Korea.

Next, avocados come from Mexico, so when I eat them, I am reminded of how much I want to go to Mexico when I am older. Even though there aren't a lot of Mexicans living in Korea right now, I have always been

fascinated by Mexican culture. One of the best things that happens in Mexico is “Dia de los Muertos” or in English, “Day of the Dead.” It is a time when Mexican families go to graveyards and have parties with their dead relatives. I have never been to Mexico, but this seems absolutely unique and great. Also, Dora the Explorer is from Mexico. Dora the Explorer is a very popular kid's program in the U.S. When I saw it, I was instantly hooked. Dora, the main character in Dora the Explorer, helps kids learn Spanish. Because avocados come from Mexico, one country I hope to visit when I am older, they are my favorite fruit.

Last, avocados are a very unique fruit. Unlike apples, oranges, strawberries, or bananas, avocados aren't really sweet. In fact, some people even think they are a vegetable because they are used so much in savory cuisine. Most people don't think about eating avocados after dinner. However, that is something I really like about avocados: they in some way defy traditional boundaries of what a fruit is. Even though biologically they are a fruit, it only has one massive seed that you cannot eat. They are also kind of ugly and brown on the outside, but absolutely delicious on the inside. Because the avocado is special, it is my favorite fruit.

To sum, avocados are a really great fruit that have a lot of uses. They are so different, unique, and delicious that I just love them. Plus, avocados are really great in Mexican cuisine and whenever I eat an avocado, I am reminded of Mexico. I hope to have a fiesta with my Mexican friends one day and eat a lot of avocados with them.

C. Useful Expressions

1. However, I am a very different kind of person and my favorite fruit is the avocado.

2. They are used for a lot of different things, but my favorite thing they are used for is guacamole.

3. Guacamole is basically a bunch of mashed up avocados with some onion, some chills, lime juice, and cilantro.

4. It is really delicious and it is one of the best side dishes when you go to a Mexican restaurant.

5. Next, avocados come from Mexico, so when I eat them, I am reminded of how much I want to go to Mexico when I am older.

6. Even though there aren't a lot of Mexicans living in Korea right now, I have always been fascinated by Mexican culture.

7. I have never been to Mexico, but this seems absolutely unique and great.

8. Dora the Explorer is a very popular kid's program in the U.S. When I saw it, I was instantly hooked.

9. In fact, some people even think they are a vegetable because they are used so much in savory cuisine.

10. However, that is something I really like about avocados: they in some way defy traditional boundaries of what a fruit is.

Q218. What is your favorite TV show and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My favorite TV show is Downton Abbey.

Support 1: The show is about the British aristocracy in the early 1900's.

Support 2: There are many characters, and they are all very interesting.

Support 3: The costumes are very well done.

Thesis: Because Downton Abbey is a well-made TV series, it is my favorite TV show of all time.

B. Model Essay

I don't watch a lot of television, but when I do, I try to make it count. My favorite TV show at the moment is Downton Abbey; I just started watching it and I love watching and rewatching episodes. It has quickly become my favorite show for three reasons. First, it is about the British aristocracy in the early 1900's, which to me is really fascinating. Second, there are so many three-dimensional characters, and they are all are put in very interesting circumstances. Last, the costume designers are great; their works deserve to be in a museum.

Downton Abbey is primarily a show about aristocrats in the United Kingdom before, during, and after World War I. The series takes place in an estate called Downton Abbey and follows the lives of the rich and poor as they continue their lives in the estate. I find this time period really fascinating: it was a time of great transition in Britain, moving from an older, more hierarchical society into a more equal one. The war changed a lot of things about Britain, including the role of women in society. By watching the show, I also have gotten the chance to learn a lot more about the time period and some of the events that occurred then. I learned about the Spanish flu and British politics at the time. The series talked a lot about women's suffrage in Europe and how it affected many of the women on the

show. Truly, Downton Abbey is a really interesting show and it made me very interested to learn more about British history.

In addition, there are a lot of characters on Downton Abbey, including aristocrats and many servants and they are all very interesting. First, there is the Earl of Grantham. He is an old man, but he is very kind. He married an American woman for her money, but he still loves her. There are also their three daughters: Lady Mary, Lady Edith, and Lady Sybil. They are all very attractive, but they have very different personalities. Lady Edith, the middle child, doesn't know what to do with her life. Lady Sybil has a very strong will and Lady Mary wants to follow in her grandmother's footsteps and basically be a princess. There are a lot of servants too, like Thomas, the footman, and Mr. Bates, Lord Grantham's valet. They do not like each other at first, but they eventually learn to like each other. Mr. Bates also falls in love with Anna, one of the housemaids. They have a very beautiful, but humble, wedding. There are so many characters; it is so fascinating to see them interact with one another.

Most importantly, though, the costumes for every episode of Downton Abbey are just fantastic. They are period pieces, true, but they look so very real and so true to what was worn back in the day. For example, Lady Mary's grandmother, the Dowager Countess of Grantham, wears a cute little tiara, while by the third season, Lady Edith starts to wear flapper dresses. My favorite, though, is the elegant black dress that Lord Grantham's wife wore. It had such a simple cut, but had lots of sparkle. It was so pretty! In truth, all the costumes are very impressive; it just looks like the costume designer had a lot of fun designing, sewing, and making all of the costumes.

Because of the wonderful characters, costumes and story material, Downton Abbey is simply a marvelous show and absolutely my favorite show on television currently. Everything about this TV show is just done perfectly. I hope everyone gets the chance to watch this great show.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't watch a lot of television, but when I do, I try to make it count.

2. Second, there are so many three-dimensional characters, and they are all are put in very interesting circumstances.

3. The series takes place in an estate called Downton Abbey and follows the lives of the rich and poor as they continue their lives in the estate.

4. The series talked a lot about women's suffrage in Europe and how it affected many of the women on the show.

5. I find this time period really fascinating: it was a time of great transition in Britain, moving from an older, more hierarchical society into a more equal one.

6. By watching the show, I also have gotten the chance to learn a lot more about the time period and some of the events that occurred then.

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10. Everything about this TV show is just done perfectly.

Q219. What is your favorite movie and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Spirited Away is my favorite movie.

Support 1: It was directed by Hayao Miyazaki, who is a great animator and director.

Support 2: It is beautifully animated; I love all of the colors in the film.

Support 3: The story is great, interesting, and thought-provoking.

Thesis: Because Spirited Away is such a great movie, it is my favorite movie.

B. Model Essay

Spirited Away is one of the best movies made in the 21st century. Directed by Hayao Miyazaki, it tells the story of a little girl named Chihiro who gets lost in an alternate universe where spirits run and inhabit a magical bathhouse. The film, made in 2001, won many awards; it even won Best Animated Feature at the 75th Annual Academy Awards. Because it is beautifully animated, tells a great story, and was directed by the great Hayao Miyazaki, Spirited Away is my favorite film ever made.

One of the greatest animators ever, Hayao Miyazaki, wrote and directed this masterpiece of cinema. Miyazaki was known before Spirited Away for some great works like Laputa: Castle in the Sky, Princess Mononoke, My Neighbor Totoro, and Kiki's Delivery Service. Miyazaki always makes animated films featuring children, but adults can definitely enjoy the films as well. His films always have some sort of magical element, either ghosts or spirits or magical, talking animals. They take place in magical worlds where curiosity and idealism are rewarded. At the same time, many of the children have to face difficult challenges like saving an entire forest or people. Because Miyazaki is such a brilliant director, his touch transforms Spirited Away from a good film to one of

my favorites.

Another reason I love Spirited Away is the fact that it is animated with such craft. Unlike Miyazaki's earlier films, which were limited by technology, Spirited Away is really the first film by Miyazaki where the colors shine and the figures float so easily. There is so much detail paid to everything from hair to simple objects. Even compared to Miyazaki's earlier films, the faces have so much more emotion and depth. Even the images seem to move with such grace; to a certain extent, it doesn't even feel like we're watching a series of images, but an authentic, real video. Because Spirited Away is so well-made and every character and image is so great, it is my absolute favorite film.

All of this pales in comparison to the basic story of Spirited Away. Spirited Away revolves around a girl named Chihiro. She and her parents are moving to a new place and Chihiro is not excited to go. They end up at an abandoned amusement park; Chihiro's parents eat at a restaurant stand and are instantly turned into pigs. It then becomes Chihiro's task to try and save them from forever being pigs in the spirit world. Without revealing too much more of the story, Chihiro metaphorically has to learn to become an adult. She has to face many more difficult tasks along with way, including cleaning up a very smelly, polluted river spirit. Spirited Away is a highly fascinating coming-of-age tale that makes you think about what it means to become an adult and the future of the world.

In conclusion, Spirited Away is a fantastic movie that makes you think about a lot of things. It was directed by the great Hayao Miyazaki, known for many different great films. It is a very beautiful film too, with so many lush colors and seamless transitions, but these only help the fact that the story is so magnificently written and wonderfully understated. It is for these reasons that Spirited Away is my most cherished movie. I hope that everyone can see this movie one day.

C. Useful Expressions

1. One of the greatest animators ever, Hayao Miyazaki, wrote and directed

this masterpiece of cinema.

2. His films always have some sort of magical element, either ghosts or spirits or magical, talking animals.

3. They take place in magical worlds where curiosity and idealism are rewarded.

4. Because Miyazaki is such a brilliant director, his touch transforms Spirited Away from a good film to one of my favorites.

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10. Spirited Away is a highly fascinating coming-of-age tale that makes you think about what it means to become an adult and the future of the world.

Q220. Compare the advantages and the disadvantages of Smart Phones.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Smart Phones have changed the world we know in some positive ways, but they have also affected the world in some negative ways.

Support 1: Let me begin with the positives aspects of the Smart Phone: convenience, emergency use, and information tool.

Support 2: Now, I will discuss the negatives that come from the Smart Phone usage: distractions while operating machinery, addiction, and health risks.

Support 3: In my opinion, Smart Phones are a vital tool in this technologically advanced world.

Thesis: To summarize, Smart Phones have both detrimental factors and advantageous factors.

B. Model Essay

Nowadays, almost everyone in the USA has some sort of mobile phone. However, a large percentage of people use what is now known as a Smart Phone. Smart Phones have changed the world we know in some positive ways, but they have also affected the world in some negative ways. These intelligent phones provide us not only with a source of calling people, but also a way to browse the Internet, to take photos, and to save important information all at our fingertips.

Let me begin with the positives aspects of the Smart Phone. The most obvious plus to this tool is that it is more convenient to get a hold of somebody. In the past, we had to call somebody's home and leave a message for them. However, nowadays, we are able to call their cell phone and reach them immediately. Also, in an emergency situation, Smart

Phones are a vital tool for fast response. The biggest factor that sets the Smart Phone apart from regular mobile phones is the fact that we can stay in the know about many things. All Smart Phones have the ability to access the Internet, and as you know, the Internet has a plethora of information.

Now, I will discuss the negatives that come from the Smart Phone usage. The biggest and most troublesome downside of the Smart Phone is that it is distracting. While people are driving, they will talk on their phone, text their friends, or post a recent update on their Facebook account. These distractions often times lead to vehicular accidents or people walking into a hazard. Another adverse effect is that they become highly addictive. As students, we want to text our friends or play a game during class, instead of focusing on our teacher's instructions. Furthermore, it distracts us from doing our necessary tasks in life, because we want to beat a game, or to always update our friends through our desired social media network. Probably the most unknown negative is the medical hazards it can pose to us. Research has been conducted on the increased use of technology, specifically Smart Phones, and it has shown that they cause bad posture, poor eyesight, and they even can impair younger children's thinking skills.

In my opinion, Smart Phones are a vital tool in this technologically advanced world. However, I do think that the Smart Phone is taking over too much. Recently I bought my first Smart Phone, and I have now become one of those addicted people, too. I always feel I have to have my cellphone next to me, just in case something important happens. On the other hand though, I love the fact that my Smart Phone is my camera, phone, calendar, and my clock all in one. So despite the negatives, I would never give up my Smart Phone. I can recall a time when I had to carry around multiple devices or tools to accomplish all those tasks. So, I am not completely opposed to the intelligent phone's usage. I just feel that our brains should be the ones doing the thinking, not the phone.

To summarize, Smart Phones have both detrimental factors and advantageous factors. The negatives range from being a distraction to

being harmful to our health. The positives range from giving us a multiple-device-tool-in-one to having a first responder at our fingertips in an emergency situation. Over the next decade, I am sure that the Smart Phone will continue to change. I just hope that we can maintain our own intelligence and not allow the phone to do all the work for us.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Nowadays, almost everyone in the USA has some sort of mobile phone.

2. However, a large percentage of people use what is now known as a Smart Phone.

3. The most obvious plus to this tool is that it is more convenient to get a hold of somebody.

4. The biggest factor that sets the Smart Phone apart from regular mobile phones is the fact that we can stay in the know about many things.

5. The biggest and most troublesome downside of the Smart Phone is that it is distracting.

6. Another adverse effect is that they become highly addictive.

7. However, I do think that the Smart Phone is taking over too much.

8. So despite the negatives, I would never give up my Smart Phone.

9. So, I am not completely opposed to the intelligent phone's usage.

10. The negatives range from being a distraction to being harmful to our health.

Q221. Which option is healthier, eating three large meals a day or eating four to five small meals a day?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Eating many smaller meals throughout the day is better than eating a few larger meals.

Support 1: Eating smaller meals is healthier, if and only if they are properly balanced meals

Support 2: By eating a small meal every four hours during the day time, our bodies can be supplied with a constant flow of energy.

Support 3: Eating four to five well-balanced meals throughout the day can curb your hunger and lead to maintaining a healthy weight.

Thesis: Eating smaller meals more often throughout the day has been proven to make us feel less sleepy, maintain a balanced weight, and it curbs our desire to eat more.

B. Model Essay

In life, we have many decisions to make that affect our health. One of the decisions is about what we eat, how much we eat, and how often we eat. According to a study conducted in 1989, by David Jenkins, M.D., Ph.D., and Tom Wolever, M.D., Ph.D., of the University of Toronto, it is better for our health to eat five or six meals a day, rather than to eat three meals a day. So, I must agree with the doctors that eating many smaller meals throughout the day is better than eating a few larger meals for various reasons: it reduces our calorie intake, keeps our level of insulin up, and controls our hunger.

First, let me explain what the smaller meals should consist of, in order to make it clear why eating these types of meals is healthier for us. Eating smaller meals is healthier, if and only if they are properly balanced meals, such as apples and peanut butter, versus a candy bar and milkshake. To

achieve this proper balance, each smaller meal should include a low-fat or lean protein, a fiber, and at least one fruit or vegetable. An unusual thing that should be implemented into this type of meal is a healthy fat. This may sound quite odd, but some examples of healthy fats are avocados, nuts, and fatty fish. Eating a balanced meal is the key to why the smaller meal diet works as a healthier option.

Secondly, I will explain what eating four to five smaller meals can do to our chemical make-up inside of our bodies. To begin with, many people often get sleepy around three to four in the afternoon. Why is this? It's because our glucose levels have dropped, which lowers our insulin level. Most people go for six hours without eating, so it's no wonder we feel lethargic by the time the afternoon reaches us. By eating a small meal every four hours during the day time, our bodies can be supplied with a constant flow of energy. Also, multiple meals have been proven to lower our cholesterol, which is why many doctors suggest a diet, such as this, to reduce our cholesterol levels.

Finally, I will discuss how eating four to five well-balanced meals throughout the day can curb your hunger and lead to maintaining a healthy weight. It is mostly due to the fact that eating more often makes us feel less hungry. This is because we have a constant flow of food in our bodies. This then in return helps to increase our metabolism, which is one of the factors to maintaining a healthy weight. The smaller meal more frequently regime also helps reduce our calorie intake, because if we feel full for a longer period of time, then we are less likely to snack on the 'unhealthy' foods in-between our regular more frequent meals.

Despite the fact that eating more frequently could actually mean less nutrition and more calories if you don't carefully plan out your snacks and meals, it still provides our bodies with the needed energy and numerous benefits. Eating smaller meals more often throughout the day has been proven to make us feel less sleepy, maintain a balanced weight, and it curbs our desire to eat more. My suggestion to everyone is to follow this method if they want to live a long and happy life. Also, who doesn't want to eat more delicious food more often!

C. Useful Expressions

1. According to a study conducted in 1989 by David Jenkins, M.D., Ph.D., and Tom Wolever, M.D., Ph.D., of the University of Toronto, they have proven that it is better for our health to eat five or six meals a day, rather than to eat three meals a day.

2. So, I must agree with the doctor that eating many smaller meals throughout the day is better than eating a few larger meals for various reasons; it reduces our calorie intake, keeps our level of insulin up, and controls our hunger.

3. First, let me explain what the smaller meals should consist of, in order to make it clear why eating these types of meals is healthier for us.

4. Eating smaller meals is healthier, if and only if they are properly balanced meals, such as apples and peanut butter, versus a candy bar and milkshake.

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Q222. If you could win a lot of money, how much would you want to win and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: If I were given a lot of money, I would want to win 200 million dollars.

Support 1: The first reason I would want 200 million dollars is because I would want to use half of my winnings by donating it to a local charity or orphanage.

Support 2: Second, I would use a large portion of the remaining 100 million dollars to travel around the world for an entire year.

Support 3: Finally, I would want just a small chunk of money for my own personal gain, maybe 50,000 dollars.

Thesis: Having too much money would be overwhelming, and having too little money would be a disappointment; therefore by receiving 200 million dollars, I could do great things for others, while also getting a little benefit for myself.

B. Model Essay

If I were given the chance to win a lot of money, I would want to win 200 million dollars. I would want this much money because I could donate my money to a local charity. Then, I could travel around the world while volunteering at needy schools and hospitals. Finally, I would want to do something for myself, such as buying a new computer.

The first reason I would want 200 million dollars is because I would want to use half of my winnings by donating it to a local charity or orphanage. I know that there are many places that could use more resources to do good things for others. So why do I need to be having excess amounts of money when there are needy people out there? There are many orphanages and soup kitchens here in Daegu, and I know that

their visitors and residents will benefit greatly from the donation. If I received only a small amount of money, I couldn't do as much good for this specific community.

Second, I would use a large portion of the remaining 100 million dollars to travel around the world for an entire year. I want to go to Australia, Asia, and Europe the most. While in these new countries, I would do volunteer work and donate my time and money to help them build more schools or hospitals. I have done volunteer work already at local schools in America that needed a lot of help. It was very tough work, but it was also very rewarding to see those students' faces light up when they saw how their run down school was completely changed. So, by winning a large sum of money, I could do more beneficial work around the world.

Finally, I would want just a small chunk of money for my own personal gain, maybe 50,000 dollars. My computer is very old and it does not have enough memory for all of the photos I take. By buying a new computer, I would be able to take more pictures and organize them better. I love taking photos, so it would brighten my life greatly. I could also update my wardrobe, buy some new books, and fly my family to Korea to see me.

Having too much money would be overwhelming, and having too little money would be a disappointment. So by doing by receiving 200 million dollars, I could do great things for others, while also getting a little benefit for myself. We are all entitled to a little splurge once and a while, so why not dream big, and do random acts of kindness for others at the same time?

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Q223. We are continuously learning and doing new things in life and often times we fail at our first attempt. Describe your first attempt to gain something new.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: A very funny experience happened to me during my first attempt to gain knowledge about cooking potatoes by myself.

Support 1: My mother entrusted each of her young children to cook dinner for the rest of the family.

Support 2: Something went very wrong though in the process of trying to cook potatoes.

Support 3: I learned a few great lessons from this.

Thesis: So my first attempt to learn how to cook something as simple as potatoes, also taught me other important life lessons.

B. Model Essay

A very funny experience happened to me during my first attempt to gain knowledge about cooking potatoes for myself. Usually, scary cooking experiences don't happen until around the high school ages, but mine happened when I was much younger, in elementary school. I definitely gained something from this experience that I will never forget.

To start with, I was eight years old and at home with my two sisters, who were six and ten. My mom always trusted us to cook dinner and to have it ready for her when she came home. She felt that it was a very good trait for children to have for us to be independent. Plus, my mom was very busy working in order to afford raising her three children on her own. So, it was my turn to cook the potatoes for the first time. I turned on the oven and put the potatoes in, just like my mom had shown me many times.

However, something went horribly wrong. The potatoes suddenly

burst into flames. I was very nervous at first. However, I calmly and quickly called my mom hoping she wasn't going to be angry. She told me in her soothing, motherly voice, to carefully pour baking powder onto the flames. The flames immediately went out and I cleaned up the mess before my mom came home.

Even though this was a frightening experience, I learned some very important lessons. I learned how to remain calm, and to think clearly in a time of panic. It has helped through many of my life's challenges. I am very thankful for my mother's encouragement of independence. I have used many of the skills as an adult that I had learned as a child.

So my first attempt to learn how to cook something as simple as potatoes also taught me other important life lessons. I still don't know why the potatoes burst into flames. It will forever be a mystery to us all. The most valuable lesson to take away from this experience was to remain calm, call for help, and to not make the same mistake again.

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Q224. Describe your ideal holiday resort.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My ideal holiday resort would have to be in a place that is hot and tropical, such as the Grand Cayman Islands.

Support 1: It is located in the Caribbean Sea near Jamaica, so the weather is perfect.

Support 2: Besides the weather, the scenery is beautiful.

Support 3: There are many interesting places to visit.

Thesis: The warm waters and the perfect weather make the Grand Cayman Islands my ideal holiday resort.

B. Model Essay

There are many locations to construct a holiday resort at, such as Japan, China, South Korea, and the USA. However, my ideal holiday resort would have to be in a place that is hot, tropical, and not somewhere I've lived for a long time already at. Therefore, the best place for me to stay at a holiday resort would be the Grand Cayman Islands.

To start with, the Grand Cayman Island is a fairly small island located in the Caribbean Sea, near Jamaica. Therefore, the weather there is perfect. When I visited these islands last December to help babysit my cousin's three children, I found this fact out for myself. The temperature only differs by no more than 10 degrees from the day time to the night time. Plus, there is always a cool breeze blowing that acts as an air-conditioner to warm sun heated air.

Besides the weather, the scenery is also beautiful! The crystal clear blue water meets a clean white sand beach. Usually, I don't like going into the ocean or sea because it is so cold. However, the water surrounding the Grand Cayman Islands is like bath water! The main attraction is the seven

mile beach, where most of the hotels are built. It gives almost every visitor a great view of the tropical serenity. I like to enjoy my holiday by sitting on the beach, with a nice cool drink, and watching the scenery change throughout the day.

On top of the great weather and beautiful scenery, there are interesting places to visit. Since it is a British colonized tropical island, there is a lot of history to learn and to see around the island. Plus, it is the perfect place to go scuba diving, where you can swim with the stingrays and tour the underwater ship wrecks. Also, you can go on a pirate ship and be treated like one of the crew, having to clean the deck with a toothbrush. The Grand Cayman Island is not a big island, but it offers so many great things to do.

The warm waters and the perfect weather make the Grand Cayman Islands my ideal holiday resort. The island has a great many of places to see, and also many exciting things to do. I know that if I had the chance to go again, I would leave immediately with no hesitations!

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Q225. What is your biggest ambition in life?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My biggest ambition in life is to open my own early childhood education center.

Support 1: I love being around children and I have had a lot of experience with early childhood.

Support 2: I hope to nurture the children at their most formidable ages.

Support 3: It will take a lot of work to make this dream come true.

Thesis: Because it will be so rewarding, I want to open my own early childhood education center.

B. Model Essay

I have many ambitions in life to do many great things, such as get married and have a family, win the lottery, travel the world, and eat live octopus. However, my biggest ambition in life is to open my own early childhood education center. This will be a big feat to me because it will take a lot of time, preparation, finances, and other resources to make it run successfully. However, it is something I am willing to put a lot of hard work into because teaching children is my passion.

First, I have this ambition because I love to be around children. Also, my educational specialty is in dealing with early childhood aged children. Ever since I was young, I have always babysat or taught children in some manner. I started to teach at my church when I was 13 years old and immediately fell in love with it. So by doing this, I will be continuing on with my life's passion.

Next, by opening this education center, I hope to nurture the children at their most formidable ages. In this type of environment, the children will learn to have manners and to respect others. They will also learn the basic

life skills needed in life, such as brushing their teeth, cleaning the dishes, and sharing with others. These vital skills of how to treat others will guide my future students a long way in their lives. Just imagine what properly raised and educated children could do to change our world, versus the children who are raised without ever hearing the word ‘no’.

However, in order to achieve this great ambition of mine, I will have to save a lot of money, and also start to network with people. These people will be able to help support me financially and in many other ways. I’m already starting to save money, and I hope that by the time I am in my 40s or 50s, I will have enough money to make my dream come true.

Hard work is usually involved when you have great ambitions to do something. So it is no surprise to me that opening my own education center will take a lot of work on my part. In the long run, I know that it will be a great experience for the children who will attend my education center. I hope that with the right support and through the right people, I can accomplish this grand goal.

C. Useful Expressions

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Q226. Which family member has influenced you the most? Why is this person a positive or negative role model in your life?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The person who has influenced me the most is my older sister for many reasons.

Support 1: She is the person I have been around the most since the day I was born.

Support 2: She was not necessarily a good influence on my life though.

Support 3: I learned from those mistakes that she made and decided to never do them myself,

Thesis: My older sister taught me what not to do and I will forever be grateful for her guidance to stay out of trouble.

B. Model Essay

Many superior people have influenced me positively and negatively throughout my life. However, the family member who has influenced me the most is my older sister. She influenced me in an unusual way though.

Firstly, my older sister is the person I have been around since the day I was born. Therefore, she is naturally the person who would have the most power and influence over my life. For the first 15 years of my life, we lived in the same room, went to the same school, and went everywhere else together. I was called her 'mini-me' because we never left each other's side. Sometimes, I didn't like this type of attention because I never felt like my own person next to her.

Normally, this closeness would bring about a positive influence, but she had quite the opposite effect on me. Actually, she taught me all the bad things not to do because I saw her make many mistakes. She would stay out late, talk back to our parents, and just push every limit that was set by

any authority. Most children would follow in their big sisters footsteps and do the same things that their 'role-model' does. For me, if I followed in her footsteps, I would have been in an enormous amount of trouble too.

However, I learned from those mistakes that she made and decided that I should never do them too. This is because I did not like the punishments and treatment she had received from our parents. I had seen how severely she was punished for doing all those bad things, and it made me do the opposite of everything she did. One example was when she came home late, which happened often. This time, our mother caught her and she was grounded for 2 months. I loved hanging out with my friends, so I never came home late because my older sister set the example of what not to do.

It is unusual to think that the person who has influenced me the most is not a positive influence. Sometimes, negative things in our lives teach us more than the positive things in our lives. My older sister taught me what not to do and I will forever be grateful for her guidance to stay out of trouble.

C. Useful Expressions

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8. I loved hanging out with my friends, so I never came home late, because my older sister set the example of what not to do.

9. Sometimes, negative things in our lives teach us more than the positive things in our lives.

10. My older sister taught me what not to do and I will forever be grateful for her guidance to stay out of trouble.

Q227. Where do you see yourself in twenty years?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: In twenty years, I hope to see myself with a family, settled down in a home somewhere, and teaching.

Support 1: To me, having a family is the most important thing that I want in my future.

Support 2: Having my own place will increase my level of happiness.

Support 3: Having a stable teaching job is something that I long for.

Thesis: In twenty years, I hope to see myself with a family, settled down in a home somewhere, and teaching, because by having all of these things, I will have achieved my perfect life and level of happiness.

B. Model Essay

I don't know what my future really holds for me but I hope that it will be just as good as or even better than the life I have now. In twenty years, I hope to see myself with a family, settled down in a home somewhere, and teaching. By having all of these things, I will have achieved my perfect life and level of happiness.

To begin with, having my own family is the most important thing that I want in my future. Currently, I am not dating anybody, but I hope that one day that will change for me. Having a family of my own is something that I have desired to have for a long time and I know it will eventually come with patience. I want a family that is close and supportive of each other. Also I want a family who shows unconditional love but also shows tough love. A family is the group of people who will guide you in the right direction, but will always take you back if you stray from the path.

Next, having my own place will increase my level of happiness. This

is because I won't have to share my living space with other people who don't respect shared living spaces. Also, I won't feel like I always have to clean up after people who are not my own family. When I have my own family, I will have no issues cleaning up after them. However, I will teach them to clean the dishes after using them, to wipe off the counter if they spill, and to take out the trash on a regular basis. These basic skills are very useful when we become adults who are living on their own or in a shared living experience at college.

Lastly, I hope to be teaching in twenty years. I love teaching and it is something I know I am good at. When you are good at something, why not continue doing it? Therefore, I will continue to work hard at my special skill and improve upon my techniques through various classes and courses that will be offered to me. I hope to be in a university professor position by then or running my educational business. It is an achievable goal, but it will take time to make it happen.

We don't know exactly what the future really holds for us, but I hope that mine will be just as good as or even better than the life I have now. In twenty years, I hope to see myself with a family, settled down in a home somewhere, and teaching. By having all of these things, I will have achieved my perfect life and level of happiness.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I don't know what my future really holds for me but I hope that it will be just as good as or even better than the life I have now.

2. In twenty years, I hope to see myself with a family, settled down in a home somewhere, and teaching.

3. Currently, I am not dating anybody, but I hope that one day that will change for me.

4. Also I want a family who shows unconditional love but also shows tough love.

5. A family is the group of people who will guide you in the right direction, but will always take you back if you stray from the path.

6. Also I won't feel like I always have to clean up after people who are not my own family.

7. When you are good at something, why not continue doing it?

8. Therefore, I will continue to work hard at my special skill and improve upon my techniques through various classes and courses that will be offered to me.

9. It is an achievable goal, but it will take time to make it happen.

Q228. What quality or qualities do you look for in a best friend?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: A best friend should have some specific qualities; honest and trustworthy, understanding, and supportive.

Support 1: Without having an honest friend, there can be no trust.

Support 2: The next, understanding, is also a very important quality to have in a best friend.

Support 3: The last quality I want in a best friend is support.

Thesis: Since honesty and trust, understanding, and support are all essential aspects of a long lasting and strong friendship, I want a best friend that possesses all of the aforementioned characteristics.

B. Model Essay

Throughout our lives, we meet many people who come and go. Some of them become friends, some become mistakes, and some become best friends. No matter what happens between these relationships, they all teach us lessons. However, a best friend should have some specific qualities; she should be honest and trustworthy, understanding, and supportive. Without these qualities, there isn't much of a friendship, let alone a relationship that is one of the closest we have in our lives.

First and foremost, honesty and trust go hand in hand. Without having an honest friend, there can be no trust. For example, if Sue knows something that could prevent John from being hurt, she should tell John immediately, no matter how hurtful it could be. If Sue doesn't say something and he finds out that his friend knew about it, it will be detrimental to their friendship's trust. How can you trust somebody who isn't fully honest with you? Often times, so-called-friends withhold information in fear of it hurting you, but it hurts more when it was

something trivial that should have been told in the first place.

The next, understanding, is also a very important quality to have in a best friend. A best friend is supposed to be the person that knows you the most and is by your side at all times. So, they should be able to understand that you are going through a difficult time and give you the space and understanding that you need. Sometimes, something negative happens between friends, and all they need is just a little bit of distance. But, when a friend continues to leave notes and pester the person, it leads to even more resentment towards the person who did wrong in the first place. Best friends understand this balance, and they don't continue to pressure you into talking, until you are ready to do so.

The last quality I want in a best friend is support. When we are being faced with challenging decisions in life, we need a rock to lean on. Your best friend is supposed to be that rock. They are somebody who can talk to, cry to, and laugh with about all the pros and cons of that decision. For example, when deciding to move to a foreign country, the best friend might want to be selfish to keep their friend in the same country as them. However, they will be supportive and give them an open ear to bounce off their ideas and thoughts to.

I have many friends, but only two of them I consider to be a best friend. They all possess these basic qualities; honesty and trust, understanding, and support. I couldn't imagine a life without my best friends or a life with friends who didn't stand by my side, even while I'm thousands of miles away in a foreign country for an extended period of time.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Some of them become friends, some become mistakes, and some become best friends.

2. No matter what happens between these relationships, they all teach us lessons.

3. Without these qualities, there isn't much of a friendship, let alone a relationship that is one of the closest we have in our lives.

4. First and foremost, honesty and trust go hand in hand.

5. If Sue doesn't say something and he finds out that his friend knew about it, it will be detrimental to their friendship's trust.

6. Often times, so-called-friends withhold information in fear of it hurting you, but it hurts more when it was something trivial that should have been told in the first place.

7. But, when a friend continues to leave notes and pester the person, it leads to even more resentment towards the person who did wrong in the first place.

8. When we are being faced with challenging decisions in life, we need a rock to lean on.

9. They are somebody who can talk to, cry to, and laugh with about all the pros and cons of that decision.

10. However, they will be supportive and give them an open ear to bounce off their ideas and thoughts to.

Q229. Parents should be required to pay for their children's university education. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Parents should not pay for their children's university education.

Support 1: Paying for one's higher education teaches students who have entered adulthood to be financially responsible.

Support 2: A university student can be more academically responsible.

Support 3: Parents can still choose to support their child financially later.

Thesis: Despite the negatives of being overwhelmed by the financial burden of loans, paying for one's own university education has many positives.

B. Model Essay

In many countries, parents pay for their children's higher education in its entirety. In other countries, the university student must take out numerous loans. Which of this is the correct point of view? It's a rather difficult question to answer because I feel it should be a balance between the two. However, if I had to choose to agree or disagree with the statement, 'parents should pay for their children's university education', I would choose the latter.

In the first place, paying for one's higher education teaches students who have entered adulthood to be financially responsible. While students are in universities, they are still able to reach out to their parents for assistance, as well as after their graduation. However, here they are eligible for low-interest loans, scholarships, and other sources of income. So, by having a university student pay for education, they can build their credit score, as well as their confidence to survive in a financial environment.

Second, a university student can be more academically responsible. I paid for my own degree, and I worked very hard to get all A's in my classes. So I know from first-hand experience that it teaches academic responsibility to people. When somebody pays for something on their own, they are more apt to treat it well. The same goes for paying for one's university degree. Many times, university students view college as a party place, and not much of an academic environment. However, having responsibility for the bill ensures that they take their classes seriously, attend them all, and complete all of the requirements for their courses.

Third, parents can still choose to support their child financially later. After a student graduates with a university degree, the parents can give their child a check for a graduation gift to help with the overwhelming loans that built up over the last four years. I know people who have over 100,000 dollars in college loans, and this can be very stressful to them when they are required to start paying it back. I fortunately worked hard and paid off all of my college loans because I had a few jobs while I attended my university.

In summary, despite the negatives of being overwhelmed by the financial burden of loans, paying for one's own university education has many positives. It teaches financial responsibility, as well as academic responsibility. The financial responsibility learned in the college years will last long into the adult years. Also, just because the parents don't pay for the university education for their children while they attend college, it doesn't mean that they can't help out after they have graduated and after their child has learned the vital lessons that come from these formidable years.

C. Useful Expressions

1. In many countries, parents pay for their children's higher education in its entirety.

2. However, if I had to choose to agree or disagree with the statement, 'parents should pay for their children's university education', I would

choose the latter.

3. While students are in universities, they are still able to reach out to their parents for assistance, as well as after their graduation.

4. So, by having a university student pay for their education, they can build their credit score, as well as their confidence to survive in a financial environment.

5. So I know from first-hand experience that it teaches academic responsibility to people.

6. When somebody pays for something on their own, they are more apt to treat it well.

7. The same goes for paying for one's university degree.

8. Many times, university students view college as a party place, and not much of an academic environment.

9. The financial responsibility learned in the college years will last long into the adult years.

10. Also, just because the parents don't pay for the university education for their children while they attend college, it doesn't mean that they can't help out after they have graduated, and after their child has learned the vital lessons that come from these formidable years.

Q230. Describe the qualities of a good citizen.

A. Essay Outline

Argument: There are three very important qualities that I deem to be required in a good citizen; they should be a faithful voter, they should never break the law, and they should always pay their expected taxes.

Support 1: First off, they should be a faithful voter.

Support 2: Second, a good citizen is someone who never breaks the law.

Support 3: The third quality to be considered as a good citizen is that a person should pay their taxes and pay them on time.

Thesis: Since the above mentioned qualities are all supportive of making a better community, I feel that voting, being a law abiding citizen, and paying our required taxes show that we are good citizens.

B. Model Essay

We are all citizens in a country somewhere, but what makes us good citizens? There are three very important qualities that I deem to be required in a good citizen. They are that they should be a faithful voter, they should never break the law, and they should always pay their expected taxes.

First off, they should be a faithful voter. What does being a faithful voter mean? It means that they should vote in every election. This ensures that their voice is heard and the right officials are being elected into office. If they do not vote in an election, then I feel that they don't have the right to speak their mind about the elected officials because they didn't vote for anybody. It frustrates me when somebody who didn't vote complains about their government. I always say to them, "Vote and do something about it. It's our right as citizens!"

Second, a good citizen is someone who never breaks the law. What I mean by this is that they should never cheat, steal, kill, or damage anybody else's property. Good citizens should be moral role models for the youth in the community. If they break the laws, then they are setting an immoral example for future generations. The future generations will think it is ok to behave badly, and then the community will turn into a dangerous place to live. If we are good role models for future generations, then we can build a great country to live in.

The third quality to be considered a good citizen is that a person should pay their taxes and pay them on time. By paying taxes on time, we are giving money back to the community. This tax money, in theory, goes to the schools, the police force, parks, etc. If we don't pay them or don't pay them on time, then our communities will not have ample resources to provide the best possible place to live. I know it seems like paying taxes is a burden and unfair sometimes, but they do truly help our communities become a better place.

Since the above mentioned qualities are all supportive of making a better community, I feel that voting, being a law-abiding citizen, and paying our required taxes show that we are good citizens. We should all strive to be good citizens, and these three aspects are just simple ways we can be exactly that. If we do not follow these simple guidelines, then we are doing the opposite and should be punished appropriately by the law.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are three very important qualities that I deem to be required in a good citizen.

2. This ensures that their voice is heard and the right officials are being elected into office.

3. If they do not vote in an election, then I feel that they don't have the right to speak their mind about the elected officials because they didn't vote for anybody.

4. What I mean by this is that they should never cheat, steal, kill, or damage anybody else's property.

5. If they break the laws, then they are setting an immoral example for future generations.

6. If we are good role models for future generations, then we can build a great country to live in.

7. This tax money, in theory, goes to the schools, police force, parks, etc.

8. I know it seems like paying taxes is a burden and unfair sometimes, but they do truly help our communities become a better place.

9. Since the above mentioned qualities are all supportive of making a better community, I feel that voting, being a law abiding citizen, and paying our required taxes show that we are good citizens.

10. We should all strive to be good citizens, and these three aspects are just simple ways we can be exactly that.

Q231. What are the most important qualities of a good teacher?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I think back to my best teacher and he had three specific qualities; he was always fair and consistent, he was never rude or condescending, and he was easy to approach.

Support 1: The first of the most important qualities a good teacher should have is being fair and consistent.

Support 2: The next most important quality of a good teacher is to never be rude or to be condescending.

Support 3: The final quality that I hold to be important of a good teacher is to be approachable.

Thesis: A teacher who is fair and impartial, who is not rude or condescending, and who is open and welcoming is a good teacher in my opinion.

B. Model Essay

We have hopefully all had a good teacher that we remember in our lives. Thinking back to the best teacher I have ever had, Mr. Hillshire possessed three specific qualities. He was always fair and consistent, he was never rude or condescending, and he was easy to approach. Because he had all of these qualities, I saw him as a good teacher, and so did all of the other students.

The first of the most important qualities a good teacher should have is being fair and consistent. Mr. Hillshire never had favorites and he held all the students to the same level of discipline and love. If you were an A+ student, but forgot your homework, you got the same punishment as the C student. This might seem unfair, but in actuality, it is very fair. It showed me that he kept to his rules consistently in the classroom, which made it very easy to know what his expectations of you were.

The next most important quality of a good teacher is to never be rude or to be condescending. Teachers who make us cry, or make us feel bad about ourselves are not good teachers in my eyes. If I did something wrong in class, Mr. Hillshire corrected me on it, but he didn't do it in a way where it lessened my desire to learn and to make mistakes. Students often make mistakes because it is a part of the learning process. But, if a teacher harshly criticized me or embarrassed me in front of the other students, I would not be as willing to answer a question in the future.

The final quality that I hold to be important of a good teacher is to be approachable. If students find the teacher to be unapproachable, they will not be able to ask for help if they are confused on a specific topic or skill that was discussed in the class. Mr. Hillshire was not best friends with the students, but rather, he granted an open and welcoming opportunity for the less confident students, like me, to ask for clarification in the classroom. There is a very careful balance between being too friendly and being approachable.

A teacher who is fair and impartial, who is not rude or condescending, and who is open and welcoming is a good teacher in my opinion. Possessing these qualities affords all students an equal chance to excel in the classroom, not just the ones who are considered to be the teacher's pets or favorites. I will never forget Mr. Hillshire because he had all of these qualities.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Thinking back to the best teacher I have ever had, Mr. Hillshire possessed three specific qualities.

2. He was always fair and consistent, he was never rude or condescending, and he was easy to approach.

3. This might seem unfair, but in actuality, it is very fair.

4. It showed me that he kept to his rules consistently in the classroom,

which made it very easy to know what his expectations of you were.

5. He was always fair and consistent, he was never rude or condescending, and he was easy to approach.

6. This might seem unfair, but in actuality, it is very fair.

7. It showed me that he kept to his rules consistently in the classroom, which made it very easy to know what his expectations of you were.

8. Mr. Hillshire was not best friends with the students, but rather, he granted an open and welcoming opportunity for the less confident students, like me, to ask for clarification in the classroom.

9. There is a very careful balance between being too friendly and being approachable.

10. Possessing these qualities affords all students an equal chance to excel in the classroom, not just the ones who are considered to be the teacher's pets or favorites.

Q232. What qualities does a good student have to have?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Being a good student means always being prepared, managing time well, and asking for help when it's needed.

Support 1: One of the most essential qualities a student should possess is to be hard working and motivated.

Support 2: The next important quality of a good student is to have a good sense of time management.

Support 3: Finally, not being timid in the classroom is a great quality of a good student.

Thesis: Having these three qualities will benefit a student academically.

B. Model Essay

Often times, we are under great pressure by our parents, teachers, and peers to be a good student. But what does being a good student mean? It means being a hard worker and having the motivation to finish all the assigned tasks properly. It means managing your time well. It also means not being afraid to ask for help if you don't understand something. Having possessed all of these skills made me a very successful student in school.

One of the most essential qualities a student should possess is to be hard working and motivated. What exactly does hard working and motivated mean? It means that the student should always do their homework, and they should pay attention in the classroom to the instructor. A good student will successfully complete all of their assigned tasks, and they will do it by putting their best effort forward. Also, they will not have to be told to study on their own; they will be intrinsically motivated to study themselves.

The next important quality of a good student is that they have a good

sense of time management. Schools require a lot of time to accomplish their assignments, so a student needs to be able to properly manage the time that it will take to finish these assigned tasks. They will know how far out they should start preparing for their ten-page essay assignment, and they will also know how much time they need to study for the big final exams next week. They will not be a procrastinator and wait until the last minute to start their assignments.

Finally, not being timid in the classroom is a great quality of a good student. If you are timid in the classroom, then you will not be willing to ask for clarification when you don't understand something the teacher says, leaving you lost and confused. I'm not saying that the student needs to ask a lot of questions to be a good student. I'm only stating that if they are unsure of something or confused about a specific topic, they should be unafraid to ask the teacher for more of an explanation.

In school, students should have many qualities to be academically successful. These three qualities are that they should be hard working and motivated, have a good sense of time management, and not be timid about asking for clarification. Having these three qualities will benefit a student academically, as they did for me.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Often times, we are under great pressure by our parents, teachers, and peers to be a good student.

2. Having possessed all of these skills made me a very successful student in school.

3. One of the most essential qualities a student should possess is to be hard working and motivated.

4. A good student will successfully complete all of their assigned tasks, and they will do it by putting their best effort forward.

5. They will know how far out they should start preparing for their ten-

page essay assignment, and they will also know how much time they need to study for the big final exams next week.

6. They will not be a procrastinator and wait until the last minute to start their assignments.

7. I'm not saying that the student needs to ask a lot of questions to be a good student.

8. I'm only stating that if they are unsure of something or confused about a specific topic, they should be unafraid to ask the teacher for more of an explanation.

9. Having these three qualities will benefit a student academically, as they did for me.

Q233. What would you change about your country if you were given the opportunity?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I would love to see three things change in the U.S.A.: more diversity and acceptance in all parts of the country, less arguing between politicians, and no reporting of negative news.

Support 1: The first thing I would change is to have more diversity and acceptance in all parts of the country.

Support 2: The second item that I would love to see changed in the USA is for there to be less arguing between the politicians, including the disputes received by the public.

Support 3: The last item I would make amendments to in America is the media's reporting of negative news.

Thesis: To conclude, if Americans could see more diversity and acceptance, more civil political settings, and more positive media influences, then the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" would be an even better country to live in.

B. Model Essay

To many Americans, the United States of America is a great country with very few problems. To others, the country has many flaws that they would fix. I fall in between these two opinions. I love America and feel very fortunate to have been born there, but I would love to see three things change in the U.S.A.: more diversity and acceptance in all parts of the country, less arguing between politicians, and no reporting of negative news.

The first thing I would change is to have more diversity and acceptance in all parts of the country. America has come a long way since the Civil Rights Act and the Emancipation Proclamation, but it has a lot

more it can grow. America is viewed as an equal opportunity country by many, yet there are still many racist and prejudiced people, whether it is against race, gender, nationality, or religion. The great thing about America is that you are supposed to have the freedom to possess your own beliefs, just as long as they don't break the constitutional rules, such as killing other humans.

The second item that I would love to see changed in the USA is for there to be less arguing between the politicians, including the disputes received by the public. I would encourage the politicians to bridge the gap between the right-wing (Conservative) and the left-wing (Democrat) politicians. Making a defined three-party system might help to alleviate some of these tensions between the current two-party system. If we can take away the constant battles and political back-lashings, then maybe, just maybe, our country might be able to move forward, instead of backward, like its current track.

The last item I would make amendments to in America is the media's reporting of negative news. Too often, the media only reports deaths, shootings, and other negative things. But, wouldn't it be nice if we could see a story about people helping each other, instead of hurting each other? Having positive role-models and media would greatly affect our country. Imagine how much respectable actions would be done, if we saw other's good actions being reported. They too would want to be rewarded for their positive contributions in life, rather than the 'bad' people in the country being glorified by the news.

To conclude, if Americans could see more diversity and acceptance, more civil political settings, and more positive media influences, then the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" would be an even better country to live in. Americans have it so good, compared to other countries in the world, yet Americans want more. How about we, as Americans be thankful for all that we have and learn to make what we have been given an even better place to live?

C. Useful Expressions

1. To many Americans, the United States of America is a great country with very few problems. To others, the country has many flaws that they would fix. I fall in between these two opinions.

2. I love America and feel very fortunate to have been born there, but I would love to see three things change in the U.S.A.

3. America has come a long way since the Civil Rights Act and the Emancipation Proclamation, but it has a lot more it can grow.

4. The great thing about America is that you are supposed to have the freedom to possess your own beliefs, just as long as they don't break the constitutional rules, such as killing other humans.

5. I would encourage the politicians to bridge the gap between the right-wing (Conservative) and the left-wing (Democrat) politicians.

6. Making a defined three-party system might help to alleviate some of these tensions between the current two-party system.

7. But, wouldn't it be nice if we could see a story about people helping each other, instead of hurting each other?

8. Having positive role-models and media would greatly affect our country.

9. Americans have it so good, compared to other countries in the world, yet Americans want more.

10. How about we, as Americans be thankful for all that we have and learn to make what we have been given an even better place to live?

Q234. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? An eye for an eye. Why or why not?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Despite my human instincts to react negatively back toward others, I do not agree with this statement.

Support 1: To begin, there are other options to resolve this conflict.

Support 2: Next, you should be the better person in this situation.

Support 3: Lastly, hitting them will only cause further harm to you in the future.

Thesis: Since retaliating back only causes more harm than good, I do not agree with the statement of “an eye for an eye.”

B. Model Essay

The saying “An eye for an eye” means that if someone does something negative to you, you should do something negative back to them. Despite my human instincts to react negatively back toward others, I do not agree with this statement. There are other options to resolve conflicts, you should be the better person and not resort to their childish actions, and they are not worth the negative backlash you’d receive for doing wrong to them. I will use one specific example to demonstrate my reasoning: somebody physically harming you by hitting you.

To begin, there are other options to resolve this conflict. When somebody hits you, your first instinct is to want to hit them back. However, this is not the best option. The best option is to avoid them in the future and to cut off all contact with them. This type of person is not somebody you want or need in your life. Another approach would be to talk to them about their rude, violent, childish act of resorting to physical violence for their own anger problems. One more final option is to leave them a note expressing your feelings about their physical assault.

However, I find notes to be an elementary-aged thing to do. So, I do not recommend this option.

Next, you should be the better person in this situation. If you follow the eye-for-an-eye rule in life, then you are just as negative of a person as they are. Just because somebody hits you, or steals from you, or even spreads negative rumors about you, it doesn't mean you should stoop down to their level by doing the same immature acts. As early as elementary school, we can control our feelings and choose who we want to surround ourselves by. So this means that we do not need to be around those that are negative or bring us down. So, instead of being on their destructive level, we can choose to avoid them and be the better person in the situation.

Lastly, hitting them will only cause further harm to you in the future. If you resort to physically harming them back, it will only prove that you are a violent person too. This then will get you in trouble at school, at your job, with your friends, or with your family. It will most likely make you look bad to those that care about you, and in return, you might lose people you care about because of your rash decision making skills.

In conclusion, I do not agree with the statement of "an eye for an eye." Retaliating towards those that do negatives to you is of no benefit to you in your future. You should be the better person, try to resolve the conflict through another means, and learn from the mistakes that got you in that position in the first place. If you live by these simple rules, you will have a happy life without resorting to revenge upon others that will only fill your heart with hate and pain.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are other options to resolve conflicts, you should be the better person and not resort to their childish actions, and they are not worth the negative backlash you'd receive for doing wrong to them.

2. I will use one specific example to demonstrate my reasoning: somebody physically harming you by hitting you.

3. When somebody hits you, your first instinct is to want to hit them back.

4. Another approach would be to talk to them about their rude, violent, childish act of resorting to physical violence for their own anger problems.

5. Just because somebody hits you, or steals from you, or even spreads negative rumors about you, it doesn't mean you should stoop down to their level by doing the same immature acts.

6. As early as elementary school, we can control our feelings and choose who we want to surround ourselves by.

7. This then will get you in trouble at school, at your job, with your friends, or with your family.

8. It will most likely make you look bad to those that care about you, and in return, you might lose people you care about because of your rash decision making skills.

9. Retaliating towards those that do negatives to you is of no benefit to you in your future.

10. If you live by these simple rules, you will have a happy life without resorting to revenge upon others that will only fill your heart with hate and pain.

**Q235. What is the most important job or task you have ever had?
Why was it important?**

A. Essay Outline

Argument: The most important task that I was assigned was being the Barracks NCO (Non-commissioned Officer) for one and half years in Daegu, South Korea.

Support 1: I had to keep everything well-organized.

Support 2: Second, people relied on me to do my job properly.

Support 3: Third, I had to conduct presentations to the top officials of the US Army in the Daegu area.

Thesis: Since it taught me valuable lessons of organization, people skills, and presenting in front of high-ranking officials, being the Barracks NCO was my most important task or job that I was given.

B. Model Essay

Some important tasks or jobs that I have had were being a manager of a food stand at an amusement park, teaching Sunday school to Kindergarten-aged children for 10 years, and assisting in raising another woman's baby for two years as a nanny. These jobs were all important for various reasons, but the most important task that I was assigned was being the Barracks NCO (Non-commissioned Officer) for one and half years in Daegu, South Korea. Barracks are military housing for soldiers who live with one other roommate on the military base, and an NCO is a leader in the US Army who is responsible to various tasks.

First of all, the reason that my job was important was that I had to keep everything well-organized. My job entailed the issuing out of keys and storage lockers, the assignment of roommates and cleaning duties, and the rotating of mattresses. It also involved keeping a painstakingly precise

inventory of all the furniture items in the four-story building. Because of my organization skills, the almost 180 residents had bug-free rooms, well-maintained furniture, as well as a safe room to stay in due to the strict key control regulations.

Second, people relied on me to do my job properly. My job was not just about me, but about taking care of others. So, if one of my tasks slipped through the cracks, it would send a harmful ripple-effect to all of the incoming soldiers who were brand new to Korea. I had to always make sure that everything ran smoothly, and that I was never off my game when it came to running the soldiers' dorm-like housing. If I forgot to collect a key from a soldier before they left the country, the current resident soldier would have to share one key with their incoming soldier roommate. This would cause a lot of stress to the newbie, which was not helpful to the already unfamiliar surroundings.

Third, I had to conduct presentations to the top officials of the US Army in the Daegu area. These were the leaders of the Army bases who were much higher than me in the promotion scale. I had a lot of pressure to ensure that I had accurate rosters of all incoming personnel and out-going personnel, the appropriate work-order requests (repair of furniture) from the soldiers documented, and a wide variety of other information on colorful spreadsheets. I remember one time when my boss, known as a First Sergeant, was asked a difficult question, and he was unsure of the answer, but I stepped in as a lower ranking soldier and saved him. This made my First Sergeant relieved, because he knew he could rely on my for all the difficult situations that were presented to me.

Running a building of over a hundred and seventy soldiers was not an easy task. I was a little nervous about taking on such a large project, but I knew it was an important job that needed to be done. So, I took on the important challenge of successfully maintaining the organization of the soldier dormitories. It taught me valuable lessons of organization, people skills, and presenting in-front of high-ranking officials. So, this is why it was my most important task or job that I was given.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Some important tasks or jobs that I have had were being a manager of a food stand at an amusement park, teaching Sunday school to Kindergarten-aged children for 10 years, and assisting in raising another woman's baby for two years as a nanny.

2. Barracks are military housing for soldiers who live with one other roommate on the military base, and an NCO is a leader in the US Army who is responsible to various tasks.

3. My job entailed the issuing out of keys and storage lockers, the assignment of roommates and cleaning duties, and the rotating of mattresses.

4. It also involved keeping a painstakingly precise inventory of all the furniture items in the four-story building.

5. Second, people relied on me to do my job properly.

6. So, if one of my tasks slipped through the cracks, it would send a harmful ripple-effect to all of the incoming soldiers who were brand new to Korea.

7. I had to always make sure that everything ran smoothly, and that I was never off my game when it came to running the soldiers' dorm-like housing.

8. I had a lot of pressure to ensure that I had accurate rosters of all incoming personnel and out-going personnel, the appropriate work-order requests (repair of furniture) from the soldiers documented, and a wide variety of other information on colorful spreadsheets.

9. I remember one time when my boss, known as a First Sergeant, was asked a difficult question, and he was unsure of the answer, but I stepped in as a lower ranking soldier and saved him.

10. Running a building of over a hundred and seventy soldiers was not an easy task.

Q236. What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: Studying abroad has both many advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad that range from financial burdens, to excelling in a new language.

Support 1: Some disadvantages of studying abroad are that the parents might become overwhelmed financially, and the students will get frustrated by the language barrier.

Support 2: Some advantages of studying abroad are that the student will develop a more open mind, their language skills will improve, and they can earn credits towards their college degree.

Support 3: I would have loved to be given the opportunity to have traveled abroad so that I could have made more friends from all around the world.

Thesis: To summarize, studying abroad has some highly desirable aspects, but it also has some less desirable aspects.

B. Model Essay

Studying abroad has always been a popular desire for students wishing to learn a new culture and to improve upon their language skills of their destination's mother-tongue. There are both many advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad. These range from financial burdens to excelling in a new language.

Let me begin with discussing the disadvantages of studying abroad. First, the parents will be overwhelmed with a large financial burden. Traveling is not cheap, and on top of that, the cost of living can be outrageous in the foreign country. In addition, the student might become more frustrated with themselves. This is partly due to their lack of

language skills or maybe the extreme cultural differences.

On the contrary, there are numerous advantages. The foreign-bound student will develop a more open-mind to other cultures, all while they are able to experience traveling around the world. Also, the student will create a higher level of independence and will have many opportunities to improve their language skills. Often times, college credits can be earned towards their degree at some universities.

I was never given the amazing chance to travel abroad during my school years. So even though I would miss my family and friends during the holidays, I would love to be given the opportunity to travel abroad and to study. On top of the many advantages listed above, I could make new friends and business contacts for future jobs. Networking is a vital tool when it comes to competing in the job-market of today. Who knows, one of the people I meet through my travels could be my open door into obtaining my dream job!

To summarize, studying abroad has some highly desirable aspects, but it also has some less desirable aspects. It is a difficult predicament to be in, but the positives far outweigh the negatives when it comes to this specific situation. A lifetime of knowledge while being fully immersed in a language is far more beneficial to me in my future than the possibility of missing my family for a short period of time.

C. Useful Expressions

1. Studying abroad has always been a popular desire for students wishing to learn a new culture and to improve upon their language skills of their destination's mother-tongue.

2. There are both many advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad. These range from financial burdens, to excelling in a new language.

3. Let me begin with discussing the disadvantages of studying abroad.

4. This is partly due to their lack of language skills or maybe the extreme cultural differences.

5. The foreign-bound student will develop a more open-mind to other cultures, all while they are able to experience traveling around the world.

6. Often times, college credits can be earned towards their degree at some universities.

7. So even though I would miss my family and friends during the holidays, I would love to be given the opportunity to travel abroad and to study.

8. Networking is a vital tool when it comes to competing in the job-market of today.

9. To summarize, studying abroad has some highly desirable aspects, but it also has some less desirable aspects.

10. It is a difficult predicament to be in, but the positives far outweigh the negatives when it comes to this specific situation.

Q237. Describe your dream job. Why is it your dream job?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: My dream job is work at an all English immersion program for infants through Kindergarten.

Support 1: To begin with, I have been teaching for 17 years now.

Support 2: Furthermore, I truly enjoy the rewards I receive from the light-bulbs clicking on in young learners.

Support 3: Finally, it has been scientifically proven that learning a new language at a young age is easier for the ‘student,’ so I want to help encourage this behavior for the future native English speakers.

Thesis: As you can see, I have the experience, the knowledge, and the passion for teaching young children, which is why working in an all English immersion program for young children is my dream job.

B. Model Essay

I love my current job of being an elementary/middle school/high school/university-aged English Language teacher, but it is not my dream job. My dream job still entails working with children, but just in a different environment. I would love to work at an all English immersion program for infants through Kindergarten. First, it is what I am best at and have more experience in. Second, I can enjoy the rewards of the environment. Third, it is the most appropriate age level to expose children to learning a new language.

To begin with, I have been teaching for 17 years now. I started assisting my step-mother when I was 13 years old in her Sunday school classes and fell in love with teaching. Through this experience, I was able to grow and learn as a teacher and to learn my preferences. I graduated

from my university with a teaching degree in early childhood and elementary education; however, my specialty was in the early childhood portion. I excelled in all of my classes and received top marks for my experience and knowledge of the younger children's mentalities. So, working in a younger learners' environment is definitely my dream job.

Furthermore, I truly enjoy the rewards I receive from the light-bulbs clicking on in their young minds. In teaching, we call it the 'a-ha' moment. It's the moment when somebody finally understands something, or they finally use something properly. I'll never forget an 'a-ha' moment I experienced in my current school with a Kindergarten-aged child. Throughout the past few months, she always had a candy, and she always wanted her candy to be opened. So, I kept reinforcing the words, "Open my candy, please." Well, one day, I was downstairs in the lobby waiting for someone, and this little girl was with her mom. She had a piece of candy in her hand as usual, and the long awaited moment happened! She said in a sweet and confident voice using English, to her Korean mother, "Open my candy, please." I was so shocked and excited at the same time. These are the moments that teachers live for, that reward us, and that show us our students do listen to us!

Finally, it has been scientifically proven that learning a new language at a young age is easier for the 'student'. I struggle in learning a new language because I am constantly trying to translate the unfamiliar language into my own familiar language. This takes time, brain power, and causes a great deal of frustration to me. On the other hand, an infant through Kindergarten-aged child doesn't translate words. Rather, they learn the context of a word and use it in a trial and error process, until they realize the pattern the word should be used in. For example, young children learn the word 'cat' and then they see a dog. They call the dog a 'cat' because they don't know any better. That is until somebody corrects them. Now, all four legged animals are cats and dogs to them. They continue this pattern throughout their early life learning new words and making mistakes. So, I want to help encourage this behavior for the future native English speakers.

As you can see, I have the experience, the knowledge, and the passion for teaching young children. Through my numerous years of experience in educating the youth, I hope that one day in the future, I will be able to work in a full immersion English as a Second Language program. I am very happy with my current job, but I hope that in 20 years or so, I can achieve my dream job.

C. Useful Expressions

1. First, it is what I am best at and have more experience in.

2. Second, I can enjoy the rewards of the environment.

3. Through this experience, I was able to grow and learn as a teacher and to learn my preferences.

4. So, working in a younger learners' environment is definitely my dream job.

5. It's the moment when somebody finally understands something, or they finally use something properly.

6. I'll never forget an 'a-ha' moment I experienced in my current school with a Kindergarten-aged child.

7. Finally, it has been scientifically proven that learning a new language at a young age is easier for the 'student'.

8. On the other hand, an infant through Kindergarten- aged child doesn't translate words. Rather, they learn the context of a word and use it in a trial and error process, until they realize the pattern the word should be used in.

9. So, I want to help encourage this behavior for the future native English speakers.

10. Through my numerous years of experience in educating the youth, I

hope that one day in the future, I will be able to work in a full immersion English as a Second Language program.

Q238. At what age is it appropriate to allow a child to stay at home alone?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I will state that a child, who is responsible and has some other variables included, can be left home alone at the age of ten.

Support 1: The first reason is based on the child's personality.

Support 2: This leads me into my next point that it depends on why the child needs to be left alone in the first place.

Support 3: Lastly, the length of time affects the age that is appropriate for a child to be alone in their home.

Thesis: To sum up my thoughts, a child at the age of ten can be left unattended, but only meeting certain conditions.

B. Model Essay

This is a very challenging question; at what age is it appropriate to allow a child to stay at home alone? I strongly believe that it depends on the child's personality, the reason the child needs to be left alone, and the length of time the child is left unattended. No one child is the exact same as another, so to give an exact age is not accurate. So, I will state that a child, who is responsible and has some other variables included, can be left home alone at the age of ten.

As stated above, there are a variety of factors that determine whether a child can be left home alone or not. The first reason is based on the child's personality. In my case, I was left home alone as early as eight years old. My mother felt that I was independent enough to take care of myself and responsible enough to do what was right. I was able to cook microwaveable meals, brush my teeth and get ready for bed, all on my own.

This leads me into my next point that it depends on why the child needs to be left alone in the first place. Again, in my situation, my mother had to work, and she couldn't afford to pay for a babysitter. Sometimes, circumstances arise that make it difficult to provide for your children successfully, but my mother did the best she could. She did ask a neighbor to keep an eye on me from her house, by just observing me and calling me once and a while. So, I was not completely unattended.

Lastly, the length of time affects the age that is appropriate for a child to be alone in their home. At the age of ten, a child can be left alone for a few hours and should not have any major catastrophes occur, just as long as strict guidelines are observed. A ten year old child should not be left alone for more than five hours though, because they might have difficulty preparing their meals or going to bed on time.

To sum up my thoughts, a child at the age of ten can be left unattended, but only after following the suggestions listed above. They should have set rules to follow, contact numbers to call, and somebody to observe them from a distance. By being left alone at a younger age, children learn a great deal of independent skills that will be vital to them in their adult lives.

C. Useful Expressions

1. I strongly believe that it depends on the child's personality, the reason the child needs to be left alone, and the length of time the child is left unattended.

2. Not one child is the exact same as another, so to give an exact age is not accurate.

3. So, I will state that a child, who is responsible and has some other variables included, can be left home alone at the age of ten.

4. As stated above, there are a variety of factors that determine whether a child can be left home alone or not.

5. The first reason is based on the child's personality.

6. This leads me into my next point that it depends on why the child needs to be left alone in the first place.

7. Again, in my situation, my mother had to work, and she couldn't afford to pay for a babysitter.

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9. At the age of ten, a child can be left alone for a few hours and should not have any major catastrophes occur, just as long as strict guidelines are observed.

10. To sum up my thoughts, a child at the age of ten can be left unattended, but only after following the suggestions listed above.

Q239. Some people say that the quality of a product is more important. Others say that the price of a product is more important. Which statement do you agree with and why?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I believe quality is more important than its price tag.

Support 1: For starters, cheap prices usually mean a cheap quality product.

Support 2: Next, I can have trust in the product that it will work properly.

Support 3: To conclude, if my product did break down, I have a guaranteed warranty with higher quality products.

Thesis: Since money is of no importance when it comes to the functioning capabilities of a product, I prefer quality over price.

B. Model Essay

Imagine you are in the market to buy a computer. You have the choice between a high quality laptop, and a less pricy computer. Which would you choose? I without a doubt would buy the higher quality laptop for the following three reasons: cheap prices usually mean cheap quality, trust in the product to work properly, and guaranteed warranty.

For starters, cheap prices usually mean a cheap quality product. In the case of the laptop, a cheap computer doesn't come with some of the desired programs. I just bought a laptop myself, and the cheaper computers did not have the programs I wanted. So I went for a more expensive product that had higher quality.

Next, I can have trust in the product that it will work properly. When it comes to quality versus price, the price doesn't matter when it comes to my product functioning properly. In the example of the laptop, if I bought a cheap computer, it would most likely break down in a few short months. The cheaper products are generally made from cheaper quality products.

Therefore, cheap prices mean a lower quality computer.

To conclude, if my product did break down, I have a guaranteed warranty with higher quality products. Most high quality products are produced by a name-brand. Because of this, they almost always come with a warranty on their products. Mistakes can happen, and something might happen to my computer, so I want to be ensured that my money spent on something is not wasted.

Since money is of no importance when it comes to the functioning capabilities of a product, I prefer quality over price. I don't want to lose out on my money due to faulty materials used in the production of a cheap product. To me, my time in fixing a broken cheap product is more of a hassle and frustration than buying a more expensive product that I know will work.

C. Useful Expressions

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2. I without a doubt would buy the higher quality laptop for the following three reasons: cheap prices usually mean cheap quality, trust in the product to work properly, and guaranteed warranty.

3. For starters, cheap prices usually mean a cheap quality product.

4. In the case of the laptop, a cheap computer doesn't come with some of the desired programs.

5. When it comes to quality versus price, the price doesn't matter when it comes to my product functioning properly.

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8. Mistakes can happen, and something might happen to my computer, so I want to be ensured that my money spent on something is not wasted.

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10. I don't want to lose out on my money due to faulty materials used in the production of a cheap product.

Q240. How will you help a foreigner learn about your country?

A. Essay Outline

Argument: I feel that the best way to help a foreigner learn about America is through three things: sightseeing, movies and music, and socializing with my friends and family.

Support 1: The first way I can help a foreigner learn about my country is my taking them around the various tourist spots in America.

Support 2: Secondly, I can introduce them to American movies and music.

Support 3: Finally, socializing with my friends and family will be the best way for the out-of-towner to see my culture.

Thesis: Since using a variety of tactics will be the best options for a foreigner to learn about my country, I would show them tourist spots, movies and music, and my friends' and family's lifestyles.

B. Model Essay

There are so many ways to assist a foreigner in learning about my country. America has a large variety of places to see and things to do. I feel that the best way to help a foreigner learn about America is through three things: sightseeing, movies and music, and socializing with my friends and family.

The first way I can help a foreigner learn about my country is my taking them around the various tourist spots in America. Through these different locations, the foreigner will be able to learn the history and culture of my country. For instance, if I take a foreigner to New York City, I would show them the Statue of Liberty. By doing this, they can see how many people have come to America from other countries.

Secondly, I can introduce them to American movies and music. I feel that music and movies show a skewed version of our culture, but it will

still be an entertaining experience for them. Movies, such as American Beauty, and Precious show a more realistic side of the American society. If we can expose the foreigner to just a taste of the American music and movies, then they can better understand our differences and similarities to their own cultures.

Finally, socializing with my friends and family will be the best way for the out-of-towner to see my culture. When I was in a new country, South Korea, hanging out with native people from that country helped me greatly to learn about the Korean culture. If I had solely relied on movies and music or books, I would have not learned as much of the little nuances of this conservative, yet complex culture. One example was that I gained knowledge about the things that are taboo in the Korean society.

Since using a variety of tactics will be the best options for a foreigner to learn about my country, I would show them tourist spots, movies and music, and my friends' and family's lifestyles. By doing a mixture of all of these things, a person who is unfamiliar with the American culture will gain a better view of how people from the USA live, work, and play.

C. Useful Expressions

1. There are so many ways to assist a foreigner in learning about my country.

2. I feel that the best way to help a foreigner learn about America is through three things: sightseeing, movies and music, and socializing with my friends and family.

3. Through these different locations, the foreigner will be able to learn the history and culture of my country.

4. For instance, if I take a foreigner to New York City, I would show them the Statue of Liberty.

5. I feel that music and movies show a skewed version of our culture, but it will still be an entertaining experience for them.

6. If we can expose the foreigner to just a taste of the American music and movies, then they can better understand our differences and similarities to their own cultures.

7. Finally, socializing with my friends and family will be the best way for the out-of-towner to see my culture.

8. If I had solely relied on movies and music or books, I would have not learned as much of the little nuances of this conservative, yet complex culture.

9. Since using a variety of tactics will be the best options for a foreigner to learn about my country, I would show them tourist spots, movies and music, and my friends' and family's lifestyles.

10. By doing a mixture of all of these things, a person who is unfamiliar with the American culture will gain a better view of how people from the USA live, work, and play.

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