

TASK 2: TOEFL INDEPENDENT WRITING TEST

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? For future career success, is relating well to other people more important than studying hard at school?

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Write at least 300 words.

Word Count: 451

The occupational success of celebrities has been widely spread **via [through]** mass media in the era of **[the]** Internet, and the success factors have been one of the hottest topics in ordinary individuals' daily lives in recent years. Among these elements, relating well to other people and studying hard at school are the most influential. Some people are in favor of the former one, since they firmly believe that an individual's success benefits from others' help. **However, as [As] far as I am concerned,** studying hard **at [in]** school is **more important [paramount].**

To begin with, relating well with other people is certainly a good way to accelerate individuals' **career success [success in their careers], because [which could be owed to the fact that]** by building positive connections with **others [other people],** individuals could obtain more chances **to cooperate with them [of cooperation]. Comparing with [Compared to]** someone who **only** struggles alone, people posing favorable social **relation[s]** are more likely to succeed **during [in]** their **occupation path [career path].** There is an old saying that **[goes][,] ["]at [At] home[,]** one relies on one's parents, and outside[, on one's friends.["] **However [Be that as it may],** excessively relying on others may **lure people away [refrain] [people]** from struggling. They may **fantasy [conceptualize]** that if **[by]** asking for help, **every piece of difficulty matters [every difficult matter]** could be easily tackled by friends, which may in turn **do harm to their ambitiousness [result to their neglect of ambition][,] on the occupational path.**

On the other hand, the importance of studying hard in school far outweighs that of relating well with friends. One direct advantage is that studying **hard [seriously] at [in]** school can enhance personal capability, including professional and independent **study [studying] capability [efficiency],** which is significantly important for **the** future career[s]. **For instance [To demonstrate], [Mark]**

Commented [F1]: Avoid foreign words which are not of English origin: via is Spanish.

Commented [F2]: These are double transitions, which make the idea confusing in this context. Use only one.

Commented [F3]: In is used to indicate a location or place.

Commented [F4]: Use less common words to obtain a higher lexical score. Your range of vocabulary will be gauged.

Commented [F5]: Career success seems an awkward word formation. Make it more clear.

Commented [F6]: Use expressions used in formal writing since TOEFL is formal essay writing.

Commented [F7]: Seems there is a good flow if you use other people in this context.

Commented [F8]: Make it concise and clear instead of confusing pronouns in your context.

Commented [F9]: Don't be redundant, you have 'alone' already.

Commented [F10]: There could be many.

Commented [F11]: Use in for a general statement. During could mean only at some point of time.

Commented [F12]: Apply proper word collocations: career path.

Commented [F13]: Complete the thought of your introductory clause; apply proper punctuations for a quotation.

Commented [F14]: Use less common transitions to ...

Commented [F15]: Lure means tempt. It's inappropriate. ...

Commented [F16]: To fantasize is like incurring ...

Commented [F17]: Don't be redundant or repetitive. ...

Commented [F18]: Organise your ideas. Insert logic in ...

Commented [F19]: This is a well-constructed sentence.

Commented [F20]: Use a substitute word for 'hard' ...

Commented [F21]: Use an alternate word.

Commented [F22]: No the for indefinite nouns.

Commented [F23]: Apply less common transitions.

Zuckerberg, [the] Facebook CEO, trained his coding ability in Harvard University and gradually [grew into [transformed as]] an excellent coder before graduation, who could complete a majority of business tasks. Thus, after dropping out of school, he set up his company[,] Facebook, and soon got [achieved] career success [success in career] by virtue of his outstanding coding capability.

Commented [F24]: Use 'the' for specifying a person's position.

Commented [F25]: Use a more appropriate word.

Apart from that, studying hard in school could [bring [render] persons [individuals]] public praise. Beyond doubt, [public praise [compliments]] could attract more people to know [you] and cooperate with you actively, [thus] increasing the speed of [accelerating] career success. Taking Huang Zhang[,] the CEO of a public company[,] PinDuoDuo[,] as an example[,] He [he] [was [is]] famous for studying hard [well] in Zhejiang University. Lots of [A multitude of] bosses and leaders [strove [have striven]] to get the connection with [contact] him and wanted him to work in their companies. Thus [Consequently], Huang Zhang easily got to know many powerful businesspersons [businessmen] and obtained plenty of [amassed] opportunities, which in turn facilitated his personal career success. In my view, without his hard work at the [in] school, it is impossible to achieve such an occupational success today.

Commented [F26]: Observe proper word collocation.

Commented [F27]: Use an alternate word. As much as possible, avoid repetition of words, phrases or ideas.

Commented [F28]: Use the present tense for stating a fact.

Commented [F29]: Use less common words.

Commented [F30]: Use the present perfect tense.

All in all, although relating well to [with] other people could obtain a variety [sundry] of cooperation chances, [while] studying hard at [in] school brings more benefits, including excellent personal ability [abilities] and public praise.

Commented [F31]: With means 'in the same place as someone or something' or 'accompanying'

Commented [F32]: Use less common words.

Commented [F33]: Insert a conjunction when introducing a new idea.

Commented [F34]: There are many.

SCORE INDEX:

TOEFL ACADEMIC TASK 2 SCORE INDEX		
CRITERIA (BAND DESCRIPTORS)	RATER'S COMMENTS	SCORE
TASK RESPONSE To do well in this area, you will need to be very specific in your body paragraphs as you use examples to explain your ideas. You will need to draw on your personal experience, but, if you come up empty, then you will need to be creative. Indeed, that means you will have to imagine some details that you can use to explain these ideas.	(STRONG POINT) The candidate was able to cite good and relevant ideas in the essay. These were supported by details and examples. (WEAK POINT) The essay could still be developed and there are some information missing.	4.5

<p>ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>If you want to hit an ideal score, you should consider all important parts of an essay, as well as the integral parts of each paragraph</p>	<p>(STRONG POINT) There is a good organization of ideas. The arguments were developed further.</p> <p>(WEAK POINT) Some arguments need to be further developed. Some other ideas are repetitive.</p>	4
<p>UNITY, COHERENCE, AND COHESION</p> <p>To further help you develop native-like writer proficiency, you must show coherence or the overall connectedness of your writing, which can be achieved by doing three things:</p> <p>Tell the reader what you want to say. Say it to the reader and tell the reader what you just said.</p>	<p>(STRONG POINT) A</p> <p>There is an overall unity of ideas. Cohesive devices were used for a smooth flow.</p> <p>(WEAK POINT) Less common transitional devices are not evident. Some transitions are repeatedly used: However; there is also a double transition: However, as [As] far as I am concerned.</p>	3.0
<p>LANGUAGE USE</p> <p>If you have consistent facility in the use of language, it will be easy for you to construct your sentences.</p>	<p>(STRONG POINT) The range of vocabulary had made the essay easy to understand.</p> <p>(WEAK POINT) There are some errors with word formation: businesspersons [businessmen]; word choice: <u>grew into</u> [transformed as]; collocation and grammar [use of prepositions, articles, verb tense.</p>	3.0
<p>SCALE SCORE: 3.625=3.5</p> <p>CONVERTED SCORE: 22</p> <p>RATING: FAIR</p>		