

<Example Topics for Previous D-RW Classes>

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I. Topics from TOEFL (기출 – Expository/Argumentative Essay)

- 1) Scientists should be responsible for the negative effects of their invention.
- 2) It is better to raise children in urban areas than in rural areas.
- 3) Education is the foundation of one country's national development.
- 4) When you want learn about a culture about one country, which method do you prefer?
 - Online sources such as the Internet or social media OR offline sources including books and magazines.
- 5) Modern technology destroys traditional cultures by creating unified world.
- 6) Governments should provide their citizens with free university education.
- 7) Art classes should be compulsory for primary school students.
- 8) Children learn more during field trips than lectures in the classrooms.
- 9) Among the following entities, which influence the most for the environment protection?
 - Governments; Environmental groups; and Individual effort
- 10) International events are more influential than domestic events for people in modern days.
- 11) In order to be successful, hard work is more important than pure luck.
- 12) People can learn about a life when they play sports.
- 13) Parents are the best teachers.
- 14) Setting higher goals is better than realistic attainable goals.
- 15) It is acceptable to tell a lie as long as it does not hurt anyone.
- 16) Physical education should be compulsory.

II. Topics from IB (<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme>)

- 1) Is climate change real, and is it happening or not?
- 2) Should parents monitor their children's Internet usage?
- 3) Should students be required to learn a second language in school?
- 4) Does music positively influence student performance during homework, tests or writing?

- 5) Do music and art are beneficial for society?
- 6) Does the benefits social media provides outweigh its problems?
- 7) Does raising pets help to children to raise their responsibility?
- 8) What types of friends are beneficial for children, friends with different or similar characteristics?
- 9) Should school uniforms be compulsory for students?
- 10) In order to achieve success, it is all about hard work and has nothing to do with luck.
- 11) Governments should ban the use of plastic.
- 12) Should people become a vegetarian?
- 13) Social Media is the main culprit of an increasing number of bullying.
- 14) Absolute power absolutely corrupts.
- 15) In order to understand one's culture, reading a literature is the best way
- 16) Violent game/web-toons make people more likely to be violent in real life.
- 17) Self-driving vehicles will make roads safer and reduced traffic accidents.
- 18) Capital punishment should be in place and enforced.
- 19) High school students should be allowed to choose which classes they take
- 20) Unrestricted scientific inquiry leads to progress.
- 21) Going to museums is no longer necessary in modern society due to online resources.
- 22) 18-year-olds are mature enough to vote.
- 23) Online comments should be anonymous.
- 24) Learning about a history is irrelevant to a fast-changing modern society.

III. Cause-Effect type Essay

- 1) Causes of the Covid-19 Pandemic and its possible effects in the Post-Covid era
- 2) Based on the current crisis on Ukraine, analyze its cause and effects.
- 3) Analyze causes and effects of lifting social distancing policies around the world
- 4) Cause and Impacts of the Turkish earthquake
- 5) Cause and Effects of the popular use of ChatGPT

- 6) Cause and Effects of online eating shows, Mukbang
- 7) Cause and effects of Israel-Hamas War in 2023
- 8) Han Kang's winning of Nobel Prize in 2024
- 9) North Korean troop deployment to Russia

IV. Compare-Contrast Type Essay

- 1) Pros & cons of Celebrity Endorsement
- 2) Positive and negative impacts of social distancing and lock-down
- 3) Advantages and problems of animal testing
- 4) What is the different between diets in the past and ones in modern days?
- 5) Compare and contrast lives between people in the past and those in modern days based on their happiness.
- 6) Compare and contrast online education and offline learning.

V. Topics from AP

- 1) 2018 AP English Language and Composition Free-Response Questions – Question 3

In her book 'Gift from the Sea', author and aviator Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906-2001) writes,

"We tend not to choose the unknown [which might be a shock or a disappointment or simply a little difficult to cope with.] And yet it is the unknown (with all its disappointments and surprises) [that is the most enriching]."

Consider the value Lindbergh places on choosing the unknown. Then write an essay in which you develop your own position on the value of exploring the unknown. Use appropriate, specific evidence to illustrate and develop your position.

- 2) 2021 AP English Language and Composition Free-Response Questions – Question 3

Many people spend long hours trying to achieve perfection in their personal or professional lives. Similarly, people often demand perfection from others, creating expectations that may be challenging to live up to. In contrast, some people think perfection is not attainable or desirable.

Write an essay that argues your position on the value of striving for perfection.

3) 2022 AP English Language and Composition Free-Response Questions – Question 3

Colin Powell, a four-star general and former United States secretary of state, wrote in his 1995 autobiography: “[W]e do not have the luxury of collecting information indefinitely. At some points, before we can have every possible fact in hand, we have to decide. The key is not to make quick decision, but to make timely decisions.”

Write an essay that argues your position on the extent to which Powell's claim about making decisions is valid.