

Writing Posttest  
TOEFL Part 1: Reading and Writing  
ETS Practice Test 2

**Integrated Task 1**

Sample A (305 Words)

The reading passage and the lecture differ in their point of view about the benefits obtained from the expert commentaries given by professors on television news programs.

First of all, the reading section states that appearing on television is of great benefit to the professors themselves as they will obtain reputation as authorities in their academic areas. Also, they will reach a greater number of people appearing on television than remaining restricted to the campus. The lecture disagrees with the argument aforementioned because the professors who give a speech on television tend to get reputation of a not-so-serious professional among other academic experts. As a consequence, the professors appearing on television programs will not be invited for important meetings, conventions and other kind of events involving experts of a specific subject.

The second point defended in the reading section is the benefit to the universities. The argument is that the universities will receive an improvement in their reputation due to the appearance of their professors on television programs as people will think more highly of such universities when they see a knowledgeable professor from those entities on television. The lecture, otherwise, states that as such appearances take time from the professors, such as travelling, the universities are actually being harmed because the professors could be taking the time to develop their studies and researches.

The final point discussed regarding this subject is the benefit to the audience. The reading section states that the audience will benefit because they will be exposed to opinions given by experts that they might otherwise never hear about. In this regard, the lecture raises a good argument, which is the lack of intellectual substance of such appearances. The speeches given on television are always brief and they can be done by a regular reporter who has done his homework properly.

Sample B (250 Words)

Normally you find professors not only in places like classrooms, libraries and similar. Recently they have been appearing also on tv programs.

According to the reading the professors who appear on TV benefit from that in terms of reputation, which increase, and make them being recognized in the academic environment. On the opposite side there is the speaker who says that usually the teachers on TV do not get any benefit, from a professional point of view, because they end up to not be taken seriously.

Again the reading says that also the universities get perks from the appearance on TV of some professors, because it gives to them positive publicity, that eventually would end in more donations and more applications from students. The speaker says instead that the universities would be penalized from that because teachers would spend more time focusing on this kind of projects instead of doing researches or educating students.

Last point according to the reading, is that also the public would get benefit from watching teachers speaking on TV, the majority of people who watch TV rarely are in contact with the academic environment, doing that they would have the opportunity to listen to new points of view from real expertise. The listening says in the other hand, that the public wouldn't get any benefit because the network wouldn't allow any intellectual topic, since it is something that doesn't attract the audience, the only thing that they would show is academic title of the professor.

#### Sample C (143 Words)

The reading passage is completely opposite to the expose for the lady. In the reading they explain that the appearances of the professors on television can be benefit to the professors themselves as well as to their universities and the general public because by doing so they acquire reputations as authorities in their academic fields, insted in academic journal only other scholars will learn about those views.

In the listening the lady explain the appearence of the professors on TV is not a professional way and of course is a negative thing. They want to appear on TV to get money for the schools and people or audience just watch them for enterteintment but not to learn and the professors are most worried about appearence insted to share their intellectual knowledge. Professors that appear on TV have more titules but not intellectual knoledge.

#### Sample D (174 Words)

Nowadays professors are not just found at the universities but also on tv programs.

The text says that professors have been benefit by appearing on television enhancing their reputation and spreading their knowledge for more people. In contrary, the speaker says that this exposure is not good because the professors keep the image that their are not serious and this cause difficulty to grab money for researches.

The university is benefit from this professors appearances on TV because it is an advertisement for the university, according to the text. The listening says that this is not good for the university reputation once the teachers spend a lot of time with flights, preparing their presentations, trying to look good on TV, instead of lecturing on campus.

According to the passage the public has been benefit because some of them don't have contact with university professors having a chance to learn from them. In disagreement, the speaker says that TV networks wants only the academic tittle not the professional knowledge so the information passed are superficial.

#### Sample E (240 Words)

The passage is about the benefits of professors appearing on TV.

Firstly, the reader says that the professor's appearences on TV are a great benefit for professors. They can acquire a good reputation in their academic fields and get much audience that they only could get on campus. At the same time, when the professors share their ideas on TV, their importance as scholars can grow up. But the woman on the lecture thinks the opposite. She thinks that appear on television makes that professors waste time that could be used for research. So this could be very negative for them.

Secondly, the passage says that it is also beneficial for universities. The universities could get a good reputation when they receive positive publicity from their professors. Consequently, the universities could get more donations and receive applications from potential students. But the woman says that TV is superficial and creates just the opposite effect, it creates bad reputation to the universities.

Finally, the reader says that public can also gain from professors' apppearance on TV. Most viewers don't use to have contact with professors and TV tends to be superficial. So, this could be a good way to learn deep and thoughtful knoledge from real experts on one materia. On contrast, the woman thinks that TV don't want to be serious and it is superficial. So the material is also superficial and viewers are not going to learn deep material.

## Independent Task 2

### Sample A (285 Words)

It is quite common sense that young and older people enjoy life in a different way but I am a believer that young people enjoy life more than older people do.

I do believe that the major interference in how someone enjoy his life is the responsibility over his shoulders and someone older will easily have more responsibility than someone young. The time people spend worrying and thinking about their problems is time they could have spend enjoying life. By responsibility I mean everything, such as job, money, children, marriage, etc.

Also, usually older people have children unlikely young people. Even though having children is probably an amazing experience, when people have children they will start living for their children, which means their lives will be replaced by their children's lives. In this regard, if individuals having children are not able to adapt themselves and change their habits they will probably stop enjoying their lives as they would like to do.

Other important matter is how healthy someone is. In regular basis someone young is healthier than someone older. When someone is healthy his limitations are very small in comparison to someone who suffers from some kind of disease.

In addition, while someone gets older he will have more and more attachments holding him in a specific place, which means his possibilities to enjoy life will also be reduced as time pass by.

In conclusion, I support the idea the someone young will enjoy life more than older people because someone young has a greater number of possibilities than someone older. Obviously this opinion is based on the regular flow of life and the capacity of human beings surpass their problems and limitations is unmeasurable.

### Sample B (244 Words)

Everyone has his personal concept of what enjoying life means, for some could be travelling, someone else would say party all the time, or eating and drinking, also practicing sports is commonly related to enjoying life. No matter what the meaning of enjoying life is, I agree with the fact the young people enjoy life more than older ones do.

I think that the main reason stays in the fact that the young folks have less experience about life, so they are hungry of discovering new things, while usually the old people have no more expectations about it, so they just want to stay quiet and relax. Another factor that make easier for the youngest one to enjoy life is their good health, that make them stronger than the oldest one, and for that more energetic and enthusiast about phisical activities, such as sports, dancing, or wild travels around the world.

Although I agree with this statement now, I think also that the situation is going to change in the future so that the average life is getting longer. That means better phisical conditions, another reason why the oldest people would have more oportunity to enjoy life is because of more time available, due to the retirement condition, and related to that more money to spend. Older people also have the awareness that they have less time to live, so they would do the best to spend their time the best way they can.

### Sample C (273 Words)

Now a days we live in a world where both young and older people enjoy life. The use of technology and the various ways that the world now offers us to enjoy its benefits. They have been of great help to both. As we found variety of things to enjoy life and the young people and older can use to their benefit. I'm desagree with young people enjoy life more than older people do because they both enjoy it differently.

Older people can enjoy life probably more than young people sometimes. Everything is depend about what they want to do and how that things can impact in their lifes, can be a possitive impact or negative impact. Young people perhaps can do adventures and may have more energy to do things that maybe older people. Older people enjoy life in their way and young people same. For example young people are studying and trying to get ahead professionally. While older people studied and worked already and now they prefer travel a lot or do the things that probably now they can do because now they have more time and they feel better.

My conclusion is both young and older people as they can enjoy life as much as possible without feeling neither more nor less. Young people enjoy new experiences and learn new things. The old people enjoy teaching or disclose to others their experiences and enjoy life at a different pace but entertaining at the same time, this does not mean that older people can not do new things, they can also enjoy new experiences but in diferente aspects on their lifes.

#### Sample D (245 Words)

I agree with the statement that young people enjoy life more than older people do. Life can be enjoyable in many different ways and there are too many options to do it. Enjoying life is a style of life but to do it is require company, health, have a good mood, and options.

One of the reasons that this statement is true for me is because young people have more energy to enjoy and they are healthier than older people. Young people have a lot of options to choose when they decide to go out with friends or even alone, they have a lot of energy to spend an entire night with their friends in a party or even in a meeting. They can work, go out, take care of someone, wake up early and go to bed late and still have energy for something else. Older people usually get tired easily, they don't want to spend a lot of time with friends because they want more time alone or with their family, they are more slow than young people and they get stressed easily.

There are some options for older people to get out but in my opinion not as much fun than the things for young people. I am not telling that older people don't enjoy life because they don't have too much energy as the young people but life is more collorful when you have more options and energy to do so.

#### Sample E (313 Words)

People use to say that it is very important to enjoy life. You have a lot of options to do it but the big problem is when you don't know that this is important or have no idea how you could do it. In addition, sometimes it could require money or time that you are not able to get. I think that older people can enjoy life better than the young one.

They main reason is that they are conscient about the importance that enjoy life has. They also have time and the experience to do it. For example, the young parents of a family use to work the whole day to get money to survive while the grandparents don't work and can have the time to enjoy their grandchildren. Although young people learn a lot of things at the same time, they can get stressed and then, they don't use to realize how important is to enjoy life. At the same time, they use to be very busy working and have to time to enjoy their time outside the work. Can you imagine if they don't like their works...? Sometimes they tend to live a horrible life, isn't it?

My conclusion is that older people enjoy better life if they have been smart or lucky before. I mean, they should have to get the money needed when they were young. I don't want to be negative. If you are young you can also enjoy life but if you enjoy it too much maybe you are not going to be able to enjoy it when you get old. So, enjoy life can be a difficult issue to think about it. The best questions could be: Do you know how you can enjoy your life? Have you ever think about it seriously? And how are you going to enjoy it when you get old?