

TOEFL Integrated Writing Practice Test 14

Question 1

Reading: Archeologists have discovered caves and several uses of these caves.

Main points:

- Point 1: Raising sheep
- Point 2: Ice storage
- Point 3: Crop storage

Listening to lecture (oppose specific points:)

- Point 1: Sheep are very sensitive animals. The cave is dark and cold, and the sheep will be afraid. The blocking of sunlight is not conducive to their growth.
- Point 2: The cave does not have double wells and cannot maintain a sufficiently low temperature, so it is not suitable for heat insulation.
- Point 3: There will be floods in spring. There is no drainage ditch in the cave, which is not conducive to storing food.

Summarize the points made in the lecture, being sure to explain how they oppose specific points made in the reading passage.

Question 2

Reading: Is it necessary to have basic music lessons in elementary school?

Main points:

- Point 1: It will take time to study other subjects, such as reading and mathematics.
- Point 2: Schools will spend more money hiring teachers and buying musical instruments. The school has no money to buy school supplies for basic music lessons.
- Point 3: Few students have musical talents. Even if they do, they need to take expensive private lessons, and the basic music lessons in schools cannot satisfy them.

Listening to lecture (oppose specific points:)

- Point 1: Music helps to learn mathematics. Musical notes in music can help students learn fractions. Learning music can help students understand the different meanings of different sounds and help students learn languages.

- Point 2: The school can hire retired music teachers, free of charge, and rent musical instruments to students to make some money.
- Point 3: Music education can give students the ability to appreciate music.

Summarize the points made in the lecture, being sure to explain how they oppose specific points made in the reading passage.

Question 3

Reading: Europeans arrived in Australia before the 1606s.

Main points:

- Point 1: Europeans have a map of Australia.
- Point 2: A mammal known to Europeans is very common in Australia.
- Point 3: A string of keys made by Europeans was found somewhere in Australia, which can be dated to about the 1500s according to the surrounding soil.

Listening to lecture (oppose specific points:)

- Point 1: There are many inaccuracies in the maps drawn by Europeans, so they did not arrive, just hearsay.
- Point 2: The animal known to Europeans is not only found in Australia but also in North America.
- Point 3: The time measurement of European crafts in Australia may be wrong because modern technology has found that measuring the age of the land alone cannot determine the age of crafts.

Summarize the points made in the lecture, being sure to explain how they oppose specific points made in the reading passage.