

ISTEP ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM

WRITING

80 Min

Please write TWO well-organized one-page essays on the topics below. You will be given two sheets. Don't forget to WRITE YOUR NAME / SURNAME AND STUDENT NO on both sheets.

It is recommended that you organize your thoughts before you write and check your work after you have finished.

Essay topic 1:

Plagiarism means taking other people's words and/or ideas and pretending that they are your own. It is a common problem in schools across the world.

Write an essay in which you discuss the reasons why students may plagiarize.
(250-300 words)

- lack of awareness about plagiarism
- pressure to complete assignments in a limited time
- fear of failure
- confusion between plagiarism and paraphrasing
- not knowing how to cite a source

Essay topic 2:

Online activism refers to the use of digital tools (the internet, smart phones, social media etc.) in order to bring about social and/or political change.

Write an essay in which you discuss the advantages and disadvantages of online activism. (250-300 words)

ADVANTAGES

- easier for more people to voice their ideas
- cost-efficient
- reaching more people
- raise funds

DISADVANTAGES

- unwanted arguments
- lack of anonymity and privacy
- spread of unreliable information
- not effective