

TOEFL SPEAKING SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. Suppose your sociology professor has asked all students in your class to do a final project—making a presentation. Give specific reasons to support your opinion. There are two ways :
 - a) to make the presentation in class;
 - b) Record the presentation as a video file in advance and show the video later in class.
 - c) Which way do you think would be better and why?
2. Do you want to record your trip by keeping a diary and taking photos?
3. Some people choose a profession that will allow them to work independently. Others choose a career that will enable them to work as part of a group. Given a choice, which kind of profession do you prefer and why?
4. Which one do you prefer when you disagree with your friends: speaking face to face and through phone calls or sending an email and text message?
5. Your professor has offered you the opportunity to help him with some vital research this weekend. However, you have made plans to travel to your hometown this weekend to attend your sister's birthday party. What will you do?
6. When visiting a museum that allows photography, some people like to take photographs of the exhibits they see. Others prefer to look at the displays and do not take pictures. Which do you choose?
7. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Because of the increasing popularity of entertainment technology, fewer people are reading books for pleasure.
8. Which do you prefer: a leader who makes quick decisions without consulting others or a leader who asks for the opinions of other group members before making a decision?
9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents are much easier to raise children today than 50 years ago.
10. Read a short passage and listen to a conversation on the same topic. You will then be asked a question about them. After you hear the question, you will have 15-30 seconds to prepare your response and 45-60 seconds to speak.

Passage

Currently, the university drama club organizes plays only on campus. Next year, however, the drama club will also perform street plays in and around Washington D.C. Mr. Watkins, the head of the drama club, feels that doing street plays will help in taking important social messages to large groups of people, which in turn will help create a sense of awareness in the society in

which we live. In addition to this, it is hoped that getting the drama club to perform street plays will also help motivate students in the club to pursue a higher standard of excellence, and will also help them improve their confidence.

Transcript -

Narrator: Now listen to two students discussing the article.

Male Student: Meriya, you are a part of the drama club, right? What do you think about the proposal in the article?

Female Student: I really liked the proposal. I have always wanted to do street play. I personally believe that art should try to bring about a social change in the society that we live in.

Male Student: I agree...but why a street play? Wouldn't a conventional theater performance also have the same impact?

Female Student: Yes, conventional theater performances can have a good social impact. But, I feel the street theater provides a much wider reach...not very many people visit a theater, but you can always find people on the street.

Male Student: Mhmm...that's true

Female Student: Also, I know a lot of people who would like to do a street play, but lack the confidence to do it. I feel that when the club organizes a street play, those people also will get an opportunity to do what they've always wanted to do, with the added advantage of their peers being there for support.

Male Student: Mhmm...you're right...I hadn't really thought about that.

Female Student: Also, the audience of a street play would be similar to the audience we'd get if we were to take up acting as our profession...at least, it would be more similar than the kind of audience we usually get when we perform a play in the campus...I have a feeling that this article might encourage more students to join the drama club.

Male Student: Um, to be honest, right now, I am considering if I should join the drama club.

Female Student: Given your artistic flair, we'd be more than happy to have you in our club.

The woman expresses her opinion about the change described in the article. Briefly summarize the change. Then state her opinion about the change and explain the reasons she gives for that opinion.

