

## TOEFL LESSON 7

### INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS

**Q1:** Name a place in your country you would recommend others to visit. Describe this place and explain why you would recommend it.

**Q2:** Talk about an interesting tourist attraction you have been to. Describe it and say why it was interesting.

**Q3:** Talk about a time when you experienced success. Describe the experience and say why it was a success for you.

### INTEGRATED TASK



Now listen to the passage.

**Question:** How do the students seem to feel about what will be discussed in the student council meeting?

Preparation time: 30 seconds

Speaking time: 60 seconds

#### Audio Tape scripts:

Listen to the passage. On a piece of paper, take notes on the main points of the listening passage.

(woman) Are you going to the meeting tonight, Jeff?

(man) Which meeting?

(woman) The student council meeting.

(man) Oh, the open meeting, the one where any students can attend?

(woman) Yeah, that meeting.

(man) I don't think I'm going.

(woman) Why not? Didn't you want to take part in the discussion about the exam schedule?

(man) I'm happy with the exam schedule as it is. I like having a six-day final exam schedule.

(woman) But that's why you need to go to the meeting.

(man) What do you mean?

(woman) Well, the student council's holding an open meeting to discuss changing the final exam schedule, and a lot of students want to change the schedule. I think a lot of students who want to change the exam schedule will be at the open meeting this evening.

(man) You mean, if I want the final exam schedule to stay just like it is, then I need to go to the meeting to support the idea of keeping the schedule just like it is?

(woman) That's right. That's why I'm going.

(man) You mean, you don't want the schedule to change?

(woman) No way. You know how they're considering changing the schedule?

(man) They want to shorten it a little bit, don't they?

(woman) They want to shorten it a lot. They want to cut it in half.

(man) You mean, they want to reduce the final exam schedule from six days to three days?

(woman) That's right.

(man) But I have five final exams. If my five exams are spread out over six days, then I'll be OK, but if I have five exams in three days, I'm going to have a really hard time.

(woman) Me, too. I have five final exams, too.

(man) But why would anyone want to reduce the exam schedule from six to three days?

(woman) So that summer vacation will start three days earlier.

(man) But it would make the final exam schedule really horrible.

(woman) That's why we need to go to that meeting tonight, to try and keep the exam schedule just like it is.

(man) OK, you've convinced me. I'll be there.

(woman) So will I.

HOW DO THE STUDENTS SEEM TO FEEL ABOUT WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING?

## VOCABULARY HOMEWORK:

1. There is amity between the two nations.  
(A) good-will  
(B) animosity  
(C) strife  
(D) contention
2. It is controversial whether amnesty should be granted to those criminals.  
(A) penalty  
(B) punishment  
(C) reward  
(D) pardon
3. You have ample time to do your job.  
(A) meager  
(B) sufficient  
(C) sparse  
(D) scant
4. The amplitude of the parking lot in front of the supermarket is amazing.  
(A) straitness  
(B) size  
(C) compression  
(D) narrowness
5. Born centuries too late, the scholar was anachronism in modern urban society.  
(A) misdated person  
(B) fop  
(C) snob  
(D) chic
6. It is risky to argue by analogy.  
(A) similarity  
(B) dissimilarity  
(C) distinction  
(D) disparity
7. Complete anarchy followed the breakdown of communications.  
(A) order  
(B) felicity  
(C) stability  
(D) chaos
8. Most children enjoy listening to anecdotes of great men's childhood.  
(A) catastrophes  
(B) disasters  
(C) tales  
(D) accidents
9. To administer anesthetic requires utmost caution.  
(A) anodyne  
(B) penicillin  
(C) addiction  
(D) animation
10. The patient's whole frame quivered with anguish.  
(A) pain  
(B) pleasure  
(C) ecstasy  
(D) elation

## Answers

1A 2D 3B 4B 5A 6A 7D 8C 9A 10A

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