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Example Response for TOEFL Integrated Task 4: Scope Creep

The reading passage explains an academic concept called scope creep, and the professor in the lecture gives two examples to further illustrate the idea.

Scope creep, according to the reading passage, is described as a project that goes beyond its original intent. Furthermore, the author claims that if the project is not clearly defined or controlled, scope creep can occur.

Moreover, the professor in the lecture clarifies the concept of scope creep further by giving two specific examples from a landscaping project he had with one of his clients. The original project consisted of making some sprinkler and water line repairs in the clients' front yard. However, this project went beyond its original scope.

Firstly, the professor explains that he repaired a timer in the client's backyard at no extra cost.

Secondly, at no charge, he also had to repair three broken sprinklers in the backyard after he turned on the timer to test it.

To sum up, the professor shows through these two examples that without the proper controls, a project can become bigger than originally planned.