

## TOEFL LESSON 12

### INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS

Q1: What is your favorite freetime activity? Use reasons and details to support your answer.

Q2: What is your favorite recreational activity? Describe it and say why you enjoy doing it.

Q3: What is your favorite movie or movie genre? Use reasons and details to support your answer.

### INTEGRATED TASK

Read a short passage and listen to a talk on the same topic.

Reading time: 45 seconds

#### NOTICE POSTED AROUND THE LIBRARY

The library is a place for reading, working on research, or studying only. It is not a concert hall. It is not a chat room. It is not a dining room. It is not a motel. This means that you may not play loud music in the library, you may not talk in a loud voice in the library, you may not have food or drink in the library, and you may not stretch out and go to sleep in the library. Anyone who does not follow these rules to the letter will be asked to leave the library immediately.

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**Question:** How do the students react to the notice posted in the library?

Preparation time: 30 seconds

Speaking time: 60 seconds

Audio Tape scripts:

- (man) Boy, that notice is terrible!
- (woman) You really think so? I kind of like it. I mean, I really like it.
- (man) But it means we can't do anything in the library.
- (woman) Not exactly. We can study, we can do homework, we can work on research, and we can do all of these things in peace and quiet.
- (man) But so many of the students, myself included, like to talk to friends, maybe have a little snack, take a little nap if we get tired, play a little music to relax.
- (woman) I know. That's why students like me can't get any work done in the library.
- (man) I like to get some work done in the library, but I can't work all the time.
- (woman) Well, I'm glad this notice was posted, and now I only hope that it's enforced.
- (man) If it is, I may have to go somewhere else to work.
- (woman) (laughs) It's not the work that's the problem. It's the noise and the mess. I'm really glad something's finally getting done about this.

HOW DO THE STUDENTS REACT TO THE NOTICE POSTED IN THE LIBRARY?

VOCABULARY HOMEWORK:

1. Jane is the most articulate of the sisters. (D)abdicated  
(A)dumb  
(B)equivocal  
(C)eloquent  
(D)shy
2. Doubts and fears can assail the strongest. (A)beat  
(B)encourage  
(C)buoy up  
(D)hearten
3. Our soldiers made an assault upon the enemy's trenches. (A)retreat  
(B)tie  
(C)attack  
(D)truce
6. The incident assuaged his passions. (A)alleviated  
(B)aggravated  
(C)augmented  
(D)exacerbated
7. He performed an astounding feat of magic. (A)pleasing  
(B)astonishing  
(C)miserable  
(D)dumping
8. Many a lawyer is astute. (A)ingenuous  
(B)obtuse  
(C)arid  
(D)shrewd

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(C)sniffed

(D)blizzard

Answers

1C 2A 3C 4D 5A 6A 7B 8D 9B 10A

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