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Toefl writing sample questions and answers

One of the hardest sections to prepare on the TOEFL can be the TOEFL Write section. After all, it's hard to find an indigenous English-speaking speaker that will correct and upgrade your essays in the writing section – and even harder to find one that knows the test! Never fear. In this post, we will look at sample high-scoring essays for the first and second tasks and then break down what's good about them (and how they can improve!) In this post I will also provide links to various additional TOEFL Writing Samples for the Independent Writing Task. And there will be two TOEFL Writing samples for the Integrated Writing Task. These sample answers will come with full Write Task 1 setup questions. As the Integrated Write questions about the actual TOEFL test, the directions in this post will include a reading passage and an audio recording of a part of a lecture. Content return begins at the End: Write task 2 Model Essays I start with the second task on the writing section of the TOEFL exam. Why you can ask? Well, the hypothetical reader I had a conversation with, I started with TOEFL Writing Task 2 by popular question. Magoosh gets many more requests for Task 2 assistance than requests for help with integrated questions. But if you're here for TOEFL Writing task 1, don't worry, we'll get to that first task after this section on the independent questions. A few quick tips on using this TOEFL Writing Task 2 Samples Remember that TOEFL Writing Task 2 requires you to give a personal opinion on a broad social issue. The TOEFL Writing topics covered in task 2 will likely be the ones you are already familiar with: issues related to things like high school, living in a small town against a big city, how governments should support education, dealing with co-workers, etc... Be prepared for contemporary topics on today's world as well: social media, mobile phones, technological advances, and so forth. Above all, be willing to share your personal experiences, while still following the rules of formal academic writing. An effective response is personal in nature, but academically in tone and structure. Give a key reason for your opinion, but also use reasons—well thought-out children—to support that opinion. Use the Task 2 TOEFL Write samples shown below and linked below to build your own writing skills and write your own TOEFL essays. A Model TOEFL Writing Task 2 Setup, With Comments [CLICK TO Expand If You Do Your Own Practice](#), I suggest you try to answer the quick yourself under timely conditions; Then, compare your setup to set up the sample. If you make that comparison, you can look at the part of the post under the sample setup, in which we break down why this setup works! For us we will look at some of Kate's excellent suggestions in this post on TOEFL writing. Let's give it a go with first essay topic! Do you agree immediately or disagree with the following statement? Modern life is easier than life in the past. Use specific details and examples to support your answer. Monster Essay I definitely agree that modern life is easier than life in the past. The increased use of technology, rising living standards, and improved healthcare has combined to make our lifestyle, at least in the first world, luxurious compared to past lifestyles. By examining three specific examples of personal computers, The Lion in Winter, and vaccines—this essay will demonstrate that this improvement has, indeed, occurred. First of all, technological advances have created new ways to take care of everyday tasks quickly and easily. For example, the majority of Americans now have their own personal computers. This is an incredible advance: with computers, we can complete tasks, from banking to order groceries, which would have taken hours even a few decades ago. Word processing is common, which makes the distribution of information much easier to achieve, and education is available free of charge through online courses and information that would have been all but unsustainable for many until the end of the twentieth century. The sheer amount of access we have to services and knowledge through these machines has made life extraordinarily easier. Secondly, our standard of living has changed through advances in engineering, architecture, travel, and even textiles. If you look at a movie like The Lion in Winter, while by no means historically perfect, show how even everyday things were almost more difficult a thousand years ago. Located in the 1100s, the film shows King Henry II should bowl ice from his water bowl to get water to wash his face -something that hot and cold running taps have long saved us from. The Queen must travel to see her husband through a long boat trip, which would be almost unimaginable today. Finally, the entire royal family, even though they are royal, are wrapped in the pinched fur. If we look at what was once the highest standard of living, compared to the average first world standard of life today, we can see how much easier progress our lives have made. Finally, we no longer live in fear of many common illnesses that were once crippled or maimed large populations, making their lives much harder. Polio, for example, has hit many people, in some cases, making it difficult for them to walk, such as Franklin D. Roosevelt, who used a wheelchair. The invention of that vaccine in the 1950s, as well as many other vaccines, created a situation in which we no longer have to suffer unnecessary. This is definitely an improvement over the past. Finally, life is definitely easier than life in the past. Although it is easy to read stories of nobles and kings of history and romantically they were almost more uncomfortable than our lives. Nevertheless, there are many places in the world where laptops, modern convenience and vaccines are rarely found; I hope that current generations will work together to make life easier for everyone, now that it is possible to do so. Essay Evaluation OK, let's dissect this sample setup. Specifically, we'll take a look at what the writer did well and points on which the author could have improved. Now let's go through some important points. First, remember that the TOEFL setup is logged in holistically, which means you don't get a certain number of points off your score (or added) for the absence or presence of different items. Rather, the counters upgrade it against a column, see which points from the column best describe your essay. First, a thesis statement: we want it to be immediate and direct. Immediately I mean it should arrive within the first few sentences of your essay. Here the writer does this: right away she writes I definitely agree that modern life is easier than life in the past. Remember, we don't have to be terrible about this. Sure, you can argue that it is easier in some ways and harder in others—but you will have an easier time just taking one position and sticking to it, if you don't have a huge amount of time to write this setup! This can be a nicer essay if this author eases in the topic by providing an example or a quote for starters, but it works pretty well in the launch. What leads us to another point... an introduction and a conclusion. This writer gave them! They're pretty short-given more time, it would be nice to have a quick repetition of the points she's made here, but they exist. This makes the structure easier to understand and helps the counters to immediately see that you understand the task and addressed it, fully and completely. Next, the examples. It is of primary importance! The examples here are relatively simple, but we don't have to rediscover the wheel (so to talk). Note that this author chooses examples from different areas: society, a movie and history. The FDR example may be a little more vivk and expanded to make it more specific and slightly stronger, but in general these examples make the author's point. What about the language? It's pretty strong here. The author varies her sentencing structure; look at the conclusion for an example of this. She uses transition words (finally), although sometimes simple. Finally, she also shows her vocabulary (cut, romanticising), which shows that she has an advanced understanding of English. Is it a perfect essay? Not by a long shot. But is it a high-scoring TOEFL setup? You bet. What do you think? Share your in the comments below! (And for a look at Your claims in TOEFL Writing, based on the same TOEFL Writing Task 2 topic as the one above, check AT TOEFL Independent Writing Tips: Support your claims.) Additional Task 2 TOEFL Writing Samples On our blog, we have several other TOEFL Writing samples for the Independent Task. Here's a round of additional models you can look at if you refine your TOEFL Writing Skills for the second task and aim for a high score. TOEFL Writes Task 2 Question With Model Answer Here, David shows you an TOEFL iBT practice prompt, and a model answer. Then he breaks down the grammar features from the answer and shows how a good model answer can be reviewed and even better can be made with larger grammar variety. Since there is a revised version of the initial response, this post really contains two TOEFL Writing samples. TOEFL Writing Task 2: Model Brainstorm, Model Outline, Model Essay This model setup includes examples of how to do prescribing: to take good notes for a good setup. You will learn how to think possible main ideas about your opinion on a specific topic. You will then learn to narrow that thinking corpse and create a breakdown that highlights your main point and your supporting key points. Finally, you'll see how to take the specific points from your outline TOEFL Independent Writing: Correct disorganized responses Our blog also offers flawed TOEFL Writing samples like this one. Here you can read a Write Task 2 model answer that is a little disorganized, and then complete some activities where you review and improve the setup yourself. TOEFL Independent Essay Error: Unsupported Claims Here we have two flawed TOEFL Writing samples that fail to fully support their claims. Each essay is followed by advice on how to improve. TOEFL Independent Writing: Examples of Counterarguments This article actually contains five different TOEFL Writing samples for Task 1. Each model setup is a slight variation on the other, showing different ways that test takers counterarguments in TOEFL Writing task 2 TOEFL Writing Task 2: How to use transitions in Your Writing To be clear, this link contains zero full TOEFL Writing samples. However, this includes a model-introducing paragraph after an TOEFL Writing Task 2 setup, along with a manual on the use of transitions in Independent Writing. Magoosh's TOEFL WritingTemplate This guide also focuses on partial TOEFL Writing samples, although it also has some complete model essays. Our templates give you example transitions, phrases and other structures that you can memorize and apply to top-scoring TOEFL essays. Introduction to TOEFL Writing Task 1 TOEFL Integrated Write prompts can be challenging tasks! In this first part of the TOEFL iBT Writing section, you should do the following: Read a Portion. Listen to an audio clip that paints a short lecture related to the passage. Portion. The main points of the sound clip as they relate to the key ideas in the section. As you can see, this TOEFL Write-up type is complex, with several parts. But have no fear. Magoosh also offers sample questions and sample answers for this task. We will start with the task below, which is taken directly from our premium TOEFL prep service. (The sample essay and answer explanation also comes from our premium service!) A model TOEFL Integrated Writing Job. With Full Sample Quick and Comments [Click to expand](#) Read the next section and continue. American literature from the early 20th century wrote the rise of a number of influential writers in a new style. Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, E.E. Cummings, and Ezra Pound, among others, have left an undeniable deep impact on how we write, even today. The writer and poet Gertrude Stein is sometimes included in such lists, but her work is particularly less influential than that of her contemporaries. For a number of reasons, critics have often pinned her work as an eccentric worthy of little more than a historic footnote. For one, Stein's works tend to be inaccessible to the reader, mainly because she doesn't communicate clear thoughts and emotions in much of her writing. Literary critic Edmund Wilson claimed that Stein's shortcoming was that she took many of the concepts that Cuban, a style of painting that emphasized visual representation without clear emotion or meaning, and attempted to apply it to language. This led to work that relies heavily on the sounds of the words used, rather than on the meaning they held. Furthermore, Stein's work rarely included conventional punctuation marks. Her sentences mix together in long, unbroken chains, without commas or periods to signal where one idea ends and another begins. In avoiding punctuation so often, Stein made her prose and poetry unnecessarily difficult to relax. Few authors avoided punctuation in the same way because it simply distracts from the author's message and adds little value if any. Certainly it is easy to be deceived about Stein's literary influence by the historical importance

of Stein's salon regular meetings in her home that are regularly visited by a number of famous artists. But in studies of American literature, the work provided by a figure is far more valuable than their social connections. Although Stein was close to several great writers and artists of the time, that fact alone does not give her true historical meaning. Now listen to the lecture. [Click here to listen](#). Once you've listened, sum up the points made in the lecture you've just heard, and explain how they oppose specific points made in the lecture. TOEFL Independent Writing Task 1 Essay The professor gives the lecture on Stein wholeheartedly with the views that are class. There are some important points that she specifically calls in doubt: how well Stein communicated, the refusal to use punctuation marks, and the importance of Stein's social connections. In the first of those three points, the professor offers an argument that contrasts tightly with the text. While the lecture says that Stein's use of cubist aesthetics created inaccessible work – prose that did not communicate to the reader – the professor brings up the possibility of Stein's impact on later poets. She argues that since Stein's day, poetry has shifted to more heavily rely on the sounds of words used, rather than their meaning, and that Stein was probably a significant influence on that change. According to the professor, Stein's decision to leave punctuation marks away from her work was not just a way to make her writing more difficult to follow. Instead, Stein expands into her own essay on the topic on why she considers punctuation as unnecessary. The professor is of the opinion that Stein's view is both valid and unique, one we should carefully consider. And finally, in her lecture, the professor points out that Stein's influence on the writers and artists she kept as friends should not be underestimated as merely a social connection. Although the text claims that Stein's salon was only of historical importance rather than literary importance, the speaker says that Stein directly affected the style of writing of Hemingway. It provides clear evidence of Stein's importance in developing literature at that time. Explanation of the Sample Setup [here click here to see the answer explanation video](#). Where to find other TOEFL writing samples for TOEFL integrated writing as you've seen, TOEFL integrated writing tasks include a passage and an audio reading. Because of this, free TOEFL directions and TOEFL Write samples for this task is a little less common, compared to TOEFL Write samples for the second writing task. Yet there are a number of places you can go for free or affordable model essays for the first task in the TOEFL Writing section. Let's start with the other free TOEFL Integrated Write-down Job you can find here on the blog: the model prompt and setup (with comments) found in Magoosh's full guide to TOEFL Integrated Writing. The model setup there comes with two additional companion posts: a tutorial on paraphrasing in TOEFL Integrated Writing, and a guide to reviewing your work in TOEFL Write Task 1. Next, let's look at free TOEFL Write samples for Task 1 of the most authentic source out there: ETS, the official makers of the TOEFL exam. ETS includes free Integrated TOEFL Writing samples in their online TOEFL Writing Practice sets. And on TOEFL TV, YouTube channel for the exam, there is a video tutorial that includes a model Integrated Writing. Note that of the two resources above contain complete directions. The practice kits have transcripts of the lectures, but no sound. And unfortunately, the TOEFL TV video contains only partial audio from the lecture, and no transcript. The good news, however, is that you can find full directions and full TOEFL Writing samples for Task 1, complete with teller comments, in two other ETS resources: The Official Guide to the TOEFL, and Official TOEFL iBT Tests Volume 2. These resources are not free, but they are available in the ETS TOEFL online store at very affordable prices, whether in print or as downloadable e-books. TOEFL Writing Samples: The Takeaway as you can see is a variety of high-quality TOEFL Writing samples available, both from Magoosh and ETS. This model essays can help you understand what to do and what to avoid if you aim for your own top score essays. And again, the very best sample essays come from ETS, as seen in the Official Guide to the TOEFL, volume two of Official TOEFL iBT Tests, and the other official TOEFL Writing prep material. For links to that material and other resources that can help you aim for a good TOEFL Writing count, see the TOEFL Writing Count section of Magoosh's free guide, let's tackle the TOEFL. And of course, for a free TOEFL Writing practice test, you can use the directions of the TOEFL Write samples in this post. In fact, with two sample directions for Task 1 and various sample directions for Task 2, you have two free TOEFL Writing Practice tests only from this article. Want more? Consider a subscription to Magoosh TOEFL. You can even start with a free trial before making your final decision, even to enter any payment information. Above all, remember that TOEFL essays are designed to measure your ability to do real college coursework in countries like the United States. So it helps to review actual college writing as well. To help you with this, we have compiled a list of places to find real university-level essays of real students. I hope all this is helpful. 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