

TOEFL Academic discussion task

1. Your professor is teaching a class on marketing. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should express and support your personal opinion

make a contribution to the discussion in your own words

An effective response will contain at least 100 words. You have ten minutes to write.

Today, we're discussing the ethics of targeted advertising. Some people argue that online advertising which uses personal information to target specific people is an invasion of privacy. Others argue that it's simply an acceptable way to reach consumers with products and services they're interested in. What's your take? Do you think targeted advertising is ethical, or is it an invasion of privacy?

2. Your professor is teaching a class on social studies. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should express and support your personal opinion

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Today, we're going to discuss the impact of social media on society. On one hand, social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have connected people from all over the world. However, there are concerns about the negative effects of social media, such as the spread of misinformation, the rise of cyberbullying, and addiction to social media use. What do you think? Does social media cause more harm than good?

3. Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should express and support your personal opinion

make a contribution to the discussion in your own words

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Professor - In class today, we are going to talk about grading students. Before you come to class, I want you to think about whether grades are beneficial. On one hand, they provide a way to measure students' progress. On the other hand, some argue that grades are too focused on performance and don't provide an accurate picture of a student's overall academic abilities. If you had to choose, would you say that students should be given grades or not? Why?

4. Your professor is teaching a class on political science. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should express and support your personal opinion

make a contribution to the discussion in your own words

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Professor - Today we're going to discuss whether the government should tax unhealthy products, such as sugary drinks and junk food. On one hand, taxing these products could discourage people from consuming them and reduce health problems. On the

other hand, some argue that such taxes unfairly target lower-income families who may rely on these products as affordable sources of food. If you had to choose, would you support or oppose taxing unhealthy products? Why?