## **TOEFL Independent Writing Final Exam**

## **GENERAL DIRECTIONS:**

Plan and write an essay on the topic specified below the directions. DO NOT WRITE ON A TOPIC OTHER THAN THE ONE SPECIFIED. AN ESSAY ON A TOPIC OF YOUR OWN CHOICE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Because this essay is being assigned to give you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to write effectively, you should take care to express your thoughts on the topic clearly. Be specific, using supporting examples whenever appropriate. Your essay should be as well organized and as carefully written as you can make it. Remember that how well you write is more important than how much you write. Allow time to review and proofread your essay and to make any revisions or corrections if you wish.

You will have 30-minutes for your planning, writing, and editing.

## **TECHNICAL DIRECTIONS:**

You will probably find it helpful to spend some time considering the topic and organizing your thoughts before you begin writing. You may make notes on scratch paper.

## **Essay Prompt:**

Some people believe that a college or university education should be available to all students. Others believe that higher education should be available only to good students. Discuss these views. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.

For the purposes of this class, the holistic score you receive will be converted into the following percentages, which will be calculated as part of your overall grade:

5.00 = 100	3.75 = 85	2.75 = 73	1.75 = 61	.75 = 49
4.75 = 97	3.50 = 82	2.50 = 70	1.50 = 58	.25 = 46
4.50 = 94	3.25 = 79	2.25 = 67	1.25 = 55	.00 = 43
4.25 = 91	3.00 = 76	2.00 = 64	1.00 = 52	
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