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TWE的写作范围

The Test of Written English (TWE) is an essay test that gives you an opportunity to demonstrate your skill at performing academic writing tasks similar to those required of students in North American universities. This includes the ability to generate and organize ideas on paper, to support those ideas with examples or evidence, and to compose in standard written English a response to an essay question. Because TWE is intended to measure composition skills rather than reading comprehension skills, topics are brief and easy to read. They are not based on other reading material.

When you take the TWE test, you will be given one topic on which to write an essay. TWE topics are designed to be fair and appropriate for international students and require no specialized knowledge of any given subject matter.

After a test administration, all the essays are read by qualified raters who assign scores based on a six-point scale. Your essay is read and evaluated by at least two readers working independently. The score you receive is the average of the scores assigned to the essay by the readers. The TWE score is not incorporated into the total TOEFL score. Instead, a separate TWE score is reported on the TOEFL score report.

TWE考前要求

Read the following directions before breaking the seal:

1. The TWE essay question is printed on the inside of this test book. You should use 30 minutes to plan, write, and make any necessary changes to your essay.
2. Read the topic carefully. You may want to read it more than once to be sure you understand what you are asked to write about.
3. Think before you write. Making notes may help you to organize your essay. Below the essay topic is a space marked NOTES. You may use this area to outline your essay or make notes.
4. Write only on the topic printed on the inside. (On the day of the test, if you write on a topic other than the one given, your essay will not be scored.) Write clearly and precisely. How well you write is much more important than how much you write, but to cover the topic adequately, you may want to write more than one paragraph.
5. Start writing your essay on the first line of Side 3 of the TWE answer sheet. Use Side 4 if you need more space. (Extra paper will not be provided at the test center.) Write neatly and legibly. Do not skip lines. Do not write in very large letters or leave large margins.
6. Check your work. Allow a few minutes before time has ended to read over your essay and make any changes.
7. At the end of 30 minutes, stop writing and put your pencil down. (On the day of the test, if you continue to write, it will be considered cheating.) Restart the recording.

TWE评分标准

SCORING THE TWE TESTS

ETS uses a scoring system similar to the one given below to score TWE. You can use this chart to estimate your TWE score when you take the TWE Practice Tests. If you are taking an English course, you may want to ask your teacher to “score” the exam for you, and to make recommendations for improving your essay.

Score

Explanation of Score

6. Strongly indicates the ability to write a well-organized, well-developed, and logical essay. Specific examples and details support the main ideas. All the elements of the essay are unified and cohesive. A variety of sentence structures are used successfully, and sophisticated vocabulary is employed. Grammatical errors are infrequent but a few minor mistakes may occur.
5. Indicates the ability to write an organized, developed, and logical essay. The main ideas are adequately supported by examples and details. Sentence structure may be less varied than that of a level 6 essay, and vocabulary less sophisticated. Some grammatical errors will appear.
4. Indicates a moderate ability to write an acceptable essay. Although main ideas may be adequately supported, weaknesses in organization and development will be apparent. Sentence structure and vocabulary may lack sophistication or be used inappropriately. Grammatical errors may be frequent.
3. Indicates a moderate ability to write an acceptable essay. Although main ideas may be adequately supported, weaknesses in organization and development will be apparent. Sentence structure and vocabulary may lack sophistication or be used inappropriately. Grammatical errors may be frequent.
2. Indicates the inability to write an acceptable essay. Organization and development are weak or nonexistent. Lacks unity and cohesion. Few if any specific details may be given in support of the writer's ideas. If details are given, they may seem inappropriate. Significant and frequent errors in grammar occur throughout the essay. The writer may not have fully understood the essay topic.
1. Strongly indicates the inability to write an acceptable essay. No apparent development or organization. Sentences may be brief and fragmentary and unrelated to one another. Significant grammatical errors occur throughout the essay and make it difficult to understand any of the author's ideas. The writer may have completely misunderstood the essay topic.

OFF Did not write on the topic assigned.

NR Did not write the essay.

The average TWE score is between 3.5 and 4.0. TWE is scored separately from the rest of the test and has no effect on your overall TOEFL score.

新东方 TOEFL 作文题选编

1. Some people think that parents should plan their children's leisure time carefully. Other people believe that children should decide for themselves how to spend their free time. Which idea do you agree with? Give reasons for your choice.
2. People should be realistic rather than romantic in order to live a better life. Do you agree or disagree with the statement. Use specific reasons to support your answer.
3. People should never be satisfied with what they have, they should always want something new or something different. Do you agree or disagree with the statement. Give reasons for your choice.
4. Some people think that the family is the most important influence on young adults. Other people think that friends are the most important influence on young adults. Which view do you agree with? Use examples to support your position.
5. Some students participate in school activities such as clubs and sports. Other students do not take part in such activities because they spend more time on their studies. Tell why you think the two groups of students spend their time differently? Which type of student do you prefer to be? Explain why.
6. Travelling is more important than reading books in order to understand the people and the world Do you agree or disagree with the statement Use specific reasons to support your answer.
7. Some people like different friends. Others like similar friends. Compare the advantages of these two kinds of friends. Which kind of friend do you prefer. Explain why?
8. After they complete their university studies, some students live in their hometowns, others live in different towns or cities. Which do you think is better...living in your hometown or living in different towns or cities. Give specific reasons for your answer.
9. Some people believe that newspaper are the best source of news. Others think that the news is presented better on radio or television. Which of these sources of news do you prefer? Use specific examples to support your choice.
10. Some people learn best when a classroom lesson is presented in an entertaining, enjoyable way. Other people learn best when a lesson is presented in a serious, formal way. Which of these two ways of learning do you prefer? Give reasons to support your answer.
11. Some people say that the best preparation for life is learning to be cooperative. Others take the opposite view and say that learning to be competitive is the best preparation. Tell which one you agree with and explain why.
12. Some people pay money for the things they want or need. Other people trade products or goods for what they need. Compare the advantages of these two ways of obtaining things. Which way do you prefer? Explain why.
13. Some people believe that growing up in a large family, with several sisters and brothers, offers

more advantages than disadvantages. Other people think that being the only child is more advantageous. Write a short essay in which you discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each position. Explain which position you support.

14. Some people think studying in a university is worthwhile only because you can get a degree. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Give specific reasons to support your answer.
15. Inventions such as eyeglasses and the sewing machine have had an important effect on our lives. Choose another invention that you think is important. Give specific reasons for your choice.
16. Someone thinks that playing a game is fun only when you win. Do you agree or disagree with the statement. Use specific reasons to support your answer.
17. A research center is going to be established in a university. There is an argument whether to establish an agricultural research center or a business one. Which do you think is better. Use specific reasons to support your answer.
18. "Fiction (such as short stories or novels) can teach us more about life than textbooks can". Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Use specific examples to support your answer.
19. Living in big cities has more advantages than living in small towns or countryside. Do you agree or disagree with the statement. Use specific reasons to support your answer.
20. Some university students want to live in a room alone. Others prefer having roommates. Which do you like better? Living alone or living with roommates? Give specific examples to support your answer.
21. Some people like to travel alone, other like to travel together with several friends. Which do you prefer, Why?
22. Which is more important for you in your life? Knowledge from books you read, or personal experiences in reality. Please use details to explain your answer.
23. Newspapers contain many information topics such as sports, current event, business and entertainment. Which topic do you like to read most often. Give reasons to explain your answer.
24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People should always show their strong emotions (such as excitement, anger, or joy). Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Dissatisfaction leads to progress. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
26. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement. A student's main purpose in getting an education is to earn a lot of money. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
27. Some students like to attend a large university that has many students. Others prefer to attend a small university that has fewer students. Which type of university do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
28. Some students like to have outdoor activities. Others like indoor activities. Which do you prefer? Give specific reasons and examples to illustrate your answer.

29. How do movies or TV influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.
30. Some people like to buy books to read, others like to borrow books from libraries or from other people. Compare the advantages of these two ways of reading. Which do you prefer? Why?
31. Some universities arrange a long period of vacation for students in the school year, others arrange several short vacations. Which kind of vacation do you prefer-a long vacation or a short one? Give specific reasons and examples for your answer.
32. Some people like to communicate by telephone, Other people like to communicate by letter. Which do you prefer to communicate-by phone or by letter? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer.
33. Some people like to listen to classical music, others like to listen to popular music (including popular songs). Which kind of music do you prefer? Give specific reasons for your answer.
34. Games teach people about life. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Give specific reasons for your answer.
35. Many important natural resources such as water, forests, oil, etc, are running out in the world today. What should we do to protect them? Give specific examples to support your idea about one kind of these resources.
36. When people succeed, it is because of hard work, luck has nothing to do with success. Do you agree or disagree with the quotation above? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your position.
37. Sometimes it is fun to think of living in another time and place. If you could experience a different time and place, what time and what place would you choose? Use reasons and specific details to support your answer.
38. Neighbors are the people who live near us. In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good neighbor? Use specific details and examples in your answer?
39. Some people like to eat at home and prepare food for themselves, others like to eat outside in restaurants or foodstands. Which way of eating do you prefer? give specific reasons and examples to illustrate your answer.
40. Some say that the world would be a better place now if the automobile had never been invented. Decide if you agree or disagree with this statement and give specific reasons for your decision.
41. Some people say that the best way to raise children is to encourage them to be independent thinkers. Others disagree and say that children need to be taught discipline in order to become successful. Using specific examples, discuss these two opinions. State which one you agree with and why?
42. Some people like to work or study at night, others like to work or study during the day. Which do you prefer-work or study at night or during the day? Give specific reasons and examples to illustrate your answer.
43. Some people like to study alone, others like to study with several people together. Which do

you prefer-study alone or study with other people? Give specific reasons and examples to illustrate your answer.

44. Some people like to use computers to type letters, others like to write letters with a pen. Which do you prefer and why?
45. Some companies like to employ younger and enthusiastic people, other companies like to employ older and experienced people. If you were a boss, which kind of people do you like to employ. Give reasons and specific examples to illustrate your answer.
46. "It's better to make wrong decision than make no decision at all." Do you agree or disagree with the statement. Give reasons or specific examples to illustrate your answer.
47. Some people tend to work only for money, while others believe that people should enjoy what they do. Which opinion do you prefer? Explain why?
48. Some people tend to study a subject in a very intensive way over a short period of time, while others tend to study a subject constantly over a long period of time. What do you think is a better way of learning? Explain why.
49. Should the money invested into a university be used to improve the library or to improve the physical training facilities? What do you think? Why?
50. Should the money invested into a university Library be used to buy books or to buy computers? What do you think? Why?

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Topic: Some students like to have outdoor activities. Others like indoor activities. Which do you prefer? Give specific reasons and examples to illustrate your answer.

Have you ever gone swimming in a hot stuffy summer day? Have you ever been to the seashore to see the splendid waves? Have you ever stood on the peak of a mountain with cloud around you? Have you ever walked in the quiet silver moonlight? If you have no experience like these, your life is an inadequate one. In my point of view, I like outdoor activities much more than indoor activities.

The first reason can be seen by every person. Outdoor activities can improve our physical health greatly. As a student, I must spend 10 to 12 hours per day in studying textbooks or doing experiments. All this work is indoors. When I take some outdoor activities, I feel refreshed. It is a feeling of a bird rushing out of the cage. When I am running in bright sunshine in the afternoon, I believe I become a hunting dog running in the wild, pursuing a rabbit. Outdoor activities make my heart and muscles strong. They make me full of life and strength.

The second reason for my propensity for outdoor activities is that they can build my mind greatly. In sports, one must learn to struggle for the victory, learn to fight with no matter what is left in his body. And one must learn to stick to one's own confidence and hope, no matter how little the hope may be. And one must learn to accept failure, learn to start again after failure. Long running and mountain climbing contribute much to this kind of spirits. I will never forget the feeling when I raced to the final line first in a 3000-metre running. I could hardly breathe in the last 100 meters. My lungs ached and my legs weighed tons, but there was still one runner in front of me. I gave all my strength to move one foot ahead of the other. When I surpassed him, he gave a cry of surprise. I won at last and I learned much from the race.

Indoor activities are somewhat challenging as well. There are chess and book reading which can also develop our mind. However I still prefer outdoor activities, for they teach me how to be a strong man, both in health and in spirit.

Topic: Some people like to listen to classical music, others like to listen to popular music (including popular songs). Which kind of music do you prefer? Give specific reasons for your answer.

Music is the source of wit. Good music can enlighten people's heart. Classical music is more complex and profound than popular music. They are the main components of music. Some people like classics and others like populars. This is due to the different comprehension of music. There are many young people, including me, especially like popular music.

There are many kinds of popular music, such as rock music, heavy metal music, light music and so on. Despite all the differences among them, they have many similar merits.

First, they come from the real life, and they were more accessible to the youngsters. Most people like something very close to them, because they want to be relaxed. Classical music is a little far away and requires some special knowledge for people to appreciate it. A popular song, like "Let It Be" and "One Hundred Miles", is very simple. When one listens to it, he can easily understand what the singer sings.

Second, most popular music is about love—a theme most youngsters care much for. Popular music has a very important expression: the association of music and words. When people listen to it, they first listen to the words of it, then the rhythm and other contents. Youngsters have many romantic dreams about love. When a singer sings what they just want to say, he'll really feel very good. I've a friend who felt very sad when he lost his love. But after several days, I found that he became calm. I asked him why. He told me he had just heard a popular song which encourages people not to be sad because there are many chances ahead of them.

Third, there are strong feelings in the popular music. We youngsters have many strong feelings about the world. We want to express them. Many popular songs have helped us to attain this object. Some music, such as rock music, can easily evoke the resonance among young people. When I fail in something or I succeed in doing something, I want rock music. After letting my strong feeling out, I become calm and begin to do other things.

In a word, popular music has almost all what we want, especially the same feeling to this world. We like it. At the same time, I can't deny there are also many merits in the classical music. I can't appreciate it very much because I can't really comprehend it. Perhaps when I'm older, I'll like it more.

Travelling is more important than reading books in order to understand the people and the world. Do you agree or disagree with the statement. Use specific reasons to support your answer.

Do you know the most popular pastime in the world is reading? Now there're various kinds of books available and we can learn lots of things from them. Books become the main source of knowledge we obtain. There're about three advantages in reading as follows:

First, books provide us with various aspects of knowledge. We can learn physics, chemistry, mathematics and philosophy etc. from books. These are all necessary for us. Without the scientific knowledge, a person will probably not know how to operate a washing machine and how to use a computer. Without all this knowledge, a person can't live a better life in the modern world.

Second, reading makes us understand the world more. If we have one month and one thousand dollars, we can only travel to one or two places to learn how people live there. But how many books can we buy with the money and how many books can we finish in one month? All these books may contain information about dozens of places, we can learn more by reading than by travelling.

Third, reading is the most romantic and the safest kind of travelling. By reading, we can travel to the north pole without having to endure the freezing cold; we can also go to the desert without having to fear the threat of thirst. We can also go back to the ancient times to have a look at the people's life without any difficulty.

Of course, travelling gives us direct experiences. It's much more exciting and active than reading. It's necessary for a person to expand his horizon. When you have a chance or enough money and time, you can travel around the world, it will make your life more pleasant and make you have a deep understanding about the people and the world.

But as students, we don't have enough time and money to travel around; and studying is the most important thing for us to do. So why not read as many books as possible when we are young? This way we can get enough knowledge to serve the people and the society better. Anyway we will have enough chances to travel later.

Some people think that family is the most important influence on young adults. Other people think that friends are the most important influence on young adults. Which do you think is the most important influence? Give specific reasons for your answer.

The process of growing up is very complex for every person. Among countless factors which influence a person's growth, there are two conspicuous aspects: the family and the friends. After one is born, the first and nearest surroundings is the family in which he will grow up. So family does play a significant role in shaping children's inclination and character. While on the other hand, almost as soon as a child becomes old enough to communicate with other children, he begins having friends, who sometimes influence him more rapidly than do families. Then as far as I am concerned, both of their influences are indispensable for children's growth.

Several centuries ago, there in Europe has a famous family: Bernoullis. This family is distinguished by its scientific contributions to the world. It brought up more than 20 great scientists and mathematicians so that there are so many formula and laws titled with the name: Bernoullis. It is a convincing example to demonstrate the importance of the family. Because the family is children's most direct source of knowledge and other experiences, those who are brought up in good family tend to possess many pleasant characters, and vice versa.

If we say that families offer the environment of living, friends play another important part in shaping the child. They are connections between the child and the society. By associating with friends one can gradually get into the society and become sociable. To some extent, man is sociable creature so that children should understand the society, get used to it, and get pleasure out of it. To this point, friends would help. As for me, I have lots of friends who have many different opinions and personalities. Discussing with them enriches my thought, and playing with them builds up my personality. Frankly speaking, I really get a lot of valuable things from my friends.

Families offer us warmth and care. Friends give us strength and horizon. They both help us understand the world as it is. Both of them are the dearest parts in our life.

Inventions such as eyeglasses and sewing machine have had an important effect on our lives. Choose another invention that you think is important. Give specific reasons for your choice.

I ride bicycle to go to work every day and have a deep impression that the bicycle is very convenient in our daily life. Beijing is called a city of bicycles. There are various kinds of bicycles from small to big ones ridden in all sorts of streets. My director, Professor Li, began to learn riding a bicycle last year when she was fifty three years old, and now she can ride her small bike to go to and back from the laboratory everyday.

The bicycle lets us go anywhere nearby easily. In China, there are not any private cars since an ordinary family can not afford it. Bicycles can save time and make the owners quicker when traffic jam occurs in rush hours or any other troublesome periods.

Usually, riding a bicycle can do favor to a person's health. In modern times, life is very busy and time seems limited. Using the time of riding a bike to train one's body is a good way to follow.

In the beautiful seasons of spring and autumn, riding a bicycle to travel and appreciate the natural views is a wonderful experience. We can see buds on the tree branches, flowers in bloom, blue sky with white cloud and so on. With the breeze kissing our faces, it's a feeling beyond description.

Comparing with cars, riding a bicycle has no environment problems, It is harmless to the air and people's health. On the other hand, it saves energy and parking places. And it has less possibility of traffic jam than driving a car. Bicycle has been important in human life throughout the period after it was invented. I believe it will still be very necessary in the future.

Topic: Some people like different friends. Others like similar friends. Compare the advantages of these two kinds of friends. Which kind of friend do you prefer. Explain why.

Do you have many friends? Are they similar to you or different from you? Which kind of friends do you prefer?

Maybe you are fond of collecting stamps, then what a pleasure it is to have a friend with the same taste, and exchange the little "treasures" with him; or maybe you are interested in playing tennis, then how wonderful it is to compete with your friend, also a well-matched tennis fan, in a green field. Having friends whose characters, hobbies and social conditions are similar to you can bring you many advantages. They are easy to get along with, and between you and your friends, there are always something that all of you are familiar with. Because of the similarity, they can see something in the position of yours, and understand you better.

But how about making different friends? Yes, they may have not what you have, but they have what you have not. Perhaps the least similar friends are the protagonist of the scientific novel "Around the World in Eighty Days", Mr. Fogg, and his ardent, humorous and talkative servant, Jean, who was not a bit like his old-fashioned master. But who can say that Mr. Fogg's courage and brazenness during the great trip and his compassion towards Mrs. Aouda at the end of the story, were not partly from the influence and help of Jean? A different friend is a mirror which can reflect your virtues and shortcomings. From him, you can find what you lack and you can learn what you need. When viewed from these perspectives, different friends may do more in shaping you than do the similar ones.

No matter how similar they are, every two friends have differences. and no matter how different they are, as friends, they have at least one similarity: the sincerity towards friendship. In the sincere friendship, you can find shelter from danger, courage in need, and hands willing to help. Open your heart to your friends, whether they are similar to or different from you, you may become the happiest man in the world.

Topic: Some people learn best when a classroom lesson is presented in an entertaining, enjoyable way. Other people learn best when a lesson is presented in a serious, formal way. Which of these two ways of learning do you prefer? Give reasons to support your answer.

Attending lectures is very essential for students whose ability of independent study is not fully established. Consequently their progress is often based on the process of classroom importation. The two different kinds of style, respectively speaking, the serious way and the entertaining way, assume to produce different results, which can sharply be discerned by comparing the two different educational systems of the Europe and of the USA. Personally, I vote for the latter, even though I have been taught in the former system from the very beginning of my education.

The disadvantage of the serious way of learning is found mainly in that students frequently fail to participate in the class actively. The teacher dominated the 45-minute period and the students are refrained from airing their opinions no matter whether they agree or disagree with what the teacher says. In this case, standing up and ringing one's view forward and therefore breaking the quiet atmosphere require a great deal of courage and, sometimes, a long time premeditation. Even though he does stand up, all these will significantly weaken the effect, and for good reason: the extreme constraint prevents him from expressing his opinion. Furthermore, students are expected to learn only what the teacher tells them. They have little chance to take advantage of others' ideas.

Such defects as mentioned above can be prevented by the other way of classroom-learning. The class organized in an enjoyable atmosphere usually provides students more than what they've expected. A joke may inspire students' interest and enthusiasm and then what they learn give them a deeper impression. A drastic debate among students will prompt them to learn from others. In this kind of class they often find out that they've motivated by the pleasure of study. I have an American teacher in whose class I have gained so much. He differs from the image of teacher in my mind enormously in many aspects. What impressed me most is his humor. His satiric remarks are invariably catching. For the first time I found that history is not at all boring. In laughter, not only do I learn the knowledge in books but I also gain some spiritual things brought about by his characteristics and personality.

A light heart is always helpful.