

ĐỀ CƯƠNG THI KHẢO SÁT TỐT NGHIỆP**Môn: Tiếng Anh (TOEIC 4 kỹ năng)*****Dành cho sinh viên không chuyên ngữ*****PART II: Express an Opinion (7 marks)**

Directions: In this part of the test, you will give your opinion about a specific topic. Be sure to say as much as you can in the time allowed. You will have 15 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 60 seconds to speak.

1. *Some people enjoy jobs in which they do the same work every day. Others enjoy jobs that involve challenging from project to project. Which type of job would you prefer and why?*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): I would prefer a job that involves challenging from project to project.

- Key point 1: I don't really like doing the same thing every day.
- Key point 2: I like to meet new people.
- Key point 3: I think doing the same thing all the time could be really boring.

2. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "It's more important to eat a good diet than to exercise a lot." Support your choice with reasons and details.*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): I disagree with the statement.

- Key point 1: Exercise is a very important part of a healthy lifestyle.
- Key point 2: Exercise is fun.
- Key point 3: Eating a good diet can be healthy, but if you don't move your body, it will become weak.

3. *Some companies prefer to promote their current employees to management positions, but other companies prefer to recruit new managers from outside the company. Which do you prefer and why?*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): I prefer to promote a company's current employees to management positions.

- Key point 1: Employees are willing to work hard for the company when there is a chance for them to be promoted to a management position.
- Key point 2: Each team wants to have a manager who knows the members very well.

4. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Advertising has a big influence on consumer buying decisions." Give specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.*

Suggested answer:

- State your opinion (sample): I agree that advertising has a big influence on consumer buying decisions.
- Key point 1: Advertising gives good information about products and services to a lot of consumers.
- Key point 2: Advertising makes shopping simpler and more time-efficient.

5. *Some people think a good relationship between coworkers is good for business. What do you think about this?*

Suggested answer:

- State your opinion (sample): In my opinion, a good relationship between coworkers is good for business.
- Key point 1: When people are close to their coworkers, they can enjoy their work and their time at the office more.
- Key point 2: A harmonious working environment can help managers control employees.

6. *What are the benefits of working with your close friends? Support your answer with specific reasons and examples.*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): There are some benefits of working with my close friends.

- Key point 1: I feel less stressed at work.
- Key point 2: If I work with my close friends, we can motivate each other.

7. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "High school students should be able to choose which subjects they want to study." Give specific details and reasons to support your opinion.*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): In my opinion, I agree high school students should be able to choose which subjects they want to study.

- Key point 1: Each high school student has different dream about what they want to be.
- Key point 2: Students don't enjoy learning about what they are not interested in.

8. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Attending a company training session to get information is much better than getting information on the internet". Support your answer with relevant ideas and examples.*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): I disagree with the statement that attending a company training session to get information is much better than getting information on the internet.

- Key point 1: Getting information on the internet is much faster than attending a company training session.
- Key point 2: I can manage my time with more freedom.

9. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "All students should be required to wear uniforms at school". Support your answer with relevant ideas and examples.*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): I agree that all students should be required to wear uniforms at school.

- Key point 1: Wearing uniforms helps students focus more on studying.
- Key point 2: Wearing uniforms saves money.

10. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Bonus is the most effective way to reward outstanding employees.*

Suggested answer:

State your opinion (sample): I believe that the bonuses are the most effective way to reward outstanding employees.

- Key point 1: Recently, the cost of living has become more expensive.
- Key point 2: Offering bonuses makes employees motivated.

11. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Businesses should do anything they can to make profit. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I disagree that businesses should do anything they can to make profit.

- Key point 1: If businesses can do anything, that means they can violate the law to seek profit
- Key point 2: Businesses can deceive consumers to buy poor-quality products and services
- Key point 3: Businesses can hardly develop in a sustainable manner.

12. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I don't think that the most important aspect of a job is the money a person earns.

- Key point 1: Besides salary a person can earn doing a job, s/he can expand his/her social network / relationship
- Key point 2: She/he can improve several professional and soft skills
- Key point 3: She/he can get a promotion if performing excellently in his/her job

13. *People work because they need money to live? What are some other reasons that they work? Discuss one or more of these reasons. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): People work for some other reasons:

- Key point 1: They go to work to satisfy their personal ambitions and demand
- Key point 2: They do a job since they want to contribute to the development of a community or a company
- Key point 3: They do a job to care for their small families, like their children's schooling.

14. *Some people prefer to work for a large company while others prefer a small one. Which one do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I prefer to work for a large company for the following reasons:

- Key point 1: They go to work to satisfy their personal ambitions and demand
- Key point 2: They do a job since they want to contribute to the development of a community or a company
- Key point 3: They do a job to care for their small families, like their children's schooling.

15. *In some countries, teenagers have jobs while they are still students. Do you think this is a good idea? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I think it is a good idea that teenagers have jobs while they are still students:

- Key point 1: They can accumulate work experience
- Key point 2: They can develop communication and other soft skills
- Key point 3: They can realize the value of money and know how to save it.

16. *Some people think the family is the most important influence on young adults. While others think that friends are the most important influence on them. Which view do you agree? Use examples to support your ideas.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I agree that the family is the most important influence on young adults.

- Key point 1: They can accumulate work experience
- Key point 2: They can develop communication and other soft skills
- Key point 3: They can realize the value of money and know how to save it.

17. *What are some qualities of a good parent? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I suppose a good parent should have the following qualities

- Key point 1: S/he should set a good example in character and behaviour for his / her children to follow
- Key point 2: She/he knows how to teach and train their children to be a good citizen in society
- Key point 3: She/he can support his / her family materially and spiritually.

18. *Children should never be educated at home by their parents. Do you agree or disagree?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I disagree that children should never be educated at home by their parents.

- Key point 1: Children are often closer to their parents than anybody else and can ask them whenever children need to.
- Key point 2: Some highly-trained parents prefer to give their children home-schooling rather than having them go to school

19. *Most modern families have both parents working and as a result children spend less and less time with their parents. What is the reason for this and what problems can this cause?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I think the reason for the above situation is:

- Key point 1: Parents attach greater importance to earning money than to spending time educating their children
- Key point 2: Without parents' proper care and attention, children can easily get spoilt like skipping class or involve themselves in social evils
- Key point 3: Children can possibly become disorientated in life and career choices and decisions

20. *In many western countries, there is an increasing number of couples choosing to have no children. What are the advantages and disadvantages to couples having no children?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I think choosing to have no children have the following pros and cons:

- Key point 1: The couple can freely pursue personal interests and desire
- Key point 2: The couple can lead a life without worrying about earning too much money to care for children
- Key point 3: The couple cannot enjoy the happiness of a family life with children playing around or to teach good life lessons.
- Key point 4: The couple can get lonely when they age and become too frail to look after themselves

21. *Movies are popular all over the world. Explain the reason why movies are so popular. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.*

Suggested Answer

- Catching people's eyes with visual images
- Touching people's feelings
- Sending educational messages to viewers

22. *People do many different things to stay healthy. What do you do for good health? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.*

Suggested Answer

- Eating good food
- Doing exercises & playing sports
- Taking enough rest and sleep

23. In some countries, people are no longer allowed to smoke in many public places and office buildings. Do you think this is a good rule or a bad rule? Use specific reasons and details to support your position.

Suggested Answer

- Smoking damages people's health
- Smoking can cause fires
- Smoking causes social isolation

24. Some people prefer to spend their free time outdoors. Other people prefer to spend their leisure time indoors. Would you prefer to be outside or would you prefer to be inside for your leisure activities? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your choice.

Suggested Answer

- Enjoying fresh air & large space
- Feeling more relaxed
- Having more chances to meet people

25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Only people who earn a lot of money are successful. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Suggested Answer (disagree)

Success means:

- + having a good life
- + having a good job
- + having a happy family
- + having the feeling of satisfaction
- + achieving people's targets in life
- + bringing happiness & smiles to the ones you love

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26. People work because they need money to live. What are some other reasons that people work? Discuss one or more of these reasons. Use specific examples and details to support your answer.

Suggested Answer

- Working to get experience
- Working to be grown up, to be independent
- Working for fun

27. You have received a gift of money. The money is enough to buy either a piece of jewelry you like or tickets to a concert you want to attend. Which would you buy? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Suggested Answer (a concert)

- Music makes life better
- Music brings people the feeling of relaxation
- Music helps people recover energy
- Music brings people together

28. Some people prefer to eat at food stands or restaurants. Other people prefer to prepare and eat food at home. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Suggested Answer (At home)

- Feeling safe
- Having cozy atmosphere
- Having private space with family, not being disturbed
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29. Nowadays, food has become easier to prepare. Has this change improved the way people live? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Suggested Answer (Yes)

- Helping people to have a more comfortable life
- Saving people's time for cooking
- Giving people more time to relax, enjoy life and spend with family

30. *Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Playing computer games is a waste of time. Children should not be allowed to play them.*

Suggested Answer (agree)

- Taking lots of children's time for studying, relaxing
- Causing addiction to games and social crimes
- Causing health problems

31. *Nowadays celebrities are more famous for their glamour and wealth than for their achievements, and this sets a bad example to young people. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I believe that many famous people act as positive role models.

- There are many celebrities whose accomplishments make them excellent models for young people
- They demonstrate great effort, determination and ambition
- They can inspire children to develop their talents through practice and hard work

32. *When choosing a job, the salary is the most important consideration. Do you agree or disagree?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): Personally, I disagree with the idea that money is the key consideration when deciding on a career. Other considerations are just as important as what we earn.

- Personal relationships and the atmosphere in a workplace are extremely important
- Many people's feelings of job satisfaction come from their personal achievements, the skills they learn and the position they reach
- Some people want to help others and contribute something positive to society.

33. *Some people think that all teenagers should be required to do unpaid work in their free time to help the local community. Do you agree or disagree?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I do not agree that we should force all teenagers to do unpaid work.

- Forcing people to do things against their will make people angry.
- School is just as demanding as a full-time job so children are busy with schoolwork most of the time.

34. *Many people decide on a career path early in their lives and this makes them happy at work later on. Do you agree or disagree with this view?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I agree that deciding on a career path early in their lives surely benefits many people.

- People have their goals to be committed to and soon they will gradually achieve them.
- Realizing their ambition right from the beginning of school life gives them strong motivation.

35. *Many people believe that parents should choose what their children should study because children are too young to know exactly what they want. Do you agree or disagree?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I believe that everyone should be able to choose the course of their choice.

- Students will be more passionate about what they are learning.
- Forcing children to learn what adults want is not a good way of education.

36. *Video games are having a bad effect on the people who play them. Do you agree or disagree?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): In my view, playing video games is doing more harm than good.

- Playing game can be addictive
- Sitting in one place leads to lack of exercise

37. *Discuss the benefits of museums. Give specific details and reasons to support your opinion.*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I believe that museums can be entertaining and educational.

- Museums are tourist attractions where many interesting objects are displayed.
- Museums can play an important role in teaching people about history, science and many other aspects of life.

38. *Studying at university or college is a good way to a successful career. Do you agree or disagree?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I believe it is more beneficial for students to continue their studies.

- Academic qualifications are required in many jobs.
- The job market is becoming more and more competitive.

39. *Many people prefer to watch foreign films rather than locally produced films. Which do you prefer? Why?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I think that foreign films are more enjoyable.

- Hollywood blockbusters are always in top news stories
- Big-budget films are more successful because they often star the most famous actors and actresses

40. *Happiness is considered very important in life. What factors are important in achieving happiness?*

Suggested Answer

- Our basic survival needs such as a safe place to live and enough food to eat must be surely met
- Living in harmony with family and people around is one of the greatest joy in life
- Other key factors could be individual freedom and a sense of purpose in life.

41. *Is traditional music of a country more important than the international music?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I believe traditional music play a more important role.

- International music is marketed and enjoyed all over the world for commercial purpose.
- Traditional music expresses the culture, customs and history of a country.
- Traditional music provides a sense of national identity for young generation.

42. *How has technology changed the way people interact with each other?*

Suggested Answer

- Telephones and Internet allow people to interact with each other easily.
- Social networks bring people of common interests together.
- Technology creates a fun environment for a group of people to interact with each other.

43. *People are damaging the environment. What can governments do to address these problems?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): Governments should make more effort to reduce air pollution.

- They could introduce laws to limit emissions from factories or to force companies to use renewable energy from solar, wind or water power.
- They could also impose green taxes on drivers and airline companies.
- Educating people about how to protect the environment should be promoted by the government.

44. *People are damaging the environment. What can individuals do to address these problems?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): Individual should make more effort to reduce air pollution.

- People can take public transport rather driving
- They should choose products with less packaging and recycle as much as possible
- Educating their children about the importance of green environment

45. *The unlimited use of car may cause many problems. What are those problems?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): It is obvious that frequent car use is causing many problems.

- Vehicles are major sources of air pollution in urban areas.
- Heavy traffic jam at rush hours is another problem.
- Car accidents cause huge number of death and injuries every year.

46. *The unlimited use of car may cause many problems. What should be done to discourage people to use cars?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): A number of measures should be taken into action to limit car use.

- Car manufacturers should design more environment-friendly cars which run on solar power or hydrogen.
- Governments should build more flyovers and underground tunnels to reduce traffic problems.
- Governments should also educating drivers as well as pedestrians to use greater caution on the road.

47. *The amount of violence on TV should be reduced. Do you agree or disagree?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I strongly agree that it is very important to reduce the violent programs on TV.

- Violence on the screen is contributing to increased crime rate in our world.
- People who see them may gradually develop a sense of insecurity.

48. *Some people stay in the same type of work all their life and others change their jobs from time to time. Which do you prefer?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): Personally I prefer to stay in the same type of work for the following reasons

- A stable job offers one a sense of security.
- Working in the same type of work provides the feelings of togetherness that come from working with the same colleagues for many years.
- A stable job can guarantee a stable income.

49. *Some people change their jobs from time to time. What are some reasons for that?*

Suggested Answer

- It is possible to gain diverse experiences and skills from doing different jobs.
- New working environments could be a great opportunity or show one's talent and abilities.

50. *Some people think that history has nothing or little to tell us. Do you agree or disagree with this idea?*

Suggested Answer

State your opinion (sample): I strongly disagree with the people who hold that view.

- History has a lot to offer us, and we have to study it to know more about the past and understand more about present as well as prepare better for the future.
- Learning history can help us develop a thoughtful and critical mind.

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