

# TOEFL LESSON 1

## 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**

Audio Tape scripts:

Narrator 1: A new meal plan is being offered by the college. Read the plan in the college newspaper printed on page 69. You have 45 seconds to complete it. Please begin reading now.

[Reading time: 45 seconds]

Narrator 1: Now listen to two students who are talking about the plan.

Man: I don't like to cook, but I don't like to eat in the cafeteria every day either.

Woman: True. The food does get kind of . . . same old same old.

Man: My point exactly. And besides, I go home about every other weekend, so paying for my meals when I'm not there doesn't make a lot of sense.

Woman: Right. So you'll probably sign up for the five-day plan next semester.

Man: I already did. If I want to eat in the cafeteria some weekend, I can just buy a meal, but I'd probably go out somewhere with my friends if I'm here over the weekend.

Woman: Well, I don't go home on the weekends as much as you do, but I still eat out a lot on the weekends.

Man: So the five-day plan might work out better for you, too. I'm really glad to have the option.

Narrator 1: The man expresses his opinion of the new meal plan. Report his opinion, and explain the reasons that he gives for having that opinion.

Narrator 2: Please prepare your answer after the beep.

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

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