TOEFL SPEAKING PRACTICE PAPER – INDEPENDENT TASK

AGREE-DISAGREE

- 1. "Teachers' pay should be based on how much their students are learning." Explain whether you agree or disagree with the mentioned statement. Then give specific details in your argument.
- 2. "People older than 65 years of age should not be allowed to drive." Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Make sure that you give specific reasons + supporting details in your argument.
- 3. "Libraries should be replaced by digital texts." Explain whether you agree or disagree with the mentioned statement. Then give specific details in your argument.
- 4. "More money should be allocated to libraries than to university sports programs." Explain whether you agree or disagree with the mentioned statement. Then give specific details in your argument.
- 5. "Even illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin should be legalized." Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Make sure that you give specific reasons + supporting details in your argument.
- 6. Explain whether you agree or disagree with the following statement. Then give specific details in your argument. "Solar power is a useful form of energy than wind power."
- 7. Explain whether you agree or disagree with the following statement. Then give specific details in your argument. "It is always better to have arranged marriages; that is, the parents determine who their sons and daughters marry."
- 8. "No matter the circumstance, you should never tell a lie." Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Make sure that you give specific reasons + supporting details in your argument.
- 9. Explain whether you agree or disagree with the following statement. Then give specific details in your argument. "Countries should spend more money on helping the poor than on exploring outer space."
- 10. Explain whether you agree or disagree with the following statement. Then give specific details in your argument. "The age for driver's should be changed to 1 years of age."

PAIRED-CHOICE

- 1. Do you prefer to have an early dinner around 4:00 or 5:00 PM or to have a late dinner around 8:00 or 9:00 PM? Provide specific details to support your explanation.
- 2. Do you prefer to read printed books? Or, do you believe that audio books are a better choice? Illustrate your argument with reasons and supporting details.

- 3. "Some like individual sports such as track and field and cross-country, while others like team sports like basketball and soccer. Which do you prefer? Include some examples and details to support your answer.
- 4. "Some prefer a diet with meat products as a main source of protein. However, others prefer to eat vegetarian foods without any meat? Which type of diet do you prefer? Give some specific details to support your response.
- 5. "Some people choose to exercise right after they wake up before going to work, whereas others exercise after work in the evening. Which do you prefer? Include some examples and details to support your answer.
- 6. Do you prefer to attend university classes in the morning, afternoon, or evening? Provide specific details to support your explanation.
- 7. Do you prefer to study alone when you are preparing for a big examination? Or, do you believe that studying in a group is a better way to prepare? Illustrate your argument with reasons with supporting details.
- 8. Some say children between eight and eleven years of age should be given smartphones, while others believe children at these ages should not be allowed to have smartphones. Which do you prefer? Include some examples and details to support your answer.
- 9. Some say it is better to remain loyal to one company all their lives. However, others prefer to change jobs a lot during their lifetimes. Which view do you support? Give some specific details to support your response.
- 10. Some believe that taking a road trip for 1,000-3,000 kilometers is a great way to tour a new country, whereas others think it is better to have a vacation destination in mind before traveling to a new country. Which do you prefer? Include some examples and details to support your answer.

GOOD IDEA

1. Smoke stacks on all large companies should be modified so that no harmful pollutants are emitted into the atmosphere. Do you think that this is a good idea? Give reasons and details to support your argument.

- 2. Do you think that it is a good idea to skip breakfast? Support your points with specific examples and details.
- 3. Everyone should be required to learn a second language. In your opinion, is this a good idea? Why or why not? Provide supporting details in your response.
- 4. Before getting married, some couples prefer to have a long engagement which is at least two years. Do you think that this is a good idea? Give reasons and details to support your argument.
- 5. Do you think that it is a good idea to date someone who speaks a different language that you do? Support your points with specific examples and details.
- 6. Investing in a house is much better than investing in the stock market. In your opinion, is this a good idea? Why or why not? Provide supporting details in your response.
- 7. Do you think that this is a good idea to save about 5% of your salary each month? Give reasons and details to support your argument.
- 8. Do you think that it is a good idea to talk to an academic advisor before choosing your major? Support your points with specific examples and details.
- 9. Minors who are under the age of 18 who steal should not be put in jail. In your opinion, is this a good idea? Why or why not? Provide supporting details in your response.
- 10. People should no longer be allowed to own pets likes dogs and cars. Do you think that this is a good idea? Give reasons and details to support your argument.