

**The Most Recent Writing
Topics Offered in the TOEFL iBT Test**

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To the Students

Many of the following topics have been regularly offered in the TOEFL iBT Test, many of which have been offered more than 2 times in the past two years. In order to have a better understanding of the question type and the way to address them, you can refer to the book *TOEFL Writing Success*. If you understand the type of the questions and address them accordingly, you will certainly get a very high score in the real TOEFL iBT Exam.

Wish you luck!

1. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 4 times in the past 2 years:** Imagine that you plan to donate money to charity to help people in need. If you could give money to only one type of charitable organization, *which one of the following would you choose and why?*
 - An organization that provides food and housing to people in need
 - An organization that gives people money to start their own small business
 - An organization that provides medical care to people in need.(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)

2. **2018:** Sometimes people are assigned to work in a group on a project. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The group will be helped more by a person who is willing to do what other group members want than by a person who often strongly insists that things should be done in a way that is different from what the group wants to do. Use reasons and examples to support your position.
(**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

3. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** Sometimes filmmakers make movies that are based on books. When a movie is based on a book, some people prefer to read the book before watching the movie. Other people prefer to read the book only after they have watched the movie. *Which do you prefer and why?*
(**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

4. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better to relax by watching TV or reading a book than by doing physical exercise. Use reasons and examples to develop your response.
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5. **2018:** You have long been friends with someone. If they do something that you don't like, should you still be friends with them?
(**The Explanation type, generally one side** of the issue is discussed)

6. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better to have friends who are intelligent than to have friends who have a good sense of humor.
(**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

7. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times the last year:** Some young people have free time in the evenings after school or on days off from school. *Which of the following activities would be most beneficial for young people (ages 14-18) to do in their spare time? Why?*
 - Gaining practical work experience either at a part time job or by volunteering in the community
 - Learning to play a sport
 - Learning to play a musical instrument.(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)

8. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 5 times in the past 2 years:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is impossible to always be completely honest with your friends.
(**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

9. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Which one of the following values is the most important to share with a young child (5-10 years old)?*
1. Being helpful
 2. Being honest
 3. Being well-organized.
- (**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
10. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 5 times in the past 2 years:** In areas where there are many restaurants, some people prefer to buy their meals in restaurants very frequently, rather than cooking and eating meals at home. Other people prefer to cook most of their meals at home and only rarely eat in a restaurant. *Which one would you choose and why?*
- (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
11. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** Some people believe that spending time away from people we care about helps us improve our relationship with them, because being away from these people makes us realize how important they are to us. Other people believe that to improve our relationships with the people we care about, we should spend as much time with them as possible, because spending time apart can damage or harm a relationship. *Which view do you agree with and why?*
- (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
12. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 3 times last year:** In many places, students aged 12-18 are typically taught different subjects by different teachers, while younger students are usually taught by only one teacher all day long. Some people believe it would also benefit younger students to be taught by several different teachers every day. *Do you agree with this view? Why or why not?*
- (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
13. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** A university has money in its budget to do one thing to improve its facilities for students. It can either improve the quality of the technology (for example computers and printers) that it provides for students or it can redesign spaces where students hold club meetings and gather with friends in their spare time to make these areas more comfortable and appealing. *Which idea do you prefer and why?*
- (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
14. **2018: This topic has been offered at least 2 times last year:** Many companies provide important products or services, but also damage the environment. Some people believe that the best way to stop companies from harming the environment is to require them to pay a penalty such as higher tax or a large fine when they cause environmental damage. Other people think there are better ways to stop the companies from harming the environment. *Which view do you agree with and why?*
- (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
15. **2018:** Your friend has the opportunity to study in either one of two majors (fields of study). *Which one of the following two types of majors do you think is a better choice and why?*
- A major that would allow your friend to complete his or her studies and get a degree faster so that your friend can start working full-time soon

- A major that would require more years of study but is likely to lead to more and better employment opportunities and job offers in the future.
(**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

16. 2018: *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Children rely too much on technology, such as computers, smart phones, as well as video games for fun and entertainment. Playing simpler toys or playing outside with friends would be better for children's development.
(**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

17. 2018: This topic has been offered at least 3 times in the past 2 years: At one high school, more of its students than ever before have been caught cheating on their homework assignments. For example, many students have asked other students to provide them with answers for assignments. The school is considering making a change to help decrease the number of students who cheat on homework. *Which one of the following actions do you think will be most effective and why?*

- Asking parents to monitor their children as they do their homework and confirm that their children have not cheated.
- Increasing the penalty (punishment) for cheating
- Asking teachers to create homework assignments that will make it more difficult for students to cheat

(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)

18. 2018: A high school that normally gives students about two months of time off from school during the summer is introducing a new educational requirement for students in eleventh grade (ages 16-17) over the summer; students have the following two options to fulfill the new requirement.

- They can attend classes each day for several weeks to complete a university level course on a subject that they are considering selecting as their major field of study at university.
- They can spend several weeks traveling to museums and historic places in their area with a group of students guided by a teacher and then write a paper of their experience.

Which one of these options do you think would be most beneficial for students and why?
(**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

19. 2018: *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Companies should pay for employees to get a university degree.
(**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

20. 2018: It is commonly believed that, in life, success is not the most important thing. It is more important to remain happy and optimistic when we fail. *Do you agree with this idea?*
(**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

21. 2018: Some adults believe that, nowadays, children's behavior is worse than children's behavior was in the past. These adults have suggested three actions that parents can do to help children ages 5-10 behave better (for example by speaking more respectfully to adults or acting more kindly toward others). *Which one action that parents can do might have the most positive effect on their children's behavior? Why?*

- Limiting the types of television programs and movies their children can watch
- Spending more time talking with their children
- Supervising or monitoring more closely what their children do when they play with their friends

(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)

22. **2018:** Sometimes filmmakers make movies that are based on books. When a movie is based on a book, some people prefer to read the book before watching the movie. Other people prefer to read the book only after they have watched the movie. *Which do you prefer and why?*
(**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
23. **2018:** A university is considering making students pass a requirement in addition to their normal requirements for their coursework. All students must complete a course on public speaking in order to develop skills that are useful for speaking in front of large groups of people. *Do you think that public speaking should be a requirement for students? Why?*
(**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
24. **2018:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Older teenagers (16-19) should be allowed to work at paid part-time jobs.
(**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
25. **2018:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** If you want to recommend a way to reduce living expenses for your friend, *which of the following will you choose? Why?*
1. Find a roommate to share a room
2. Do not buy the latest mobile phone / Buy new technological devices less frequently
3. Buy cheap foods and cook home / Do not often eat outside
(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
26. **2018:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The most important way to improve people's health is to clean the environment.
(**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
27. **2018:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Students do not respect teachers as much as they did in the past.
(**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
28. **2018:** *Which one of these abilities do you think is the most important for a high school teacher teaching students ages 15-18 to have?*
- The ability to give students advice to plan for their future
- The ability to find which students need help and provide them with help
- The ability to encourage students to learn by themselves outside of the classroom
(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
29. **2018:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In the past, people ate food that was better for their health than they do today. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
(**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
30. **2018:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is more important to read or watch the news presented by people whose views are similar to your own than by people whose views are different from yours.
(**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- 31. 2018:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It's a waste of money for the government to fund space travel or space exploration. Give specific examples and details to support your answer.*
(**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
- 32. 2018:** *Which of the following do you think is the most important factor for a student to succeed at college or university?*
1. Tutors in the university
2. The encouragement from family and friends
3. High-quality education from high school
(**The Preference type**, **three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
- 33. 2018:** The government wants to fund one of the following areas to improve children's education. *Which one do you think is better? Why?*
- Hire more teachers to teach in a small class
- Make preschool education before kindergarten mandatory
- Provide some training courses so that teachers can be more professional
(**The Preference type**, **three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
- 34. 2017:** *Do you prefer to take a course taught by a professor with whom you have not had classes before or a course taught by a professor whose class you have taken before? Give specific examples and details to support your answer.* (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
- 35. 2017:** *Which one is the most important factor to help you work productively?*
- Having an environment which is free of noise and distractions
- Knowing that you will receive a reward
- Doing something you are interested in
(**The Preference type**, **three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
- 36. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Most people can solve important problems in their lives by themselves or with the help of their families. Help from the government is unnecessary. Use reasons and examples to support your response.* (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- 37. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 3 times in the past 10 months:** Some high school teachers (teachers of students aged 14-18) spend most of their class time lecturing (speaking) while their students listen and take notes. Other high school teachers spend most of their class time on discussion and projects that require students to participate by sharing their ideas with the class.
Which of these two approaches do you think is more effective for student learning and why? (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
- 38. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** Your friend has the opportunity to study in either one of two majors (fields of study). Which one of the following two types of majors do you think is a better choice and why?
a) A major that would allow your friend to complete his or her studies and get a degree faster (so that your friend can start working full-time soon).

- b) A major that would require more years of study but is likely to lead to more and better employment opportunities and job offers in the future.

(**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

- 39. 2017:** Some people believe that the media (for example: television, radio, newspapers, or Internet news sources) are less concerned nowadays with presenting accurate facts than they were in the past. These people argue that the media today often present incorrect information about news stories and that this causes problems for the public. *Do you agree with this view? Why or why not?* (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- 40. 2017:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* For any business to be successful, it must spend a lot of money on advertising. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
- 41. 2017:** Many companies provide important products or services, but also damage the environment. Some people believe that the best way to stop companies from harming the environment is to require them to pay a penalty such as higher tax or a large fine when they cause environmental damage. Other people think there are better ways to stop the companies from harming the environment. *Which view do you agree with and why?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
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- 44. 2017:** Some people believe that spending time away from people we care about helps us improve our relationship with them, because being away from these people makes us realize how important they are to us. Other people believe that to improve our relationships with the people we care about, we should spend as much time with them as possible, because spending time apart can damage or harm a relationship. *Which view do you agree with and why?* (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- 45. 2017:** In areas where there are many restaurants, some people prefer to buy their meals in restaurants very frequently, rather than cooking and eating meals at home. Other people prefer to cook most of their meals at home and only rarely eat in a restaurant. *Which one would you choose and why?*
(**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
- 46. 2017:** *Which one of the following values is the most important to share with a young child (5-10 years old)?*
- Being helpful

- Being honest
- Being well organized

(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)

47. 2017: *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is impossible to always be completely honest with your friends. (**The Explanation type, generally one side** of the issue is discussed)

48. 2017: Some young people have free time in the evenings after school or on days off from school. *Which of the following activities would be most beneficial for young people (ages 14-18) to do in their spare time? Why?*

- Gaining practical work experience either at a part time job or by volunteering in the community
- Learning to play a sport
- Learning to play a musical instrument

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49. 2017: *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better to have friends who are intelligent than to have friends who have a good sense of humor. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

50. 2017: You have long been friends with someone. If they do something that you don't like, should you still be friends with them? (**The Explanation type, generally one side** of the issue is discussed)

51. 2017: *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better to relax by watching TV or reading a book than by doing physical exercise? Use reasons and examples to develop your response. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

52. 2017: Sometimes filmmakers make movies that are based on books. When a movie is based on a book, some people prefer to read the book before watching the movie. Other people prefer to read the book only after they have watched the movie. *Which do you prefer and why?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

53. 2017: Sometimes people are assigned to work in a group on a project. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The group will be helped more by a person who is willing to do what other group members want than by a person who often strongly insists that things should be done in a way that is different from what the group wants to do. Use reasons and examples to support your position. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

54. 2017: Imagine that you plan to donate money to charity to help people in need. If you could give money to only one type of charitable organization, *which one of the following would you choose and why?*

- An organization that provides food and housing to people in need
- An organization that gives people money to start their own small business
- An organization that provides medical care to people in need.

(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)

55. **2017:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Governments should make it possible for children to attend preschool (early childhood education programs, for example, for three-year-old children) at no costs for children's families. Use reasons and examples to support your position. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
56. **2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Your job has more effect on your overall happiness than your social life does. Use reasons and examples to support your answer. (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
57. **2017:** If students are required to do one of the below as requirement for their final semester before their graduation, *which of these two would you prefer?*
- Complete a research project on a topic and write a paper on it
 - Work as an intern in a company to gain professional experience
- Use reasons and examples to support your position. (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
58. **2017:** Your friend has an opportunity to study in one of the below two types of majors. *Which one do you think is better?*
- To complete his or her studies and get a job faster
 - To study in a major that requires many years of studying but one which would lead to better employment opportunities
- (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
59. **2017:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Young people should try several different jobs before they decide what job they should choose in the long term. Use reasons and examples to support your position. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
60. **2017:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Many schools for young children (ages 5-11) require students to work together in small groups instead of working alone for many of their activities. Use reasons and examples to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
61. **2017:** A friend is trying to reduce living expenses. This person is trying to decide among the following three ways to do this:
- Find a roommate (housemate) who can share living expenses
 - Buy new technology products such as the latest mobile (cell phone)
 - Buy less expensive foods to cook at home (instead of eating in restaurants or buying expensive food items)
- Which of these would you recommend to your friend for reducing living expenses? why?* (**The Preference type**, **three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
62. **2017:** Many people want to increase the amount of exercise they get in order to improve their health. Some people prefer to exercise alone, for example, they go walking or running. Some others prefer to exercise with a group of people like attending exercise classes or being on sports

teams. *Which do you prefer? Why?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

- 63. 2017:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People who cannot accept criticism from others cannot be successful at working in a group. Use reasons and examples to explain your choice. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

- 64. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** Some high school teachers (teachers of students aged 14-18) spend most of their class time lecturing (speaking) while their students listen and take notes. Other high school teachers spend most of their class time on discussion and projects that require students to participate by sharing their ideas with the class.

Which of these two approaches do you think is more effective for student learning and why? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

- 65. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Most people can solve important problems in their lives by themselves or with the help of their families. Help from the government is unnecessary. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- 66. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** When students study these days, many of them also do other things at the same time, for example, use their phones, spend time on the Internet or listen to music.

Do you agree or disagree that such activities have a bad effect on learning? (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

- 67. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is easier to become an educated person today than it was in the past. Use reasons and examples to support your position. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- 68. 2017:** **This topic has been offered at least 3 times in the past 10 months:** At one high school, more of the students than ever before have been caught cheating on their homework assignments. For example, many of students have asked other students to provide them with answers for assignment. The school is considering making a change to help decrease the number of students who cheat on homework.

Which one of the following actions do you think will be most effective? And why?

- Asking parents to monitor their children as they do their homework and confirm their children have not cheated
- Increasing the penalty (punishment) for cheating
- Asking teachers to create homework assignments that will make it more difficult for students to cheat

(**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)

- 69. 2017:** A parent wants to help his or her child become better at a skill such as playing a musical instrument or competing in a sport. Some people believe that the best way to do so is for the parent to require the child to practice every day for a set number of minutes or hours. Other people

believe that it is best for the parent to encourage the child to practice only as much as the child wishes, with no requirement about the amount of time spent practicing.

Which view do you agree with and why? (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

70. 2017: You are helping to select a leader for a student organization or club. *Do you agree or disagree that a person's honesty is the most important thing to consider in deciding whom to vote for?* Use reasons and examples to support your position. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

71. 2017: Increasingly, robots and computers are being used to do work that humans once had to do for themselves. Some people believe the effect of this change will be mostly positive and helpful for humans. Other people believe that robots and computers will take too many jobs away from humans who are currently paid to do them.

Which view do you agree with and why? (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**; also 4.5 **Compare and Contrast type**)

72. 2017: A high school that normally gives students about two months of time off from school during the summer is introducing a new educational requirement for students in eleventh grade (ages 16-17) over the summer; students have the following two options to fulfill the new requirement.

- They can attend classes each day for several weeks to complete a university level course on a subject that they are considering selecting as their major field of study at university.
- They can spend several weeks traveling to museums and historic places in their area with a group of students guided by a teacher and then write a paper of their experience.

Which one of these options do you think would be most beneficial for students and why? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

73. 2017 Iran: Imagine that you are a student at a university where there are long breaks between semesters. The university requires all students to do one of the following for one month during the break.

- Students must take a course which has no direct connection to their major (for example, students majoring in engineering take a course in fine arts or social sciences)
- Students must volunteer to work on a project in their university's city or hometown to improve some aspect of life in the city or hometown. For example, a student can work with primary school children who need help with their homework.

Which one do you prefer? Present reasons and examples to support your answer. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

74. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In order to be successful, a person must be open to new ideas and willing to change his or her mind. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**; also 4.5 **Compare and Contrast type**)

75. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better to take risks and explore new things when you are older than when you are young. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
76. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is not a good thing to move to a new city or country because we will lose our old friends. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
77. *Which of the following is the most important thing for a country's leader to do to ensure the prosperity and success of the country.*
1. Creating more jobs for the unemployed;
 2. Improving agriculture and lower the food prices;
 3. Providing affordable housing. (**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
78. Students in a university club want to help others, but they can only choose one project a year, which one of the following is the best?
1. Helping those students in a nearby primary school with reading and mathematics;
 2. Helping people who cannot afford to build or rent a home to build a house;
 3. Visiting and assisting elderly people with daily tasks. (**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
79. Some people believe that video games could inspire young students' interest and make their study more efficient rather than distract them and be a waste of time; thus, young students should be allowed to play video games. *Do you Agree or disagree?* (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
80. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Getting advice from friends who are older than you is more valuable than getting that from your peers. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
81. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The most important thing the government should do to improve health care is to clean the environment. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
82. Some people think it is the best approach for students to learn if schools start the day at an early time in the morning. However, some think the school should start the day at a late time. *Which one do you prefer?* Use specific reasons and detailed examples to support your answer. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
83. Some university professors let their students choose their research topics themselves. Some do not. *Which one do you think is better? Why?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
84. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The more money people have, the more they should contribute to charity. (**The Explanation type**)
85. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Educating children is a more difficult task today than it was in the past because they spend so much time on cellphone, online games, and

social networking websites. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

86. In times of an economic crisis, in which area should governments reduce their spending? 1. Arts 2. Scientific research 3. Parks and public gardens. (**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed, but focusing on one)
87. Recently some students need to arrive at school early in the morning. Some people think that starting school day early is a good approach to support learning, while other people think that starting school day at the later time is a good approach to support learning. *Which one do you prefer?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
88. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Some people believe that video games could inspire young students' interest and make their study more efficient rather than distract them and be a waste of time, so young students should be allowed to play video games. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
89. Is it more important for the government to spend money on art, music, and museums than on facilities like playgrounds or public swimming pool? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
90. Which is better for children's education: 9 months study and 3 months break or 3 months study and 1 month break? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
91. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:* the most important thing people learn is from their families. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
92. **2015** The companies that produce heavy pollution should pay a penalty such as a higher tax or fine. Others think there might be a better way to deal with this problem. *Which one do you prefer?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
93. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement.* People in the past were friendlier than today's people. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
94. **2015** Some people take the view that older children can take care of younger children. Some others may hold the view that taking care of children should be done by other adults. *Which one do you agree with?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
95. **2015** *Which one is the most important for a teacher of high school:*
1. The ability to help students plan for their future;
 2. The ability to find the students who need help most and help them;
 3. Teach students how to learn outside the classroom.
- (**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed, but focusing on one)

96. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? A good leader should spend more time listening to other people's ideas than taking his or her own ideas.* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
97. **2015** Some companies provide important products or services, but they damage the environment. Some people believe that the government should require more penalty, a higher tax, or a larger fine of these companies. Others think there might be better ways. *Which one do you prefer?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
98. Compare and contrast your way of life with that of your parents. Which way of life do you think would be more satisfying to future generations? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (4.5 **Compare and Contrast type**)
99. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement.* A small town is a better environment for raising children than a big city. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
100. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement.* It is better for students to have strong friendships with fewer people rather than having more friends with weak relationships. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
101. Some people trust their first impressions about a person's character because they believe these judgments are generally correct. Other people do not judge a person's character quickly because they believe first impressions are often wrong. Compare these two attitudes. *Which attitude do you agree with?* Support your choice with specific examples. (4.5 **Compare and Contrast type or Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
102. **This topic has been offered at least 2 times in the past 10 months:** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement.* One quality that a successful leader should have is to make decisions quickly. When a leader takes too much time to make decisions, he will be seen as ineffective to the people he leads. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
103. Do you prefer to follow the path the successful people have taken, or you prefer to take your own path? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to)
104. *Do you Agree or disagree?* Government can reduce the consumption of oil and electricity by increasing their prices. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
105. *Do you Agree or disagree?* Since modern life has become more complex, it is essential for the young people to learn the ability to plan and organize. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
106. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement.* The old should learn new things as the young people do. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

107. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People are never satisfied with what they have; they always want something more or something different. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
108. *Which one of the following is better to be done alone rather than in a group:* studying, shopping, or doing business. (A new version of **The Preference type** in which 3 choices are offered rather than 2.)
109. **2015** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In addition to their homework, children need to participate in the activities which are related to sports and school activities; however, they should have free time for whatever they want to do. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
110. **2015** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Governments rather than individuals should cover Internet costs. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
111. **2015** Should parents help their children with their assignments or let them do their assignments independently? *Which do you prefer?* Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
112. **2015** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Should one continue his or her longtime friendship with a friend, even if that person does the things he or she does not like? Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
113. *Which one do you prefer and Why?* Following dreams, even if they are ambitious, or following facts? Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
114. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The government should spend more money on improving access to the Internet than on public transportation. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- Public transportation:**
- Saving time and energy
 - Preventing lots of physical and mental problems such as stress, anxiety, pollution
 - Facilitating life, more accessible
115. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Telephone has greater influence on people's lives than television has. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- TV:**
- Entertainment, relieve stress, hectic life
 - Learning about cultures, belief, costumes, etc.
 - Educational training programs like documentaries to gain knowledge
 - Being informed about the latest news and what goes on all over the world
 - Becoming familiar with products and merchandise through ads

116. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Most businesspeople are motivated only by the desire for more money. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Other motivations:

- Social condition
- Fame
- Gaining experience for their carrier
- Internal satisfaction
- Patriotic belief

117. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Students who keep their rooms neat and organized will be more likely to succeed than students who do not. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Agree:

- Makes stress, nervous
- Learn to be organized and disciplined

Disagree:

- Other reasons are more important like perseverance, have time schedule, etc.

118. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Sports teach people lessons about life. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- Real condition of life, making decision, skills: critical thinking, problem solving
- Competitions teach to be respectful, cooperative, and supportive
- Helps to be ambitious, perseverance, making effort
- Socialize making friends with interests in common, share the same kind of habits

119. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Improving schools is the most important factor in the successful development of a country. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- The latest technologies, advanced devices and facilities, be up to date, gain knowledge and experience
- Learn communicational skills, developing one's personality for the future society example: projects, group talks ...
- Educate them about cultural, the historical background of the country, they can make more useful decisions for their society

120. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Advertising is the most important cause of unhealthy eating habits. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Disagree:

- Time

- Money
- Cultural, school, family backgrounds tempt them to eat

121. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Young people should try several different jobs before they take a long-term career. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Agree:

- Gain experience, challenge, problem solving, critical thinking, organizational skills
- Be in touch with new technologies, projects, be more updated.
- Make solid background for their long-term job. Be familiar with experts, well known
- Businessmen, managers, companies.

122. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Newspapers and magazines are the best ways to learn about a foreign country. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Disagree:

- Coverage, Accessible, Convenient (search by keywords), economical, up to date

123. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* A job with more vacation time but a low salary is better than a job with a high salary but less vacation time. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Agree:

- Relaxation (hectic life), recover and overcome stress, entertain, socialize, make friends
- Spend time with family, having adventure, and see other places.

124. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* To remain happy and optimistic when you fail is more important than achieving success. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Agree:

- Raise self-esteem, more confident, motivation, shortcut to goals.

Disagree:

- Gain experience, do not lose self-confidence, persevere

125. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The best way to improve the quality of education in a country is to increase teachers' salaries. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- More motivated, more energetic, more responsible, healthier,

Disagree:

- Other ways are more effective (lab facilities, planning projects, educational system, and workshop certificate)

126. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Professional athletes, such as football and basketball players, do not deserve the high salaries that they are paid. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Disagree:

- Motivation, become retired sooner, experience lots of stress, tolerate hard practices, have less leisure time

127. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Younger schoolchildren (aged five to ten) should be required to study art and music in addition to math, science, history, and language. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- Discover different aspects, find their talents and abilities, they have more time, they are more flexible, they will entertain their school time better.

128. *Do you agree or disagree with the statement?* People will spend less time cooking and preparing food in twenty years. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Agree:

- Technology will improve, cooking facilities and enhancements, prepared food, preserving foods.

129. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Students should not take part-time jobs while they are studying in universities. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- More time and energy, more concentration, have less stress, participate in group talks and volunteer projects.

Disagree:

-Afford their living costs, explore different aspects of their majors, gain experience besides studying for their future carrier

130. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Movies and TV programs made in one's own country are more interesting than those made in other countries. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Agree:

- Culture, language

131. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Being creative, rather than planning carefully, helps people come up with the best solution to a problem. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Disagree:

- Save time/energy
- Organized, focus better
- Less stress

132. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* If you do not make sure other people (especially influential people or your employers) know about your strengths and accomplishments, you will never get successful in life. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- Get good position
- Get promotion in a little time
- Get good income

133. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Parents should allow children to make their own choices rather than determine their children's future for them. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- Responsible
- Self-confident
- Find abilities

134. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Only movies that can teach us something about real life is worth watching. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Disagree:

- Some increase imagination
- Some can entertain us and make us far from our hectic life
- Some can teach us cultural issues

135. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Children should only study or play and do not have to do household chores. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Disagree:

- Responsible
- Independent
- Skills

136. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is more important for the government to spend money on art museums and concert halls than on recreational facilities such as swimming pools and playgrounds. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Sport:

- Physically
- Mentally
- Success

Art:

- Culture
- Tourism
- Unemployment

137. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better to take a secure job with a low pay than to take a job with a high pay but easy to lose. Use specific reasons to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Disagree:

- Private business
- More dynamic, try to establish

138. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In the busy and crowded world of today, we should not expect people to be polite to each other. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

139. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It was easier to achieve success in the past than it is today. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

Agree:

- Less competitive
- More positions
- Good economy

Disagree:

- Technology
- Communication
- Global world

140. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Movies and televisions should always show audience that good people are rewarded and bad people are punished. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

Agree:

- Justice
- Ambitious for doing good things

- Consequences of bad work
- Juvenile delinquency decreases
- Obey rules
- Respect each other

141. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is often not a good idea to move to a new city or a new country because you will lose old friends. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

142. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* To achieve successful development of a country, a government should spend more money on young children's education rather than on universities. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

143. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better to hold a big party and invite many people to come than a small party where only a few close friends and family members are invited. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

144. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It's better to have rules about the type of clothing that people wear at schools or in their workplace. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

145. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People should buy things that are made in their own country, even if the price of these products is higher than that of the products made in other countries. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

146. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The food we ate in the past was healthier than the food we eat today. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

147. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Parents do not understand their children so well, as parents did 50 years ago. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- Technology, web surfing, video games, social network
- Classes and online courses and internet instead of asking problems from parents
- Children in current society own their private room sharing their happiness and annoyance with the peers.

148. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People would be happier with fewer possessions. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- Afford requirement, facilitate life, no stress and tension
- Enjoy his or her time, have fun, socialize

149. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People who move out of their native villages or towns are more successful and happier than people who stay in their native villages or towns. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- New people, with different cultures religions
- New place, adventure, university

- 150.** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The environmental issue is too complex to be handled by only one individual. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
- Society is made up of individuals
 - Transfer as a custom to next generation
- 151.** *Do you agree with the following statement?* In order to succeed, you should be more like others than be different from everyone else. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
- 152.** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In a team, those who do not accept others' criticism cannot succeed. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- Stubborn, strict, maintain flaws and mistakes, cause problems
 - Others may be bothered and could not get along with them
- 153.** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People holding different views cannot achieve success as a team. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- Are not cooperative
 - There is the possibility that one give up in the middle of the project process
- 154.** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* All schoolteachers should be required to take courses every five years to update their knowledge. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
- Provide students with new information
 - Utilize new procedures for teaching-have profound impact
- 155.** *Do you agree with the following statement?* All high school students should take a course in basic economics. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
- Start career, how to make money
 - Save money, control budget
- 156.** *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Children should only play sports for fun, not in competitions or contests. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
- Persevere to reach their goals
 - Cooperative, future group projects
 - It is an incentive to increase their abilities
- 157.** Some people have ambitious dreams and keep following them, but other people always focus on realistic goals and try to achieve them. Which do you think is better? (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

158. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* To solve present and future problems, it is necessary to understand the past. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
159. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* If parents want their children to do well at school, they should limit the time their children spend on watching TV. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
160. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Printed books have had greater effects on society than television. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
161. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:* People can solve important problems by themselves or with the help from their family members, so there's no need for the government to help them. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
162. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People should have hobbies and do physical activities that are very different from their own work. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
163. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* If we can't say anything nice about someone, then we should not say anything about this person. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
164. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Scientists should be responsible for the negative impacts of their discoveries. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
165. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Working at home using computers or telephones is better than working in the office. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
166. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is more important for governments to spend money to improve Internet access than public transportation. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
167. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* If you need to discuss upsetting or controversial problems with others, using e-mail/text messaging is better than using telephone/voice-messaging. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
168. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People who have learned many different skills are more likely to succeed than those who focus on learning only one skill. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
169. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The personal and work-related challenges that young people face today are not any different from the challenges their parents and

grandparents faced when they were young. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

170. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement.* Nowadays, more and more people spend too much money on their pets (dogs, cats, and others), although there are better uses for this money. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- More separated, isolated
- Spend in healthier ways

171. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In the modern world, we should never be impolite to another person. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

- Professional status
- Cultural values
- Get along with others, cooperate

172. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People care more about public recognition than about money. Even if no more money is given, public recognition can still make people work harder. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- Influence
- Make use of their situation in other to gain money
- Improve the society

173. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Successful leaders should make others part of the decision-making process. **Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

- implant respect, people more connected to one another
- they may be encouraged to make new and instructive ideas
- it helps them to be more responsible and considerate

174. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Colleges or Universities should offer more courses to prepare students for the future before they start working. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

- Affordable
- Use their time in better ways
- Gain a lot of experiences

175. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Young people today are less dependent on their parents than in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)

- Consult with their friends and their professors
- They attend universities in other cities and even other countries
- So they learn how to do their jobs and affairs themselves
- They learn how to make money and afford their requirement

176. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Compared with those who live in urban areas, the people who live in rural areas can take better care of their families. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
177. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It's better to relax by watching a movie or reading a book than doing physical exercises. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
178. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The advice from the grandparents is of no use to their grandchildren because the world has changed a lot over the past 50 years. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
179. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Among all the characters that a successful person has, communication skill is the most important. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
180. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is easier for people to become well-educated now than in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
181. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The best way to learn about a foreign country is to read newspapers and magazines from that country. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
182. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Parents should encourage their children to do their homework independently rather than help them to do it. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
183. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Two people can still become good friends if one of them has more money than the other one does. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
184. Some people think university professors should spend more time doing research, while others think they should spend more time educating students. What is your view? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
185. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* One of the characteristics of successful leaders is the sense of responsibility for accepting their mistakes. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
186. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Parents should allow children to make mistakes and let them learn from their own mistakes. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
187. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The most important problems in today's world will be solved in our lifetime. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

188. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Although science and technology will continue to improve, the most significant improvement for the quality of people's lives have already taken place. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
189. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement.* Movies and television have more negative effects than positive effects on the way young people behave. (4.5 **Compare and Contrast type**)
190. *Which kind of universities do you prefer,* universities whose graduates can find good jobs or universities where there are famous professors? (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
191. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Universities should spend more money on improving facilities (e.g. labs and general equipment) than on hiring famous professors. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
192. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is important to know what is happening around the world, even if it does not affect your personal lives. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
193. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is better for government to spend money on building modern housing than on preserving historic or traditional buildings and homes. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
194. Some people like to buy a piece of technological device as soon as it is available in the market. Other people prefer to buy it after it has been adopted by many people. *Which do you prefer?* (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
195. It is more important to choose friends that can have fun with you than to choose friends that will help you when you need them. (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
196. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* If a student is having difficulty studying a course, it is better for the student to turn to a friend who is good at this course than to turn to his or her teacher for help. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
197. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* the most important investment for a company is to spend money to improve the work skills of its employees. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
198. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Patience is usually not a good strategy. We should take action now rather than later. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
199. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Young people should choose a job that is similar to what their parents did. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

200. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In order to succeed in doing a new job, the ability to adapt oneself to the new environment is more important than the excellent knowledge of this job. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
201. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:* It is much easier for people to achieve success without their family members' help now than in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
202. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The competition between friends always has negative effect. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type or 4.5 Compare and Contrast type**)
203. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:* Your job has more effect on your happiness than your social life does. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
204. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:* it is impossible to be completely honest with your friend. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type or 4.5 Compare and Contrast type**)
205. *Which one of the following would you change to improve your health:*
1. The kind of food you eat,
 2. The amount of exercise
 3. The amount of stress
- (**The Preference type, three sides** of the issue should be discussed)
206. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Governments and private companies should share their scientific discoveries with the rest of the world. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
207. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Leadership comes naturally. One cannot learn how to develop it. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
208. Some people like to work at home, while others prefer to work in the office. *Which do you prefer and why?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
209. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Young people now are more likely to help others than young people were in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
210. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Governments should focus their budgets more on environmental protection than on economic development. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
211. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is not necessary for university students to attend classes as long as they can pass their examinations. (**Model 1 A/D, generally one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

212. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* It is important for governments to protect wild animals and wilderness areas for the future generations. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
213. *Which of the following do you think contribute most to an enjoyable vacation:* 1. good food 2. good location 3. good friends to travel with. Select one and give your reasons. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
214. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Students are more interested in politics now than they were in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
215. *Which way do you think is the best for a student to make new friends?* 1. joining a sports team 2. participating in community activities 3. traveling. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
216. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Nowadays, it is easier to maintain good health than in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
217. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Students can get as many benefits from organization or club activities as they can get from their academic studies. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
218. When you are assigned an important presentation for work or school, do you prefer to work on it right away, so that you can work on it a little bit every day, or wait until you have a good idea about the presentation. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
219. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Young people nowadays do not respect their teachers as much as they did in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
220. Some people think that governments should devote some money to help the endangered animals. Others believe that just private budgets should be used for animals' survival. *Which one do you prefer?* (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
221. Some people are always in a hurry to go places and get things done. Other people prefer to take their time and live life at a slower pace. *Which do you prefer?* Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
222. Some people prefer to get up early in the morning and start the day's work. Others prefer to get up later in the day and work until late at night. *Which do you prefer?* Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)

223. If the government wants to cut its budget, the budget of which of the following do you think should the government cut: public transportation, public libraries, or the police. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
224. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* These days, it is less important for the families to regularly eat meals together. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
225. If the government wants to invest some money, where do you think this money should go: transportation or tourism? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
226. Whom do you consult when you face a problem: your friends who are your age or those who are older than you? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
227. If you want to buy sth, which one of the following has more influence on you: your friends, experts, or media? (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
228. *Do you agree or disagree that* **the culture of other countries** be taught in the universities of your country. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
229. Some people prefer to do sports. Other people prefer to watch others play sports. *Which do you prefer and why?* Use specific reasons and examples to support your response. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
230. When teachers assign projects on which students must work, students learn much more effectively when they work together than when they are asked to work alone on projects. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
231. *Which do you prefer?* Getting courses about diverse subjects is better for the future career or getting courses about one specific area is better for the future job. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
232. *Agree or disagree?* Humans had achieved important improvements before the dawn of science and technology. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
233. Holidays honor people or events. If you could create a new holiday, what person or event would it honor and how would you want people to celebrate it? (4.4 **Making an Argument**)
234. Some people believe that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the advice of family and friends. Other people believe that the best way of learning about life is through personal experience. Compare the advantages of these two different ways of learning about life. *Which do you think is preferable?* (4.5 **Compare and Contrast type** or **The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
235. *Agree or disagree?* People can know others through the films they watch or the books they read. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

236. Some young adults want independence from their parents as soon as possible. Other young adults prefer to live with their families for a longer time. *Which of these situations do you think is better?* (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
237. *Which one do you prefer?* Shopping in a big store or in several small stores. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
238. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Watching television is bad for children. Use specific details and examples to support your answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
239. How do movies or television influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. (4.5 **Compare and Contrast type**)
240. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Television has destroyed communication among friends and family. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
241. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Because the world is changing so quickly, people now are less happy or less satisfied with their lives than people were in the past. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
242. Some high schools require all students to wear school uniforms. Other high schools permit students to decide what to wear to school. *Which of these two school policies do you think is better?* Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
243. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* In order to be well-informed, a person must get information from many different news sources. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
244. If you could invent something new, what product would you develop? Use specific details to explain why this invention is needed. (4.4 **Making an Argument**)
245. You have enough money to purchase either a house or a business. *Which would you choose to buy?* Give specific reasons to explain your choice. (**The Preference type, both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
246. *Do you Agree or disagree?* Parents today are more involved in their children's education than were in the past. (**Model 2 A/D, both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
247. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People should watch only movies about real life. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

248. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Teachers should be paid according to how much their students learn. Give specific reasons and example to support your opinion. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
249. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People behave differently when they wear different clothes. Do you agree that different clothes influence the way people behave? Use specific examples to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
250. In today's world, it is more important to work quickly and risk making mistakes than to work slowly and make sure that everything is correct. (**The Preference type**, **both sides** of the issue should be discussed)
251. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Governments are still spending more money on performing art and music rather than on other facilities like playing grounds, pools for swimming, etc. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
252. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* A person should never make an important decision alone. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
253. In some countries, teenagers have jobs while they are still students. *Do you think this is a good idea?* Support your opinion by using specific reasons and details. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
254. Some people say that advertising encourages us to buy things we really do not need. Others say that advertisements tell us about new products that may improve our lives. *Which viewpoint do you agree with?* Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
255. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* For success in a future job, the ability to relate well to people is more important than studying hard in school. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**Model 2 A/D**, **both sides** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Preference type**)
256. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* People are buying things they don't need. They buy them because other people do so. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
257. If you could study a subject that you have never had the opportunity to study, *what would you choose?* Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details. (4.4 **Making an Argument**)
258. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* The automobile is destroying our quality of life. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
259. What recent news story has affected you the most? In what ways has it affected you? (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)

260. If you could make one important change in a school that you attended, *what change would you make?* Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. (4.4 **Making an Argument**)
261. Your school has received a gift of money. What do you think is the best way for your school to spend this money? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. (**The Explanation type**)
262. Some people think that children should begin their formal education at a very early age and should spend most of their time on school studies. Others believe that young children should spend most of their time playing. Compare these two views. *Which view do you agree with? Why?* (4.5 **Compare and Contrast type**)
263. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* There is nothing that young people can teach older people. Use specific reasons and examples to support your position. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)
264. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?* Most experiences in our lives that seemed difficult at the time become valuable lessons for the future. Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. (**Model 1 A/D**, generally **one side** of the issue is discussed, similar to **The Explanation type**)