

TOEFL Academic discussion task

1. **Professor:** A new story about Artificial Intelligence (AI) is in the news almost every day. And, of course, companies are spending an enormous amount of money to develop new technologies related to AI. Before next class, I want you to consider the following question: Is AI a dangerous technology that, overall, will be harmful to society, or is it a powerful tool that will improve the lives of people?

Your professor is teaching a class on computer 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

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.

2. **Professor:** Life expectancies are increasing all over the world nowadays. Some of you probably know someone who is more than 100 years old. Before our next class, I want you to consider the following question: What factors do you think have contributed to the increase in life expectancy? Is it due to advances in medical technology, improvements in government services, changes in lifestyle habits, or something else entirely?

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

make a contribution to the discussion in your own words

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.

3. **Professor:** Funding for education is a really hot topic nowadays, so today we're going to talk about how universities use their limited resources. In the discussion board please respond to the following question: Should universities prioritize funding academic facilities like libraries, or is it okay to spend just as much money on sports and athletic programs?

Your professor is teaching a class on public administration. 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.

4. **Professor:** Today we're going to talk about the debate between economic growth and protecting the environment. Economic growth creates new jobs and gives people money they can use to improve their lives. On the other hand, if we protect the environment it can be enjoyed both by ourselves and future generations. If you had to choose between prioritizing economic growth or protecting the environment, which one would you choose. Why?

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.

and 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.