

Quarterly Assessment  
TOEFL Part 1: Reading and Writing  
ETS Practice Test 3

**Integrated Task 1**

Sample A (222 Words)

There are some points of discussion about a painting called Portrait of an Elderly Woman in a White Bonnet, which has been attributed to the famous Dutch painter Rembrandt.

Infact, according to the reading passage the paint cannot be attributed to Rembrandt because there are some things like the cup, usually wore from a servant, and the luxurious collar that contrast each others, and that is not typical from Rembrandt, who used to pay great attention to the details, the listening instead says the opposite. Another point that according to the reading doesn't make the paint looks as a Rembrandt product, is the use of the light, the listening says that the paint was repainted later, but looking just at the original part it is possible to notice that the light respects the light/shadow technique in which Rembrandt used to excels. The third point is about the panel made of several pieces of wood glued together, which doesn't reflect the way the famous painter used to paint according to the reading passage; the listening part says that the additional pieces of wood where utilyzed to enlarge the paint, so added later in order for the second person to redo the art, but looking at the original one, it is easy to notice the was made using just one single table of wood.

Sample B (116 Words)

In the reading they are mentioned about the painting to the famous painter Rembrandt and the doubts about his painting known as Portrait of an Elderly Woman in a White Bonnet. They think that its not painted by him for inconsistent kinds of techniques that usually Rembrandt had.

In the listening the lady say that after several examinations the painting is indeed painted by him. The problem is the color looks different because was painted over the paint and some parts are remove and the sizes likes the firts color panel maybe for increase the value. The original painting is more simple that it looks and the color of the face of the woman was changed.

Sample C (217 Words)

Rebrandt was a well-known Dutch painter of the seventeenth-century. The painting known as "Portrait of an Eldery Woman in a White Bonnet" is a controversy. There are some doubts if this paint belongs or not to him.

According to the passage, one reason that this paint doesn't belong to him is because there are some inconsistence regarding of the way the woman in the paint is dressed. He mixed a servant linen cap with a luxurious fur collar. According to the speaker the pigments used on the collar was over the top to increase the value of the painting characterizing Rembrandt paint.

As a second reason, the text says that the shadows and lights does not fit and he was an expert with this. It says that the face was iluminated by a light reflection below her but the face is dark appearing partially in shadow. The listening says that the fur collar reflects lights so for this reason there is a shadow in her face.

The third reason according to the passage is that the back of the painting was made with several pieces of wood glued together. The speaker says that was used a single piece of wood to make the panel that was enlarged from the same tree that he use in anothe paint.

Sample D (232 Words)

The passage is about Rembrant, a famous Dutch painter of the 17th century. There are doubts about if he painted the "Portrait of an Elderly Woman in a White Bonnet".

The first reason to believe that he didn't paint it is that the woman is wearing a dress with a linen cap that only servants would wear. And, at the same time, she also wears a luxurious collar that a servant couldn't afford. The woman on the lecture firmly believes that Rembrandt painted the portrait saying that the collar was painted 100 years later to increase the value.

Another reason that to think that Rembrandt didn't paint it is that this painter was a master of the lights and the shadows. On the painting you can see that the face and the collar do not fit together with the light that they should reflect. But the woman on the lecture doesn't think the same. She says that the light reflected is totally realistic.

The last reason is that the portrait has been made by several pieces of wood glued together and Rembrandt used to use only one panel. On the contrary, the woman on the lecture says that more pieces of wood were added to make it more valuable and big. In addition, it was found out that the wood was from the same tree of another paint also painted by Rembrandt.

#### Sample E (148 Words)

Rembrandt is one of the most famous Dutch painter of the seventeenth-century, and some paintings was attributed to him because of the style. One of these paintings was the Portrait of an Elderly Woman in a White Bonnet. There's several inconsistencies that, even been similar to some portraits from Rembrandt, doesn't matches with his style. Rembrandt was a very detailist painter and the problems starts with the way that she is dressed and goes till the positions of the shadows. We have to remember that Rembrandt was a master of painting light and shadow, and the painting has a mistake because these elements do no fit together. The panel that it was used reveals that was painted on a panel of wood pieces glued together. Rembrandt always used only wood panels. For these reasons, the painting was consider fake an removed from the official catalog in the 1930's.

#### Sample F (88 Words)

Rembrandt was a fantastic painter, his style was extraordinary but in this passage have a problem with the portrait of an elderly woman in the white bonnet, with the lines and color, she's wearing a white line, wearing a luxurious, but have details that would not have been corrects, for example the shadows don't corrects, reflected or the most important factor in this painting are the shadows, for this situation and another points the painting was removed from the official catalog of Rembrandt's paintings in the century 30s,

#### Sample G (208 Words)

The professor supports what is indicated in the paragraph. However, the lecturer clarifies the inconsistencies found by the experts in the painting. Firstly, the lecture indicates that the Lady is dressed with a white linen cap which is proper for a servant, but she is wearing a luxury collar that could not be afforded by a servant. Rembrandt, would not have been committed that mistake, because he was known for his attention on clothing's details. On the other hand, the professor indicates that XRay made to painting showed that the collar was not part of the original painting, and it was added 100 years ago to increased its value. Secondly, the passage said that the lights and shadows in this painting do not fit together, however, this problem found in the painting is clearly explained by the professor who indicated that Rembrandt could not committed that error and attributed it to the moment when the collar was added to the painting which shows a realistic light reflected in the woman's face. Finally, the lecturer said that the painting was made in a single piece of wood, so the rest of the several pieces of wood was added later than Rembrandt painted to made it more grand and valuable.

## Independent Task 2

### Sample A (271 Words)

I disagree with the statement that says that is more important to keep your old friends than it is make new friends. People lives evolve and change, nothing last forever, so it is important going with the flow and always trying to bring different vibes to your life, different points of view and opinions, that help open the mind, this can only happen the moment the new people are met, on the contrary hanging out always with the same crowd would just let the mind become rusty, talking all the time about the same topics and doing the same activities that one probably does just to please the old friends. I think that making new friends is also fun because doing so there is never the risk to stay home alone and bored. It is possible to find a friend for every activity that you like to do, for example one for sporty stuff, another one for more serious things like studying, or the other one eat and drink together, simply choosing according to the need you have in the specific moment. Not to mention that it is great making friend of different nacionalities, that would allow to travel around the world, going to visit them to their respective countries. I also think that another aspect that is important to consider when making new friend is their position in the society, that could give a big help in finding a job, since networking is one of the best way to grow up in your career. Definitely, I believe that focusing on making new friends can really improves almost all life aspects.

### Sample B (307 Words)

I am disagree that is more important to keep your old friends than to make new friends. I think both are important because I can keep my old friends but at the same time I can make new friends without problems. In my personal experiences I have a good relations with my old friend and also I like be social and make new friends wherever I am, at work, at school, at the plane when I am traveling or in different new places. My friendship it doesn't be complicated with both but of course my old friends always going to be the first because I have more confidence with them. I think everybody can keep their old friends and make new friends without been complicated, but also I think it's depent of the person. There are people who never like make new friends maybe beacuse they are shy or prefer keep close to their old friends and they feel more confortable, but also I know people like me who likes make new friends all the time as they can because they are social and like meet new cultures and at the same time time they keep their all friends always. I think in conclusion both are important. We never carelees our old friends because they are our friends foverer, well that's what I think but at the same time we keep our old friends we can make new friends always without problems to know more about life and meet new cultures, listen new experiences of others, grow as a humans and be happy knowing new people in our lifes making them part of it and keeping close our old friends too. We need to be open to share our life and experiance with good people and always keep our old friends without be complicated it's easy :)

### Sample C (284 Words)

I agree with the statement that is more important keep your old friends rather than make new ones. New friends can be a diversity of people you are used to know but you don't know as well as your old friends. Old friends usually are by your side for a long time and they passed lots of situations with you that make you two closer than before. Time in a friendship is always an important point to get to know each another. It is not suddenly that you became a friend of someone. First you need to know basic things about your friend and he needs to know about you. After that you start to go out with him, go to his house, know one another family, talk about secrets, make more things together knowing deaply each other. This kind of knowledge just a longlasting relationships can

provide you.

Old friends usually stay by your side when you need the most, when you are in a dangerous situation, when you are in love, when you are sad, until the end of your life. Old friends built a solid alliance with you that no one could affect this friendship.

I am not telling that make new friend is not good but the importance of having someone that knows you deeply, as a old friend, also helps you to be more confident and helps you to have a relation with others. Old friends is also a relief, is someone that is always there for you in the good and bad moments. New friends usually just want the good moments instead of helping you with your doubts and incertains. Old friends are more patient, reliable and trustworthy.

#### Sample D (360 Words)

Life is very long and you need always to learn about it. I think that everybody have friends from the childhood and get new ones during the time. Some friends will disappear and some of them will appear. So, I firmly believe that it is more important to make new friends than to keep old ones.

Imagine that a child that leaves in a small village and there are only three children of his age. I am sure that he doesn't have more options and they will be his friends. But, then, he grows up and decides to study in a University located in a big city far away. Is he going to talk with no one? How he could keep his old friends? Nowadays, it is true that it is easy to keep old friends because of the technology. You can contact them by phone, email, skype, ... But if you can spent a lot of time to keep them and you are going to be closed in your house. I don't think that this could be very healthy, psicologically talking.

Another reason to confirm my believe is that when you make friends you grow up. You can see different opinions while if you keep your old friends, there is a moment that you know what they think. In addition, when you make new friends they can show you or share new things. So, you are going to open your mind and learn.

To make new friends sometimes can be difficult. I think that the friends you get is because you attrack them. And when you have a bad period of your life, you are not going to attrack people. You can have several problems at the same time and your attitude, even your face, can scare anyone. The worst is that you could attrack people with other problems. With the time, you will have to discover who are good friends to keep them and lose the bad ones.

In conclusion, I prefer to make new friends than maintain the old ones because I think you can learn new things. In addition, you can understand and enjoy life better.

#### Sample E (308 Words)

Since we born, one of the stages of our life is to make friends. As the time goes by we improve the relations with some friends, but not with all the people that we meet every day. Those, who we have a close relations, we call friends. For you to know it is more important to keep your old friend than it is to make new friends, it will depend on what you think and the way of life you have. To me I think that we have to try to do both, keep our old friends and to make new friends.

As we know we are learning and developing our person every single day, and to develop new relations and friends it is so important as to keep your old friends. The old friends that we have works like a safe port, persons that you know that they are there and you can count on them. But at the same time to develop new friends will give to you other options for the future, and they will help you to have contacts and opinions from different people during different moments in your life. As life is something with a huge dinamic you have to improve your life everyday, and new friends will give you the righth support for that. In my life, for example, I still keeping my old friends and at the same time I try to develop new relations because, as I'm living in another country, my life changes a lot. That's why we are always have to keep in mind the value to keep old friends, but at the same time, to meet new people

that in the future can become news and good friends. Also, today, we have to consider the technology that help us to do that in a very easy way.

#### Sample F (125 Words)

I'm disagree with the following statement, because I think are important the structure, when the family are tradicional prefer arte together, in other caseiends are new friends are in the life... think the most importante reason that is better , i Know someone prefer stard alone the life, but see and learn somthing bad for their, or live situations uncomfortable, maybe take bad desitions, in another case something its good because learn to survivie in difficult moments or situations, depend of the family, person, cultura, education, country and tradiccions, but the most important in my opinion is tolk and ard give good education for take excelets decitions in the way, because somtimes is dificult. when the people are together can take good and better ideas.

#### Sample G (263 Words)

I do not agree with the statement. It is important to me to keep my old friends and may new ones to. With an old friends you shared a lot a bad and good experiencies. For example, my old friends was for me and my family when my father passed away years ago, and they comforted us. But also, they was the day which my daughter was born. An old friend is the best person to give you an advice, to know your most deeply feelings and even your darkest wishes. I always keep myself in contact with my old friends, even do, we splited apart when I moved to the United States. Moving here was not easy for me. I left behind my family and my friends, and I feel so lonely. However, my old friends were my biggest supporter. They encouraged me to stay strong and to keep alive my desire to give my daghter a better education and safety. Therefore, the were my inspiration. On the other hand, I have made new friends too. I meet here at inlingua five girls; three Brazilians and two Venezuelans like me. With them, I had new adventures, and I knew other places. But the best thing I gained knowing them was learned about other cultures. We are know so close that no matter where are we know that we can count each other, in any circunstance. In a nut shell, my old friends and my new friends are valuable for me. they are know part of my life and they always will be