

TOEFL

Speaking Sample questions

Question 1

1. Many people think that students learn course materials more effectively by taking exams, while others think that students learn more effectively by doing other activities, like completing projects, which one do you think is more effective?
2. Some people believe that television has a negative impact on children and should be avoided. Others feel that television is one of many ways a child can learn. Which do you believe?
3. Imagine you have to give your friend some bad news. Would you rather do it in a quiet private room, or a loud public place?
4. You are planning to donate money to a charity and want it to have a major impact on people. Should you donate to a small local group or to a large international organization?
5. Which of the following companies would you prefer to work for? A company that offers you challenging and interesting projects but very few vacation days, or a company that offers you a job with boring work each day, but long vacations each year.
6. Some people enjoy going to parties and meeting new people while others prefer to stay at home and relax. Which do you prefer?
7. Should schools engage in character education to instill morals and values in children?
8. Do you prefer indoor activities or outdoor activities? Use details and examples to support your explanation.
9. Do you prefer finding information by reading books or searching the internet? Use details and examples to support your explanation.
10. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that female and male university students should have separate residence halls?
11. Do you agree or disagree that it is important for young people to learn some domestic skills like cooking, sewing and taking care of children?
12. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? If you want to succeed in business, being outgoing and friendly is very important.
13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The government should forbid violence and bad language in TV programs. Use specific reasons and examples in your answer.
14. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that experienced doctors are better than young doctors?
15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: it is never too late to get a degree in university.
16. Do you agree or disagree that it is important for children to learn to draw or paint?

17. Do you agree or disagree that a celebrity should set a good example for young people? Use details and examples to support your explanation.
18. Some people believe that we should not discuss the private activities of popular people, like movie stars and singers. Do you agree or disagree with this view?
19. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? With the popularity of the technology that focuses on entertainment, people read fewer books than before.
20. Some people think that with the development of technology and the Internet, libraries will disappear, while others think libraries are always necessary. Which opinion do you agree?
21. Some people believe old people should not take risks and participate in adventurous events as the young people. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
22. Do you agree or disagree that students should have a job while they are studying in school? Use details and examples to support your explanation.
23. Some universities expect the students to choose a major field of study when they enter the school; while other universities wait until the second or the third year before students deciding to choose a major field of study. Which do you prefer? Why or why not?
24. Which one do you prefer? To buy the newly-released e-product as soon as possible or to wait for a while and then decide whether you want to buy it or not.
25. Some people prefer to buy new books while some people would like to buy used books, what is your opinion?
26. If you are to choose between 2 apartments to live in next semester, one apartment is near the campus but slightly expensive, the other is a little far from the campus but cheaper, which one do you prefer and why?
27. You have been very busy and unable to prepare for the exam tomorrow. You can either stay up late to study and sleepless or just study less and get full night's sleep. Which will you choose?
28. Some people prefer sending messages while others prefer making phone calls directly. Which one do you prefer?
29. Some people prefer to give their opinions immediately. Others prefer to wait and listen to others' opinions before giving their own. Which one do you think is better?
30. Some people prefer to finish the assignment a long time before the due date while others prefer finishing assignments right before the due date. Which one do you prefer?
31. Some people prefer to watch entertainment programs on television. Others prefer to watch educational programs. Which do you prefer?
32. Some people think that those children who do not want to keep learning a musical instrument course should be required to keep learning the course; While others think that those children should be allowed to make decisions by themselves. What is your opinion and why? Use examples and details in your explanation.
33. If the police stop a driver who is driving drunk (after drinking alcohol), do you think that the person's driver's license should be taken away? Support your answer.

34. Do you think it is important for parents to teach their kids to learn how to manage money? Use reasons and specific examples to support your opinion.
35. Nowadays people use extreme methods, like surgery to change their appearance. They do this because they are trying to become more attractive. Do you think this is a good idea?
36. Do you think that parents should be allowed to educate their children at home, or should they be required to send children to school outside the home? Support your answer
37. Many students are asked to evaluate their professors at the end of the semester. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?
38. Your university is planning to allow students to watch TV in their dormitories. What is your opinion and why? What are the advantages and disadvantages of watching TV in dormitories? Include reasons and examples to support your response.
39. Some people like to watch television news programs every day, while others like to watch them only now and then. Which do you prefer? Include details and examples to support your explanation.
40. Some people prefer work that allows them move around outdoors. Others feel it is more pleasant to work in an office. Which do you prefer, and why?
41. Some people feel they perform better when they have to finish by a strict time. Others feel they do better work if they do not have time pressure. Which best describes you? Explain why.
42. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Snakes should never be kept as pets. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
43. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents should buy for their children any books that the children choose to read. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
44. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students should spend more time learning outside of classrooms than within classrooms. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
45. In some areas, summer days are longer, so there is more daylight in the evening and early morning, but winter days are shorter. In other areas, summer and winter days are similar lengths throughout the year. Which do you prefer, and why?
46. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Movies that are longer than three hours should be made shorter by removing less important scenes. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
47. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents who do not regularly exercise should start in order to be good role models for their children. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
48. Some people prefer to respond to emails, phone calls, and other messages they receive immediately. Others take more time to respond. Which do you do, and why?
49. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It's better to reward employees with gifts and job perks, such as gym memberships or English classes, than it is to simply pay more. Use details and examples to explain your answer.