

TOEFL LESSON 1 student

INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS

Q1: What is your happiest childhood memory? Describe it and give reasons to explain why it is your happiest memory.

Q2: Talk about an event from the past that you would like to relive. Describe the original event and say why you would like to relive it.

Q3: When have you been happily surprised by something? Describe the experience and say why the surprise was a happy one for you.

INTEGRATED TASK

Read a short passage and listen to a talk on the same topic.

Reading time: 45 seconds

Change in Meal Plans

Residence hall students are no longer required to purchase seven-day meal plans. Now two- meal plan options will be offered. The traditional seven-day plan will still be available, including three meals every day at a cost of \$168 per month. In addition, a five-day plan will be offered, including three meals Monday- Friday at a cost of \$120 per month. Students who elect to use the five-day plan may purchase meals on the weekend at three dollars per meal. The food court in the College Union provides several fast-food alternatives. In addition to burgers and pizza, Chinese food, Mexican food and a salad bar are also available.



Now listen to two students who are talking about the plan.

Question: The man expresses his opinion of the new meal plan. Report his opinion and explain the reasons that he gives for having that opinions.

Preparation time: 30 seconds

Speaking time: 60 seconds

VOCABULARY HOMEWORK:

1. It never pays off to abrogate the defense treaty.
 - (A) establish
 - (B) uphold
 - (C) annul
 - (D) bolster

2. Beware of the abrupt turn in the road ahead.
 - (A) laggard
 - (B) easy
 - (C) sudden
 - (D) leisurely

3. The doctor advised the patient to abstain from smoking.
 - (A) do without
 - (B) be absorbed in
 - (C) go with
 - (D) admit of

4. No one could solve such an abstruse problem.
 - (A) complex
 - (B) lucid
 - (C) abstemious
 - (D) absurd

5. Defeated, the ex-champion fell into the abyss of despair.
 - (A) firmament
 - (B) ecstasy
 - (C) gulf
 - (D) paradise

6. To accelerate growth, they work harder than ever.
 - (A) speed up
 - (B) retard
 - (C) accede
 - (D) hamper

7. Without an accomplice the burglar could not have broken into the house.
- (A) foe
 - (B) confederate
 - (C) servant
 - (D) trivia
8. The gentleman was accosted by a beggar who demanded money.
- (A) greeted
 - (B) overlooked
 - (C) shunned
 - (D) outraged
9. The manager has reached the acme of his career.
- (A) ebb
 - (B) apex ; peak
 - (C) base
 - (D) downfall
10. All the members acquiesced in his resignation.
- (A) assented to
 - (B) disagreed with
 - (C) balked at
 - (D) dissented from