

TOEFL Writing Independent task sample 3

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to use printed materials such as books and articles to do research than it is to use the Internet.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Sample answer:

At the time of research, proper resources are very important and the resources come from online or offline sources. I personally prefer to use printed materials than online ones, firstly because I am more comfortable in the offline materials, plus other reasons behind it. In this essay, I will state the reasons why offline materials are better.

Firstly, the offline printed resources like books and journals, are anytime more reliable than the materials available websites. One reason behind this is websites are often handled by the unprofessional, and they are sometimes inexperienced too. On the other side, the real experts write books after a thorough research. The articles over the internet often contain incorrect, generalized, and biased factors, which cannot be put in authentic research. I had used information from online sources, which were actually penalized. Wikipedia happens to be one of the most unreliable sources here. Yes, the contents of the websites are indeed much attractive and easy to understand when compared to the bookish information. But, judging it by correctness, the information of the books is anytime better. Scholars of that field write books, and we all can rely on. Citing information from books can also carry better grades for academic and non-academic projects.

Secondly, bookish information is much detailed. Textbooks contain longer and enriched information, which is useful for all. To obtain a high score, these are very good materials. The offline materials come with detailed indexes and it is another advantage, which the online materials cannot provide. Those who prefer the online materials over the offline ones often say that too much information is listed in the printed materials. Well, I believe, too much information helps us to skim only the required information to structure our research. On the other side, online materials cannot provide that wide range of information like books. The users have to open different webpages for single research. The data available on different pages can be different as well. For example, to cover one chapter properly, checking the information of 2-3 webpages is necessary. Due to this, I cannot rely on online materials for an insightful and detailed research.

I without any second thought will like to go for the printed sources of information, not the online resources. It is because I want my research free from any generic, biased, and superficial information and it will be possible only if I construct my research with printed materials.