TASK 2: TOEFL INDEPENDENT WRITING TEST



*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] 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.

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.

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.

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| 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 wasable 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 |
| ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT  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 | **(STRONG POINT)** There isa good organization of ideas. The arguments were developed further.  **(WEAK POINT)** Some arguments need to be further developed. Some other ideas are repetitive. | 4 |
| UNITY, COHERENCE, AND COHESION  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: Tell the reader what you want to say. Say it to the reader and tell the reader what you just said. | **(STRONG POINT)** A  There is an overall unity of ideas. Cohesive devices were used for a smooth flow.  **(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. | 3.0 |
| LANGUAGE USE  If you have consistent facility in the use of language, it will be easy for you to construct your sentences. | **(STRONG POINT)** The range of vocabulary had made the essay easy to understand.  **(WEAK POINT)** There are some errors with word formation: businesspersons [businessmen]; word choice: grew into [transformed as]; collocation and grammar [use of prepositions, articles, verb tense. | 3.0 |
| **SCALE SCORE: 3.625=3.5**  **CONVERTED SCORE: 22**  **RATING: FAIR** | | |