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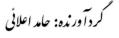
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Education & Learning (Questions 1-98)

- 1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is generally beneficial for boys and girls to attend separate schools. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers should require students to participate regularly in class discussions. Use details and examples to support your opinion.
- 3. Some people think that students learn better through the process of playing educational games in groups in the classroom. Others think that playing games is not a good use of classroom time. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.
- 4. Some people believe that teaching children good manners is entirely the responsibility of families. Others believe that schools should also spend time teaching young children good manners and politeness. Which view do you agree with? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 5. Some university programs, such as those in international business or foreign languages, require students to study abroad in another country for at least one semester. Do you agree with this policy? Why or why not? Use details and examples to support your opinion.
- 6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Schools should require students to attend cultural events (for example, visit an art museum to see an exhibition).
- 7. Your university currently requires all students to take one humanities course in a subject such as literature or philosophy in order to graduate. However, some students majoring in subjects such as math and science think that these humanities courses are not relevant to their field of study and they should therefore not be required to take them. Do you agree with these students? Explain why or why not.
- 8. Your university plans to open a new cafe on campus. Some students think the café should be designed as a quiet area where students can read and study. Other students think the cafe should be designed as a place for students to talk with friends and watch television on large screens. Which proposal do you support, and why?
- 9. Some college students choose a course of study that will give them specific professional training such as teaching or engineering, while others choose a broader course of study such as philosophy or history that will give them more general knowledge. Which do you think is better?

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- 10. Some teachers prefer students to send questions about coursework and assignments by email. Other teachers prefer that students ask these questions in person. Which do you think is better? Explain why.
- 11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is important for all university students to engage in social activities such as joining clubs or sports groups. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
- 12. Some students who study abroad prefer to live with roommates from the same cultural background. Others prefer to live with roommates from different countries. Which would you prefer and why?
- 13. Some college students take classes during the summer. Others take the summer off from school, so that they can rest or work at a job. Which do you think is better for students? Explain why.
- 14.Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Good teachers admit when they have made a mistake or do not know something. Use a specific example to support your point of view.
- 15. Your university is organizing a series of guest lectures. Some people think that speakers with controversial opinions should not be invited to speak at the university. Others believe that the university should feature a variety of speakers, regardless of their opinions. Which point of view do you agree with? Explain why, using details and examples in your response.
- 16.Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better for students to live with a roommate who is studying the same subject. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 17. Some people believe that doing homework is not helpful for younger children and that it should be given only to older students. Others believe that homework should be assigned to children of all ages. Which point of view do you agree with? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 18. Some universities expect students to choose a major field of study when they enter university. Other universities allow students to wait until the second or third year before deciding on a major field of study. Which do you think is better? Why?
- 19. Some people believe that every college student should be required to take math classes. Others believe that only those who need it in their future careers should be required to study math. Which point of view do you agree with? Use details and examples to support your answer.

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- 20. Your university is planning to require all first-year students to take a class in which they would learn how to use the resources available at the university library and apply those skills in writing a long research paper. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not, using specific examples and details.
- 21. Because most students have their own laptops, your university is considering closing the campus computer lab, where students use university-owned computers. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not, using details and examples in your response.
- 22. To help ensure students have enough time for studying, your school is considering placing a limit on the number of student clubs, sports, or organizations that a student is allowed to join. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not, using specific details and examples in your response.
- 23. Many universities require all first-year students, regardless of their field of study, to take a writing or composition course in which they write several essays on a variety of topics. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 24. The local elementary school in your area has decided to make a change to their science program. Instead of children performing experiments themselves, in science class, they will now watch demonstrations of science experiments on videos. Do you think this is a good idea? Why or why not? Use details and examples in your response.
- 25. Some high schools require students to take music and art classes. Other schools do not require such classes. Which do you think is better for students and why?
- 26. Your university is considering a policy in which professors will only be eligible for promotions and pay raises if they have received positive evaluations of their teaching from students. Do you agree with this policy? Explain why or why not, using specific examples and details.
- 27. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is good for students to attend a university or college in a foreign country. Explain why.
- 28. Some recent university graduates choose to spend a period of time doing volunteer work or community service before they start their careers. Others think it is better to start working as soon as possible

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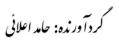


- after graduation. Which view do you agree with? Use details and examples to explain your answer.
- 29. To promote academic success, your university is considering a new policy that would limit the number of hours per week that students can spend working at university jobs. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not, using specific examples and details in your response.
- 30. It is the policy of many universities that parents of university students cannot have access to their child's grades without their child's permission. Do you agree or disagree with this policy? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 31. Some people prefer to learn new material by reading a textbook. Others learn best by listening to a lecture on the topic. Which method of learning do you prefer? Explain why.
- 32. Your university wants to introduce a new policy: all students will now be required to do volunteer work in the local community, such as helping out in elementary schools or cleaning the parks. Do you agree or disagree with this policy? Give specific reasons to support your opinion.
- 33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students can learn school subjects as effectively through online videos as they can from classroom teaching. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 34. The student association has decided to reduce the number of student clubs they sponsor. Some members want to drop the Hiking Club. Other members prefer to drop the Speech and Debate Club. Which club do you think should be dropped? Explain why.
- 35. Do you think it's a good idea for university to ask a student to leave school if he was caught cheating in exams?
- 36. Some people think students should be required to memorize factual information such as historical dates. Others think this is unnecessary because the Internet can provide this kind of information. Which view do you agree with? Use specific examples and details to support your opinion.
- 37. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement, the most important factor that determines how successful students will be in school is the amount of intelligence they have. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 38. Some people think that libraries should be quiet places where people can read and study in silence. Others think that libraries should



be more social places where people can meet and interact. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.

- 39. Some high schools require students to pass a physical fitness exam, in which they are tested on their ability to perform certain physical activities, such as running and swimming, in order to graduate. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not. Support your opinion with specific details and examples.
- 40. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students will learn more if they have friends in the same class. Use specific examples and details to support your opinion.
- 41. Some people think that schools should assign projects and other work for students to complete over vacation, before the beginning of the school year. Others think that schoolwork should only be assigned during the actual academic year. Which opinion do you agree with? Explain why, using details and examples in your response.
- 42. Some students feel they learn more in classes that meet early in the morning. Other students think they learn more in afternoon classes. Which is better for you? Explain why.?
- 43. Some university classes only meet one day a week for a long period of time. Other university classes meet several days a week for shorter periods of time. Which do you think is better? Explain why.
- 44. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All children should be required to attend school until age 16.
- 45. Some elementary schools are establishing policies that prohibit teachers from giving homework to children, so all assignments are completed during the school day rather than at home after school. Do you agree with such policies? Explain why or why not.
- 46. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Schools should not allow young children to use calculators during math classes and exams.
- 47. When students are reading, some choose the books from the reading list their schools give. Others choose books by themselves. Which do you prefer? Use reasons and examples to explain your opinion.
- 48. Some teachers have an informal style and treat their students almost like friends. Other teachers have a more formal style and keep a professional distance from students. Which teaching style do you think is better for learning? Explain why.
- 49. Many students are asked to evaluate their professors at the end of the semester. Do you think it is a good idea? Why?





- 50. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is easier to teach students in primary school than it is to teach students in university.
- 51. The school decided to cancel the long summer vacation. So students have to attend school all year with some short breaks during holidays. Do you agree or disagree? Please explain the reasons.
- 52. Some countries have approved "homeschool" as part of education. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?
- 53. Professors shouldn't allow students to record class lectures. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?
- 54. Some professors prefer to answer students' questions at the end of the lecture, and others stop at different points to answer students' questions. Which style do you think is better for learning?
- 55. Do you agree or disagree that hiring experienced teachers is a deciding factor for the success of a school?
- 56. Some students think that they should be graded based on participating in the class discussions, while others think that they should be graded based on written work, such as paper. Which opinion would you prefer? Why?
- 57. Many people think that students study course materials more effectively by taking exams, while others think that students learn more effectively through doing other activities such as writing paper or completing projects. Which do you think is more effective for students to learn?
- 58. Which would you prefer: taking classes in the morning or in the afternoon?
- 59. When giving feedback to students, some teachers would like to talk to their students in person, while some teachers would give written comments to students. Which do you prefer and why?
- 60. Some students like teachers who often supervise their study and work, while others like teachers who allow them to study independently and check their work occasionally. Which one do you prefer?
- 61. Some choose to work in a small company or organization with a few workers. Others prefer to work in a large company or organization with thousands of employees. Which do you think is better?
- 62. Some people think they should learn math at school while others think they should learn math at work. Which do you prefer?

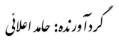
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- 63. Students should do some part-time jobs before they attend college. Please use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 64. Even if you are older, you can get a university degree. Do you disagree with this view?
- 65. The university is going to increase the price of junk food to make more money and use the money to add more kinds of healthy food. Do you agree or disagree?
- 66. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Schools need to encourage students to be more creative and use imagination to be successful person.
- 67. Some people think that the library should be quiet. Some people think that social activities should be provided for students to meet friends and have meetings. What do you think?
- 68. Female and male university students should have separate residence halls. Do you agree or disagree?
- 69. Your university decided to allow local communities to attend classes on campus; they could enter the class but can't ask questions and don't have assignments. Do you agree or not?
- 70. Do you agree or disagree that hiring experienced teachers is a deciding factor for the success of a school?
- 71. Some students prefer to choose a career before getting into college. Other students prefer to choose a career after taking some university courses. Which one do you prefer and why?
- 72. Some people learn more in the morning. Some others learn more in the afternoon. Which one is better for you?
- 73. Some people learn about current events through watching television news programs. Others prefer to read about current events in newspaper or on the Internet. Which one do you prefer? Why?
- 74. Some students prefer to take an essay question where they must write an essay to a question. Other students prefer to take a test with objective/multiple-choice questions. Which type of exam question do you prefer? Give reasons and examples in your explanation.
- 75. Some students prefer to study for exam at night. Other students prefer to study during the day. Which one do you prefer? Explain why.
- 76. Some students prefer to go to universities or colleges in their hometown. Others prefer to go to universities or colleges in new cities or towns. Which do you prefer and why? Include details and examples in your explanation.

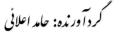


- 77. Some students prefer to live alone or live with their friends when they study abroad. Other students prefer to live with a local family when they study abroad. Which way do you prefer and why?
- 78. Some people think the best way to study is to attend a lecture. Others say that it's better to read by yourself. Which way do you prefer and why?
- 79. Some students like to take notes very often during class. Other students do not take notes or rarely take notes. Which do you think is better?
- 80. Some people prefer to take courses related to a specific career, or do you prefer to take a variety of courses?
- 81. Some schools require students to finish a reading list during school breaks. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?
- 82. Nowadays students usually take exams in class, but some universities allow students to take exams at home. Which one do you prefer?
- 83. Some people suggest students eat and drink during classes. Do you think it is a good idea?
- 84. Some students prefer to live in places where climate does not change very much, while others prefer to live in places where climate changes with seasons. Which one do you prefer? Why?
- 85. Some students prefer to do many short assignments for a semester, while others prefer to write one or two long assignments for a semester. Which do you prefer? Explain why.
- 86. Some schools require their students to complete at least 40 hours of community service. Do you agree or disagree with this requirement? Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.
- 87. Some schools do not allow students to take their laptop computers into the classroom. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?
- 88. Some people prefer to study in a class. Others think that it is better to study on the Internet. Which do you think is better and why?
- 89. Do you like to be taught by experienced teachers or by new teachers?
- 90. Some students prefer to have classes during the day and do parttime jobs in the evening while others prefer to have classes in the evening and do part-time jobs during the day. Which do you prefer?
- 91.Some people prefer to buy new books while some people like to buy used books. Which one do you prefer?





- 92. The university plans to turn long summer holiday into several short holidays. Do you think it's a good idea?
- 93. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important lessons cannot be learned in classrooms.
- 94. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? College education should only be available to people who have done well in secondary school.
- 95. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? University students should learn how to manage their time more efficiently.
- 96. Do you prefer to take courses related to a specific career, or do you prefer to take a variety of courses?
- 97. Should students start to plan their career before entering college, or should they do so until they have entered college and studied for a period of time?
- 98. Do you prefer to learn from current people and events or from people and events in the past?



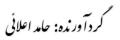


Family & Parenting (Questions 99-129)

- 99. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is important for people to live close to their families. Use details and examples in your response.
- 100. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more difficult to be a parent nowadays than in the past.
- 101. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children need to learn at an early age how to be independent. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
- 102. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents should not read their children's text messages and emails without their permission. Use reasons and details to explain your opinion.
- 103. Some people prefer to spend time by themselves while others prefer to spend time with their family. Which do you prefer? Explain why.
- 104. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is easier to be an adult than it is to be a child.
- 105. Your professor has offered you the opportunity to help him with some important 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? Explain the reasons for your choice.
- 106. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents should discourage their children from pursuing careers in competitive fields where success is not likely, such as professional sports or entertainment. Use examples and details to explain your answer.
- 107. Some people think that parents should help children solve their problems. Others think that children should learn to solve problems on their own. Which point of view do you agree with? Explain why, using details and examples.
- 108. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents should encourage their children to become popular and well-liked at school. Explain why, using details and examples to support your opinion.
- 109. When teaching children proper behavior, some parents think it is more effective to offer rewards when their children behave well. Other parents think it is more effective to discipline their children



- when they misbehave. Which point of view do you agree with? Use details to explain your opinion.
- 110. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents should control the access their children have to social media. Use details and examples to explain your response.
- 111. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to teach children how to behave is to praise their good behavior rather than to criticize their bad behavior. Use details and examples to support your opinion.
- 112. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is important to protect children from learning too soon about life's difficulties. Use specific reasons and details in your response.
- 113. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more difficult to be a good parent today than it was in the past. Use examples and details to explain your answer.
- 114. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents should discourage children from joining some competitive activities like sports.
- 115. Which one do you agree? Children born with talent should be treated in a different way or they should be treated in the same way as average children.
- 116. Some parents think they should protect children from making mistakes. Some think they should let them make mistakes. What do you think?
- 117. There is a policy that parents should not be allowed to see children's grades without their permission. Do you agree or disagree?
- 118. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Kids should be allowed to keep pets.
- 119. Do you agree or disagree that it is important for young people to learn some skills like cooking, sewing and taking care of children?
- 120. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important to maintain relationship with family members than with friends.
- 121. Do you agree or disagree? Children should take part in sports team to be more socially developed.
- 122. Do you agree or disagree? It is important for a child to spend a short period of time living far away from home, visiting relatives and friends.
- 123. Do you prefer a big family or a small family? Please give your answer with specific examples and details.





- 124. Some people think it is more important to spend time with family rather than study or work. Which opinion would you prefer? Why?
- 125. Do you think it is a good idea for parents to give children money if they have good grades in school? Please include details and examples in your explanation.
- 126. Some parents like to help their children with decisions, while some parents let children decide on their own. Which do you prefer?
- 127. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should be required to help with household tasks as soon as they are old enough to do so.
- 128. Some people like to get advice from parents or grandparents, while some people like to get help from their peers. Which do you prefer and why? Please include specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 129. Some people think it is more important to spend time with family rather than study or work. Which opinion would you prefer? Why?



₩ Work, Business & Jobs(Questions 130-161)

- on computers, it is possible for people to work even when they are not at their workplace. Because of this, while on vacation, some people prefer to stay engaged with their workplace and check in periodically. Others prefer not to think about work at all during vacation. Which approach do you think is better? Explain why, using details and examples in your response.
- 131. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? When applying for jobs, people should not include a photo of themselves on their resume or job application. Use specific reasons and details to support your opinion.
- 132. A large corporation wants to hire a new leader to run the business. It is considering two highly qualified candidates who have different approaches to decision-making for the job. The first person has a reputation for acting quickly and not always consulting with others before making decisions. The second person is known for sometimes delaying decisions in order to consider other people's opinions. Who do you think would make a better leader?
- 133. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Employees shouldn't send personal texts or emails during work hours. Explain why.
- 134. Companies have started giving their employees extra free time during the workday to socialize or engage in non-work activities. The theory is that this will increase productivity over time. Do you agree with this theory? Explain why or why not, using details and examples.
- 135. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Nowadays, for a business to be successful, it must be actively involved in social media. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- a certain amount of their profits on social programs that benefit the public and the communities where they operate. Others believe that businesses should be able to decide for themselves how to spend their profits. Which idea do you agree with? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.

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- 137. Some people prefer to work in a company where they have the independence to complete tasks and work out solutions to problems on their own. Others prefer to work in an environment where they are told exactly what they need to do. Which work situation would you prefer and why?
- 138. Imagine you have been offered two jobs. One job pays a very high salary but requires you to work very long hours and weekends. The other job pays a lower salary but does not require you to work outside of regular business hours. Which job would you choose? Explain why.
- 139. Some people choose a profession that will allow them to work independently. Others choose a profession that will allow them to work as part of a group. Given a choice, which kind of profession do you prefer and why?
- 140. Imagine you have been offered two jobs in the same field with similar salaries and benefits. One is with a large, well-established company with a good reputation. The other is with a small startup company that has just opened. Which job would you choose and why? Use details and examples to support your response.
- 141. Imagine that you have applied for a job. The company has invited you to come to their office for an interview. However, the office is located a couple of hours away in another town. Because of the distance, the company has also offered to interview you by phone instead. Which would you choose and why?
- 142. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Before taking a job in a particular field, students should get some experience in that field through a part-time job or summer employment.
- 143. Imagine you have been offered two jobs. One job pays a very high salary but requires you to work very long hours and on weekends. The other job pays a lower salary but does not require you to work outside of regular business hours. Which job would you choose? Explain why.
- 144. Do you agree or disagree that important business meetings should be held in person rather than use technology such as video conference call. Give specific reasons to support your answer.
- 145. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People perform better when they are under some stress or pressure. The theory is that when people are under stress, they tend to have a clearer motivation about their goals. Use details and examples to explain your answer.

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- 146. In a workplace, should the employer constantly supervise the employees or is it better that the employer only checks the employees occasionally?
- 147. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? For being successful in business, being outgoing and friendly is very important.
- 148. A boss or a manager should not form close friendship with their employees. Do you agree or disagree?
- 149. It is acceptable that someone uses others' influence to get a job. Do you agree or disagree?
- 150. All people should be required to stop working and retire by age 65. Do you agree or disagree?
- 151. Do you prefer to choose regular working hours or work more freely at home?
- 152. Some are willing to own and manage their own company, and some prefer to work in others' companies. Which do you prefer and why?
- 153. Your friends are planning to take a part-time job while attending university. Do you think it is a good idea? Why?
- 154. What kind of job will you choose: a job through which you can get a lot of money or a job through which you can get great personal satisfaction? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 155. Some people like to get a job during summer vacation. Others think it is better to take a class. Which do you prefer and why?
- 156. Some people prefer jobs working with computers or other technology, others like jobs working with no such technology. Which do you think is better and why?
- 157. Should students start to plan their career before entering college, or should they do so until they have entered college and studied for a period of time?
- 158. Should employees be required to wear suits in the workplace, or should they wear casual clothes?
- 159. Do you agree with the statement? Employees should be allowed to listen to music at work.
- 160. Some people prefer to be a leader in a group project, while others prefer to be a supporting member in a group project. Which do you prefer and why? Use examples and details in your explanation.
- 161. Some people prefer to do one job or project at one time. Other people prefer to do several jobs or projects at the same time. Which do you prefer and why?

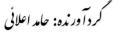


Technology & Communication (Questions 162-183)

- 162. Some people believe that e-mailing and texting is the most efficient form of communication. Others believe that speaking face-to-face is better. Which do you prefer and why?
- 163. In modern life, most friends stay in touch with each other by texting. Some people tend to answer texts from their friends right away, while others may not respond to them for a while. Do you think it is important for friends to respond promptly to each other's texts? Explain why or why not, using specific examples and details.
- 164. The older generation likes board games and card games while the younger generation is more in favor of playing computer and cellphone games. Which one do you prefer and why?
- 165. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Technology distances people from each other more than it brings them together. Use specific examples and details to support your opinion.
- 166. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Newspapers are a better source of information about current news events than television is. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 167. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The increasing number of different resources on the Internet has actually made it more difficult to find reliable information. Use specific details and examples to support your opinion.
- 168. When traveling in an unfamiliar place, some people prefer to use smartphones or other navigational devices to get around and find places. Others prefer to explore on their own and ask others for directions when necessary. Which do you prefer? Use details and examples to explain your preference.
- 169. Some people think it is better to socialize on social media rather than in person. Which do you think is better? Explain why, using specific examples and details.
- 170. When new technology is invented, such as new mobile phones or computers, some people like to buy it as soon as it becomes available. Other people prefer to wait before they buy it. Which do you prefer? Why? Give reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 171. When taking notes during a lecture or meeting, some people prefer to write them by hand on paper. Other people prefer to take notes by typing them on a laptop or other devices. Which one do you prefer? Explain why, using details and examples.



- or a computer, they may be unsure of how it works. Some people prefer to read the directions to understand how it works. Other people prefer to experiment with the device, to try to figure it out on their own. Which do you prefer and why?
- 173. Some people prefer sending messages while others prefer making phone calls directly. Which one do you prefer?
- 174. Do you agree or disagree that government should pass a law to fine people who use mobile phones when crossing the street?
- 175. Some people think with the development of technology and Internet, libraries will disappear while others think libraries are always necessary. Which idea do you agree with?
- 176. We should let children use the computers or other electronic devices as early as they can. Do you agree or disagree?
- 177. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The Internet plays an important role in your life. Use specific examples and details to support your answer.
- 178. Do you agree or disagree? Cell phone has changed our lives greatly.
- 179. Nowadays people tend to read books in electronic format on a computer screen or other devices. Some other people prefer to read books on paper printed copies. Which way do you prefer?
- 180. Do you prefer to use e-mails to communicate with your friends and family members or do you prefer to use the telephone?
- 181. Instead of printing books in paper version, the university decides to release only online version of textbooks. Do you agree or disagree with this change?
- 182. Do you agree or disagree? With the popularity of the technology that focuses on entertainment, people read fewer books than before.
- 183. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing computer or video games has a negative influence on teenagers.





Travel & Tourism (Questions 184-193)

- 184. When people travel, some enjoy visiting places they have never been to before. Other people prefer to return to places they have already visited. Which do you prefer? Explain why.
- 185. People spend the night in different kinds of places when they go on vacation. Some people enjoy camping outside in tents. Others prefer to stay in hotels. Which do you prefer? Why?
- 186. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is disrespectful for tourists to take photos of strangers without their permission. Use details and examples to support your opinion.
- 187. Some people are willing to spend a lot of money on a vacation so they can do something special. Others prefer to spend very little money on their vacations. Which do you think is better? Why?
- 188. When on vacation, some people prefer to participate in outdoor activities, such as hiking or swimming. Other people prefer to be less physically active on vacation. Which type of vacation do you prefer? Explain why.
- 189. Some people prefer to travel when they have time off from school or work. Others prefer to spend their time off at home. Which do you prefer?
- 190. Some people prefer to spend lots of money on vacation. Some people would spend little money on vacation. Which do you prefer and why?
- 191. Some people like to write diaries or take photos to record what they've experienced when they're traveling, others don't do so. What's your opinion on it?
- 192. Do you like to go to one place and stay there for a long time for your vacation, or different places and spend little time at each place?
- 193. Do you like to travel alone or travel with your family members? Explain why.

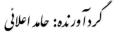


Social Life, Friends & Relationships (Questions 194-215)

- 194. Some people think that having a sense of humor makes it easier to deal with certain difficult situations in life such as conflicts with friends. Others believe it is best to approach difficult situations in a more serious manner. Which point of view do you agree with? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 195. When we meet new people, we tend to notice certain things about them. Do you think that these first observations tell you a lot about the person or that it takes a long time to know what a person is like? Please include specific details in your explanation.
- 196. It is important to help people who have moved into your neighborhood to feel welcome and part of the community. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
- 197. Some people think that, when moving to a new country, they should adapt to the cultural habits and traditions of the new country. Other people prefer to keep their original habits and traditions. Which point of view do you agree with? Explain why, using details and examples in your response.
- 198. Some people like to organize and plan parties or other social events. Others prefer not to organize parties and would rather simply attend events that they have been invited to. Which do you prefer? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 199. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? You should not try to help your friends with their problems unless they ask for your help. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 200. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Young people today are less outgoing and socially active than young people in previous generations were. Use details and examples to support your opinion.
- 201. Friends or colleagues sometimes need to have a serious talk about a problem, such as a misunderstanding. Some people prefer to have these important discussions in a public place, such as a café or restaurant. Others prefer to have such talks in a more private place or at home. Which do you prefer? Explain why, using details and examples in your response.
- 202. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We should be completely honest with friends.
- 203. Do you like to make a plan with friends about social activities in advance or plan it when you attend it?



- 204. When a friend is coming to visit your place, do you prefer a surprise visit or an informed one?
- 205. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important to maintain relationship with family members than with friends.
- 206. Do you prefer to be friends with peers or friends of different ages?
- 207. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? We should help our friends only when they ask for help.
- 208. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? It's never acceptable to interrupt other people when they are talking.
- 209. Do you prefer talking about your opinion immediately when you get the topic, or prefer to wait and listen to others before you talk?
- 210. Friends may disagree with each other and still maintain friendship. Do you agree with or disagree with this idea, why?
- 211. There are two invitations. One is a party with your friends, and the other is having a dinner party with your parents. Which one would you prefer and why?
- 212. Some people like to spend their spare time with friends, while some people like to spend it alone. Which one do you prefer?
- 213. Some people prefer to celebrate special occasions like birthdays with their friends, others prefer to be alone at such occasions. Which do you prefer? Use examples and details to support your response.
- 214. Do you agree or disagree? We should help our friends only when they ask for help.
- 215. Some college students like to spend their free time studying another course or doing schoolwork. Others like to join a club and enjoy club activities. Which do you think is better and why?





Entertainment, Hobbies & Arts (Questions 216-245)

- 216. Some people think it is important to wear clothes that are in fashion. Others do not think that wearing fashionable clothes is important. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.
- 217. Some people like to keep a record of their experiences, for example, by keeping a journal, writing a diary, or taking pictures. Other people prefer not to keep such records. Which do you prefer and why?
- 218. Some people like to listen to music on headphones while they go from one place to another. Others prefer going from place to place in silence. Which do you prefer? Explain why.
- 219. Some people like to read certain books more than once. Others prefer to always read something they have never read before. Which do you usually prefer? Explain why, using details and examples.
- 220. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should only engage in activities or hobbies at which they are good or talented. Use details and examples to explain your answer.
- 221. When watching movies and television shows with friends and family, some people prefer that everyone remain quiet until the end. Other people enjoy talking and sharing opinions during movies and shows. Which do you prefer? Explain why.
- 222. Some people prefer to spend their extra money on objects, such as clothes or electronics. Other people prefer to spend it on experiences, like vacations or concerts. Which do you prefer and why?
- 223. Some people believe that a country's government should give money to support art institutions like museums or theaters. Others feel that it should not be the role of governments to do this. Which opinion do you agree with? Explain why.
- 224. When visiting an art museum, some people prefer to go with their friends or colleagues and discuss works of art. Others prefer to go alone so they can view and think about the works of art by themselves. Which do you prefer? Explain why. Give specific details and examples in your response.
- 225. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Watching television is not a good use of time. Use specific examples and details to support your opinion.

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- 226. Some people believe that artists, such as painters, writers, and musicians, need to be born with natural abilities in order to be successful. Others believe that artists can become successful through hard work. What is your opinion?
- 227. Some people play games or sports for enjoyment. Others play only with the goal of winning. Which approach to playing games or sports do you think is better? Give reasons to support your opinion.
- 228. Some people prefer to watch films that are exciting and entertaining. Others prefer to watch films that are more serious and have an important message or teach them something new. What kind of film do you prefer and why? Use specific examples and details in your response.
- 229. Before going to see a movie, some people like to read reviews in which critics offer their opinion of the movie. Other people prefer to watch the movie without reading reviews of it. Which do you prefer? Use details and examples to explain why.
- 230. When visiting a museum that allows photography, some people like to take photographs of the exhibits they see. Others prefer to simply look at the exhibits and do not take photographs. Which do you prefer? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 231. Some people believe that music education in school should focus only on classical and other traditional forms of music. Other people believe that students should also learn about current popular music in school. Which view do you agree with? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 232. Some people feel an emotional attachment to old items from the past, such as childhood toys and school projects, and prefer to keep them as long as possible. Others don't feel such an attachment and so don't keep them. Which do you prefer? Explain why?
- 233. Some people like participating in performances like theatrical or musical shows. Others prefer to be in the audience watching those plays. Which do you prefer?
- 234. Some students enjoy decorating their surroundings; others choose to keep their surroundings simple and free of any decorations. Which do you prefer and why?
- 235. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The purpose of art is to guide our life.
- 236. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Current celebrities (like musicians, actors/actresses, athletes) set a good example as role model for the young people.



- 237. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Government should not allow violence and bad language in television programs.
- 238. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One of the best ways to learn about a country's culture is through watching television shows in that country.
- 239. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Artists and musicians are important to our society.
- 240. Do you prefer to listen to live music like concert, or do you prefer to listen to recorded music?
- 241. Do you agree or disagree? Watching TV is not a good use of time.
- 242. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? What a person wears can show his or her personality.
- 243. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Stories of famous people on TV have no relevance to ordinary people.
- 244. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? People should dress according to the latest fashion.
- 245. Which do you prefer, reading paper books or reading electronic books?

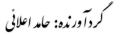
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- 246. Some people believe governments should invest money in programs designed to save and protect endangered species of animals. Others believe that money for such programs should only come from private sources. Which point of view do you agree with? Explain why.
- 247. Do you think the government should spend money saving endangered animals or should the money come from private sources?
- 248. Your city is considering a proposal to require car owners to pay an additional fee if they drive cars that do not meet environmental standards set by the city for air pollution. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain why or why not. Support your opinion with specific details and examples.
- 249. Some people believe that a country's government should be responsible for the health of its citizens and should regulate the sale of unhealthy food and drinks. Other people believe that individuals should be free to make their own decisions about what they consume. Which view do you agree with? Use details and examples to explain your answer.
- 250. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People from simple, ordinary backgrounds often make the best government leaders. Use specific reasons and details in your response.
- 251. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Preserving the environment is the responsibility of the government of each country.
- 252. Imagine that there is a proposal to lower the age at which a person can get a license to drive a car in your country. Would you agree or disagree with this proposal? Explain why.
- 253. The government should spend money on projects that can encourage citizens to lead a healthier lifestyle. Do you agree or disagree?
- 254. You live in a crowded city with only one green space, the city park. The government has recently proposes to build a housing complex on this only green space. Do you think this is a good idea?
- 255. Do you agree or disagree that government should pass a law to fine people who use mobile phones when crossing the street?
- 256. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Government should not allow violence and bad language in television programs.



257. Your city owns a large piece of vacant land in the city center and wants to do something useful with it. Some people want to rent it to a company that will create job opportunities for local residents. Other people prefer to use the land to create a large park and community garden. Which option do you think would be best? Explain why, using details and examples in your response.





§ Economics & Money (Questions 258-263)

- 258. Some people think that wealthy people have a responsibility to use some of their money to help people who are less fortunate. Do you agree or disagree with this point of view? Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 259. When purchasing a new or used product, in some situations there is not a fixed price, so the buyer and seller negotiate to reach an agreement on the price. Some buyers enjoy this process and prefer to negotiate a price whenever they can. Other people dislike the process of bargaining and would prefer to always pay a fixed price. Which do you prefer?
- 260. Some people prefer to shop for groceries at specialty shops such as butcher shops and bakeries. Others prefer to shop for everything at once at a supermarket. Which do you think is better and why? Use details and examples to support your answer.
- 261. If you have more money, do you want to spend your money on objects like clothes and electronic devices or spend your money on experience?
- 262. Imagine that you have been accepted by two different universities: one university is well-known for its excellent academic program but is expensive, while the other one is less well-known but has offered you scholarship to pay for your tuition fee. Which university would you prefer?
- 263. You have to choose between two apartments to live in next semester; one apartment is near the campus but is slightly expensive, the other is a little far from the campus but is cheaper. Which one do you prefer and why?

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№ Environment, Animals & Nature (Questions 264-272)

- 264. Some people believe governments should invest money in programs designed to save and protect endangered species of animals. Others believe that money for such programs should only come from private sources. Which point of view do you agree with? Explain why.
- 265. Some people believe that certain places on Earth should be preserved and protected forever from human development. Others believe that humans should be able to use and develop all areas on Earth as the human population grows. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.
- 266. People are encouraged to use reusable bags and bring their own bags when going shopping, and there will be a fee imposed to plastic bags. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?
- 267. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Preserving the environment is the responsibility of the government of each country.
- 268. You live in a crowded city with only one green space, the city park. The government has recently proposed building a housing complex on this only green space. Do you think this is a good idea?
- 269. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Kids should be allowed to keep pets.
- 270. A big corporation is planning to invest in a factory in your hometown. This factory will create many job opportunities for people but also will bring a lot of pollution at the same time. Do you agree or disagree with the plan?
- 271. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Building zoos helps to protect animals.
- 272. Some people believe that certain places on Earth should be preserved and protected forever from human development. Others believe that humans should be able to use and develop all areas on Earth as the human population grows. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.

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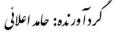


A Health & Lifestyle (Questions 273-290)

- 273. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Students who are physically active and exercise regularly are more likely to succeed academically. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 274. Some people think that participating in risk-taking activities such as rock climbing and skydiving requires bravery. Others think that participating in such activities is not really brave, but simply foolish. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.
- 275. Your university has received a donation to use specifically on improving the fitness and sports center on campus. Some students think the university should use the money to start offering free group fitness classes with professional instructors. Other students think the university should spend the money on purchasing new, modern gym equipment, such as electronic treadmills and bicycles. There is enough money for only one of these proposals. Which proposal do you support, and why?
- 276. Some people prefer to have fast food in a fast-food restaurant, or do you prefer to have food in other kinds of places?
- 277. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Playing sports as children encourage people to become overly aggressive later in life.
- 278. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should always wear fashionable clothes. Please use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 279. The government should spend money on projects that can encourage citizens to lead a healthier lifestyle. Do you agree or disagree?
- 280. Do you agree or disagree that physical exercise is more important for older people than young people?
- 281. Do you agree or disagree? People should not change their appearance through surgery.
- 282. Which would you prefer: doing exercise every day or only when you are free?
- 283. You have been very busy and unable to prepare for the exam tomorrow. You can either stay up late to study and sleep less or just study less and get full night's sleep. Which will you prefer?
- 284. Some people go to exercise outside or go to gym every day while others do exercise or go to gym when they have free time. Which opinion would you prefer? Why?



- 285. Which would you prefer: doing exercise every day or only when you are free?
- 286. Some people prefer to be constantly busy and always have something to do. Others prefer not to be busy all the time but to spend some periods of time doing nothing. Which approach do you think is better? Explain why.
- 287. Some people like to move about and live in different places. Others like to stay at one place all their lives. Which do you prefer and why?
- 288. Between the following two places, where would you choose to live? a big, new place but far from your workplace and/or university a small, old place which is near your workplace and/or university
- 289. Do you prefer to live in an area that is noisy but close to shops or public transportation, or an area that is quiet but far away from shops and public transportation?
- 290. Some people prefer to make decisions quickly. Others prefer to take their time. Which do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your response.





Miscellaneous / Life Choices (Questions 291-306)

- 291. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important quality of a leader is being a gifted speaker. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 292. Some people think that it is better to live in one place for most of their lives. Others think that it is better to live in many different places. What is your opinion? Explain why.
- 293. Some people prefer to live in many different cities throughout their lives, while others prefer to stay and live in just one city. Which do you prefer, and why?
- 294. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People are more interested in reading negative news stories than positive ones. Explain why. Use specific examples and details in your response.
- 295. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People should spend time reading the news every day in order to know what is happening in other countries around the world. Use details and examples to explain your opinion.
- 296. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? When involved in a dispute or argument, you should always stand firm in your beliefs and not give in. Explain why, using details and examples in your response.
- 297. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Happiness comes from helping others rather than helping yourself. Use reasons and examples to explain your opinion.
- 298. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to be successful, one has to make enemies.
- 299. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Good luck is as important as hard work for a person's success.
- 300. Which would you prefer: start a project as early as possible or wait until the deadline?
- 301. Some people prefer to solve a challenge all by themselves. Others prefer to depend on other people's help. Which do you prefer and why?
- 302. Some people prefer to have their schedules fully and specifically arranged. Some people, however, prefer to leave themselves a lot of free time. Which do you prefer and why?
- 303. Some people prefer to make detailed plans for the future. Others prefer to concentrate on present things and don't make any plans at all. Which way do you prefer? Please use specific reasons to support your answer.



- 304. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Personality changes as one grows older.
- 305. Which do you think is better: watching the news or reading the news? Explain why.
- 306. Some think that natural talent and ability are more important for an athlete; others think that hard work is more important. What do you think?

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