

TOEFL LESSON 16

INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS

Q1: What is your favorite style of music? Use reasons and details to support your answer

Q2: Where do most like to go to eat out? Describe this place and say why you like it most.

Q3: What is your favorite kind of food? Describe it and explain why it is your favorite.


INTEGRATED TASK

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

Reading time: 45 seconds

A notice in the administration building

Eight positions for student assistants are available in the Administration Building for the coming academic year. These positions are open to full-time students who have completed at least 60 units with a minimum grade-point average of 3.0. Students applying for these positions must be available to work either from 9:00 a.m. or from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. They must also have basic computer and telephone skills. Applications may be obtained as of now at the reception desk at the Administration Building; they must be completed and submitted no later than 4:00 PM this coming Friday.

 Now listen to a passage, take notes of the main points.



Question: How do the students respond to the notice about the positions in the Administration Building?

Preparation time: 30 seconds

Speaking time: 60 seconds

Audio Tape scripts:

(woman) Have you seen the notice about the positions in the Administration Building?

(man) Yeah, I have, but I can't apply for them because of the requirements.

(woman) Well, I'm going to apply for one of the positions.

(man) But look at the requirements for the positions. The notice says that you need to have completed 60 units.

(woman) I've finished 45. That should be enough.

(man) And is your grade point average 3.0 or higher? The notice says that a 3 point average is required.

(woman) My grade point average is 2.5. I'm sure that's close enough.

(man) And what about your availability? The notice says you have to be free either in the mornings or in the afternoons, and I know you have at least one class in the morning and one in the afternoon.

(woman) I'm sure that won't be a problem either. And the notice says that good computer and telephone skills are required, and I have both.

(man) You may have good telephone skills, but you're always having to ask me for help with your computer. I think you're wasting your time thinking about these positions.

(woman) I think this job sounds perfect for me. I've already submitted my application.

VOCABULARY HOMEWORK:

1. Silly people often babble on about trivia.
(A)affirm
(B)confirm
(C)conform
(D)talk nonsensically
2. A babel of voices was heard from a schoolroom window.
(A)clamor
(B)singing
(C)harmony
(D)reticence
3. The soldier's scar on his forehead is a badge of courage.
(A)emblem; token
(B)stigma
(C)disgrace
(D)shame
4. The puzzle baffled everybody.
(A)illuminated
(B)confused
(C)enlightened
(D)delighted
5. The small industry will be bailed out by the government's timely loan.
(A)baited
(B)extricated from difficulties
(C)backbitten
6. We don't like his baleful looks.
(A)sinister
(B)auspicious
(C)benign
(D)propitious
7. The police balked the gangster's plan.
(A)thwarted
(B)ignored
(C)overlooked
(D)capitulated
8. The ignorant voter spoiled his ballot.
(A)vote
(B)banknote
(C)certificate
(D)diploma
9. We felt fine when a balmy breeze brushed by.
(A)irksome
(B)vexatious
(C)pleasant
(D)annoying
10. What he said was simply a banal remark.
(A)original
(B)trite
(C)zesty
(D)stimulating

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