

TOEFL iBT Writing Tasks

1. Task 1: Integrated

- A. Read a text (3 minutes)
- B. Listen to a lecture (2 minutes)
- C. Write your response (20 minutes) (200 to 250 words or over)

~~2. Task 2: Old One~~

- ~~A. Read a topic~~
- ~~B. Write your response (30 minutes) (350 words or over)~~

2. Task 2: New One

- A. Read a three-part prompt
- B. Write your response (10 minutes) (100 words or over)



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You have 3 minutes to read the passage.
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Second, even if the original entry in the online encyclopedia is correct, the communal nature of these online encyclopedias gives unscrupulous users and vandals or hackers the opportunity to fabricate, delete, and corrupt information in the encyclopedia. Once changes have been made to the original text, an unsuspecting user cannot tell the entry has been tampered with. None of this is possible with a traditional encyclopedia.

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Directions: You have 20 minutes to plan and write your response. Your response will be judged on the basis of the quality of your writing and on how well your response presents the points in the lecture and their relationship to the reading passage. Typically, an effective response will be 150 to 225 words.

Question: Summarize the points made in the lecture, being sure to explain how they oppose the specific points made in the reading passage.

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Write your response here.

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Section 1 of 1

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Your professor is teaching a class on economics. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

In your response, you should do the following.

- Express and support your opinion.
- Make a contribution to the discussion in your own words.

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.



Doctor Achebe

In 1930, a famous economist predicted that at the end of the twentieth century, an average worker would work only 15 hours a week, thanks to advances in technology. This did not happen, as we all know. Nonetheless, the balance between work time and free time remains an interesting question. So, let me ask you today: Twenty years in the future, will people have more leisure time (free time) and less work than they have today? Why, or why not?



Claire

I think it is likely that people will work shorter hours in twenty years than they do today. Our societies are becoming wealthier all the time. It does not seem necessary for people to continue working as hard as they do today. At some point, having more free time should be more important than creating more wealth.



Paul

I am not sure people will work less in the future. As Doctor Achebe wrote, a shortening of the workweek was predicted before. There are many factors that determine how long people work. Our economic system is very competitive. Workers are pushed to work longer and longer hours so that companies have a competitive advantage.

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Task 1: Integrated

Introduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The reading passage and lecture both discuss X2. The reading passage states that..... and brings in three (reasons) to3. However, the lecturer rejects the claim made in the reading, casting doubt all the three (reasons) presented in the passage.
Body Paragraph 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. First, the passage asserts that ...2. According to the reading, this3. Nevertheless, the lecture puts forward the counterargument that ...
Body Paragraph 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Next, the passage mentions that ...2. As declared by the passage, ...3. The lecture, however, states that ...
Body Paragraph 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The passage finally argues that ...2. As stated by the passage, ...3. Rejecting this final (point) made in the reading, the lecture argues that ...

Full Task 1 Sample

The reading and the lecture both discuss lowering speed limits. **The reading claims that** there are some reasons that a reduction in road speed limits is advantageous. **However, the lecture rejects the claim** made in the reading, **casting doubt on the reasons** proposed in the passage.

Firstly, **the author asserts that** lower speed limits will reduce the number of road accidents. **According to the reading,** the United States used this policy, and then the number of accidents decreased. **However, the lecturer refutes the point** in the mentioned study that the accidents were related to the regulation of speed limits because the accidents had decreased before the regulation; according to the lecturer, the accidents had decreased even in areas that did not have this speed limit reduction and maybe the decrease in car crashes was related to car safety equipment.

Secondly, **the author states that** this policy will reduce air pollution because there will be a reduction in car emissions, which is caused by a reduction in car speed limits. **As put by the reading,** the United States and many European countries are using this policy to reduce air pollution. **The lecturer, however, puts forward the counterargument that** according to a study in the United States, the cited reduction in air pollution is insignificant to make a difference.

Finally, **as contended by the author,** this policy is economically beneficial because lowering the speed causes fuel consumption to decrease as well. **Rejecting this final point in the reading, the lecturer argues that** if we reduce speed limits, this would lead to lengthening transportation time. Therefore, we should pay drivers more money, which causes an increase in transportation costs and then an increase in the price of goods.

Layout of New Task 2

Your professor is teaching a class on remote work. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should do the following.

- Express and support your opinion.
- Make a contribution to the discussion in your own words.

*An effective response will contain at least **100** words.*

Doctor Achebe

Today, we're going to talk about the benefits and drawbacks of remote work. Many companies have implemented remote work policies in the past few years. Given that this represents a major change in the way we work and interact with each other, companies must carefully consider all relevant details before making a decision. *What do you think? Is remote work beneficial, or do you think it's a bad idea?*

Sara

I think remote work is a very positive trend. When we work from home, we save the time we need for commuting and have more flexible schedules. Plus, many people find that they are more productive when working from home. Some people say this is because they aren't distracted by their coworkers, while others suggest it's because their energy isn't drained during a long and bothersome commute.

Michael

While I can see the benefits of remote work, **I don't think it should become the new normal.** There's something to be said for the atmosphere that comes from being in the same physical space as your colleagues. I also think that remote work can make it harder to build relationships and collaborate effectively. This means it might limit our chances to earn promotions and raises. And what about people who don't have enough room for a home office? They'll suffer if this trend continues.

Sample Response 1

In my opinion, remote work is a positive development. **I strongly agree with Sara's idea that** many people are more productive when working from home. **I'd add that** remote work can help save our time by eliminating the time we need for commuting, which, in turn, enables us to better take care of our private life matters such as personal goals and aspirations, hobbies and interests, or even health concerns. **Michael raised the relevant point that** remote work might limit our chances to earn promotions and raises, **but he did not mention that** promotions and raises depend on performance, and if someone is serious enough about their job, they'll try to have a great performance regardless of where they do their job. **Overall, then, I'd say** remote work is fruitful for both the employer and the employee whose staff stay fresh this way.

(144 words)

Sample Response 2

In my opinion, remote work is a positive development. **I strongly agree with Sara's idea that** many people are more productive when working from home. **I'd add that** remote work can help save our time by eliminating the time we need for commuting, which, in turn, enables us to better take care of our private life matters such as personal goals, hobbies, etc. This makes more sense in mega cities where traffic is usually heavy, and people usually have to spend an hour on their way to work and even longer on their way back home during the afternoon rush hour, which makes them arrive home very late. Then, they just eat their food fast, watch a little bit of TV, and go to bed. **Overall, then, I'd say** remote work is fruitful for both the employer and the employee whose staff stay fresh this way.

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Coherence

A. Through Coordinating Conjunctions:

and, but, so, or, yet, for, nor

- ❖ I want to study art, **but** my parents want me to study engineering.
- ❖ Population growth has slowed in most developing countries, **yet** it has not slowed enough to avoid.

B. Through Correlative Adverbs:

- **Addition:** in addition, additionally, furthermore, moreover, besides, also
 - **Contrast:** however, in contrast, on the contrary
 - **Surprise:** nevertheless, nonetheless
 - **Cause and effect:** therefore, thus, hence, consequently, as a result
 - **Exemplification:** for example, for instance
 - **Emphasis:** in fact, indeed, as a matter of fact
 - **Similarity:** likewise, similarly, in the same way
 - **Order:** first, second, next, then, after that
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- ❖ Bill was seriously injured in yesterday's practice; **therefore**, he will not be able to play in the game today.
 - ❖ Local governments urge the residents of these cities to use water conservatively; **otherwise**, there will not be enough water for everyone.

I agree with Mike that students should learn about global news since it will broaden their knowledge on different subjects furthermore, what is updated may put them in a better position about how to survive in a terrible situation for instance there can be a huge number of men kidnapping children in a country and they will be more careful if they know about it Maria also makes a good point about the fact that students already have enough on their mind however pupils will be exposed to global news one way or another therefore it is more favorable if they are educated about it in order to prevent the spread of false news Overall, then, the advantages of news presentation and analysis in secondary schools outweigh the disadvantages since such a plan aids children in knowing what they should be aware of and pay attention to in every situation.

Sentence Variety

1. Simple Sentence: A simple sentence is a group of words that has a subject, a verb, and delivers a complete thought. Another name for a simple sentence is an independent clause.

Examples:

- ✓ An AI research company created ChatGPT.
- ✓ The company launched ChatGPT on November 30, 2022.

2. Compound Sentence: Two or more simple sentences joined by conjunctions:

and, but, so, or, yet, for, nor

Examples:

- ✓ It's currently open to use by the public for free , *but* there is a paid subscription version as well.
- ✓ Some universities are worried now, *for* some students may be tempted to misuse ChatGPT.

3. Complex Sentence: A complex sentence has dependent, and independent clauses joined by a subordinator (Those of Noun Clauses, Adjective Clauses or Adverb Clauses.)

Examples:

- ✓ I'd add that remote work can help save our time.
- ✓ Remote work is a type of flexible working arrangement that allows an employee to work from home.
- ✓ When people work remotely, their efficiency increases most of the time

3. Compound-Complex Sentence: A mixture of compound and complex sentences makes a complex-compound sentence.

Examples:

- ✓ Many remote jobs also come with flexible schedules, **and** this means **that workers can start and end their day as they choose.**

Sentence Variety Practice

1. In my opinion, technology has paved the way for educational purposes .
2. More specifically , technology facilitates communication, so physical distance, as an obstacle to fairness in education, would be eliminated.
3. In fact, students living in various countries are now able to benefit from common educational facilities.
4. This could bridge the wide gap in both developed and developing countries between students from deprived areas and those who have access to modern education, so it would be a major stride toward an egalitarian and fluid society.
5. As a compelling example, there are some websites on which students can attend classes concerned with a wide variety of disciplines.
6. On “COURSERA” website, there is invaluable training in many subjects.
7. Every student having access to the internet, no matter where he/he lives, can enroll in academic courses.
8. Therefore, technology provides people with a fair academic system that is undiscriminating.