

CELP Benchmark Essays – Set 1

Prompts :

- 1. Scientific studies have shown that teenagers need a lot of sleep in order to remain healthy. Experts usually recommend eight to nine hours of sleep a day. However, many teenagers say that they get only six hours of sleep most nights. What factors might be contributing to this? What effects could this have on schools and the students themselves? Be sure to support your opinion with examples, reasons, and explanations.**

- 2. Everyone would agree that the internet can be a useful source of information. However, nearly everyone is also aware that the internet can be dangerous in several ways, especially for children. Should parents monitor their children's use of the internet? Why or why not? If parents should monitor such use, how can they best achieve this? Be sure to support your opinion with examples, reasons and explanations.**

CELP essay sample F1

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the Fail range.

Text of Essay

[Comments refer to both regular text and blue highlighted phrases.]

Internet is the biggest source of information.

Uefull informations, unusefull informations, dangeras informations, informations on studies, daily life, etc.

More and more parents give internet to ther children.

Some of them, because they thought, that internet help the children to collect knowledge, some others use internet as a baby siter.

Can internet be dangeras for children?

I think yes.

There is no information filter in internet use.

Should parents monitor their children's use? Yes.

Fially, parents must show to their children the safe internet using, to advice them to use internet only on their free time.

To watching then at the time that the children are using internet.

To spend more and more time with their children, to ask what their children looking for in internet sites, to explain all of their children questions about all of unknow things, children found to internet use.

Finaly to make their children to trust them.

Internet is a magic source of informations.

Safe using, giving to children knowledge that they need.

Comments on Evaluation

Lexical range limited to repetition of parts of the prompt (e.g., "source of information," "useful information," and "dangerous information").

Very distracting spelling errors, even in words repeated directly from the prompt (e.g., useful, dangerous). Author produces simplistic sentences with nearly no attempt to expand or support a "Yes." answer with reasons or elaboration.

The response to the prompt is very minimal, certainly not indicative of C2 level ability.

No demonstration of awareness of writing conventions such as paragraphs.

This is an example of a FAIL rating at the C2 level.

CELP essay sample NF1)

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the Narrow Fail range.

Text of Essay

[Comments refer to both regular text and blue highlighted phrases.]

Nowadays internet is the most famous way to have information about an issue or event entertainment. But for the **users of small ages and not only them but also** teenagers it may be dangerous if they don't know exactly how to use it and what information to give about their personal life.

Firsly the use of internet is a **usefull** and easy way to do **a lot of thing** for **your self**. Children must be under control from their parents. I **beilieve** that **parends** could spent little time with their children and try to inform them. As much as **a child know** about **their safe** it is better for the child. They can also have some family games through the computer or **over through** the internet. Some times the parent could just left their child alone on computer and just have a look about what the child is looking for. If **the child try** to do something that is not allowed to do the parent can immediatly see it and try to make the child avoided. It is a good way for both **parent and children** because having some extra time spending together **it probably bring** them closer.

On the other hand some parents don't inform their children about the dangers that **might a child can have** when using the internet. They only buy their children a computer and don't care about what are they doing or what informations **are their children give** to somebody who does not know. I think that **all parent** whose children have access to the net must inform their children for their **own safe**. Having time together playing online games or even chatting on facebook it could have only positive effects on children and parent too, because **trough** all this **conection** between them, parent can be sure that their children are not in danger. Also if there is a good relationship between parents and **childer** they could share their secrets and have some **creatfull** conversations about personal life issues and not only internet matters.

To conclude with my opinion is that all children must be controlled sometimes not because their parent are **strickt** but because of their own safety.

Comments on Evaluation

*The introduction belies the writer's ability with the awkward expression **users of small ages**, as well as the **run-on structure** of the 2nd sentence.*

*Little control of common grammatical structures and frequent grammatical errors in subject verb agreement (e.g., "**a child know**," "**the child try**," "**it probably bring**").*

*Limited control of vocabulary that leads to incorrect usage of words and expressions such as "**on the other hand**" and in choice of part of speech (e.g., "**their safe**"). Several distracting spelling errors.*

The response to the prompt is somewhat clear but is incompletely supported; development hindered by grammar problems throughout

Structure of essay is minimally helpful in clarifying main points.

The essay falls well short of the C2 standard. A Narrow Fail at C2.

CELP essay sample MP1

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the Marginal Pass range.

Text of Essay

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Scientific studies have shown that teenagers need lot of sleep in order to be healthy. But many teenagers say that they sleep only 6 hours in contrast with what experts recommend which is about 8 hours.

There are many factors that might make teenagers stay up late. For example if Television shows a good film or they might just **surig** the internet can **mae** them forget how late it is.

Teenagers believe that no matter how late did they sleep yesterday they are able to attend every school course. That is not so correct because it has happened several times to me to stay awake until late and the next day at school I couldn't attend almost any course.

On the other hand though there are parents and teachers who always tell children that they have to sleep early, mostly before midnight. So children don't want to hear their advice and they stay **awaoke** until late in order just not to follow their parents advice. In that way teenagers think that if they can **brake** their parents rules, they are free and independent. But that doesn't always have a good end.

To sum up its my firm belief that parents should allow teenagers to say awake more hours than they do now, but not too late. Teenagers should follow their parents rules and don't get to **furstrated** with anything they do when it is night in order **no** to **lose the meter** and forget how late it is. If parents can co-op with their teenager they can together achieve a better result in school!!!

Comments on Evaluation

Some control of common syntactic structures is demonstrated in spite of distracting errors in grammar and spelling.

The writer shows an adequate range of vocabulary, both common and less-common expressions.

The writer's argument is supported by a personal examples and explanations.

Demonstrates only some awareness of writing conventions. The first paragraph of the essay is a repetition of the prompt. Also, the writer's argument (that teenagers should stay awake later than they do now but not too late) is not stated until the conclusion of the essay.

CELP essay sample CP1

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the Clear Pass range.

Text of Essay

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A proper sleep is of vital importance for every person, unconditionally. Specifically teenagers need to have **an eight-hour sleep** in order to be healthy enough to run their everyday schedule with success. But **this, unfortunately, is not their attitude**. Many factors can be **on blame** for this.

Insufficient sleep may originate from a stressful way of living. Teenagers nowadays have so many things in their minds which can stress them very easily. School schedule is very heavy and students cannot have enough time to relax due to the homework they have every day. This appears to be a significant reason why students do not get enough sleep in order to stay awake studying.

However, some students may be on **the other side of the river**. Most young people who do not sleep enough, stay awake to chat on the net or watch TV until late. Not many of them are **in position** to realize the importance of sleep for their health or maybe they do not even want to.

The hours of sleep which teenagers have can cause a serious impact on their achievement at school but also on schools themselves. Young people need eight hours of sleep at least in order to be prepared to do well in school the following day. If they do not sleep enough it is very possible that they forget what they learn at school and this may even affect their **short-term** but also their long-term memory. This is very likely to cause a serious problem to the educational system and affect students progress in school, but also in their jobs later.

In conclusion, the younger people are, **the most important** sufficient sleep is for them. Teenagers who do not manage to get eight hours of sleep daily, may have to face the effects in their adult life.

Comments on Evaluation

While the introduction concludes somewhat awkwardly, the author takes a clear position – teens' attitude is to blame for their sleep habits.

The writer demonstrates control of a variety of syntactic structures.

Good, if incomplete, control of vocabulary demonstrated through nonnative-like idiom usage (e.g., "the other side of the river")

The writer provides clear main points and support for his/her argument. The repetition and restatement restricts to this performance to above the basic C2 level essay, but not well above.

The essay displays a strong sense of audience and is easy for the reader to comprehend.

Overall the essay is clear and complete; there are errors, but none affect comprehension. This is an example of a "Clear Pass" at the C2 level.

CELP essay sample HP1

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the High Pass

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Nowadays, the Internet has changed our lives. A constant stream of information flowing in front of our eyes at incredible speeds. But, besides its advantages taking place, there are also negative factors existing and need to be taken seriously, especially when it has to do with children.

The Internet can sometimes be dangerous, if misused. Thus, I would strongly recommend parents to carefully monitor their children when using it. This protection can be ensured by using special software, created for that purpose. These programs can log the computer's "movements" through the net, monitor incoming and outgoing calls, block websites with explicit adult material, prevent the users from entering credit card serial numbers and **personall** information that can reveal the users identity and coordinates. Some program can also cloak the current ip-address, thus not revealing the users position.

All the above measures, combined with an informative dialog about the dangers and traps of the Internet aimed at its youngest users can ensure and maximise your and your family's safety and **reducing** the chance that somebody is **spying you** and knows your every movement.

As for the dangers they exist, they are countless, for example, imagine you enter an innocent auction at ebay with the cost of a few cents. At the same time a hacker breaks into your unprotected mainframe and obtains your card's serial number and PIN code. **And then, disaster.** Not only you've lost your money but also locked out of your card. **Scenarios like these** may sound like science fiction, but that is what the antivirus companies study everyday and create new methods of protecting us, and much more from being exposed to public view.

To sum up, I would strongly recommend the parents to be informed and try to protect the children as much as possible. There are countless dangers present, ready to harm you. And if you are a

Comments on Evaluation

The writer displays a sophisticated range and precision in the use of common and less-common grammatical structures in spite of very occasional grammatical errors (e.g., lack of apostrophe on possessive nouns).

Strong control of vocabulary demonstrated through the selection of lexical items with precise meaning and native-like collocations (e.g., "a constant stream of information," "log the computer's 'movements,'" "block websites," and "cloak the current ip-address, scenarios like these").

The essay achieves a well-balanced, complete argument that flows effortlessly.

Strong awareness of writing conventions such as sentence fragments for emphasis (e.g., "And then, disaster.").

The author maintains a strong relationship with the audience, making a recommendation to readers.

children, which is usually naive and unaware, things are getting tougher. But there is still hope and action needs to be taken on both sides. Both children and parents have to be informed in order to be protected. A lot can happen, if there is will, motivation and determination. I just hope [that thing don't](#) get worse.

Some non-native errors persist, but the level of control and excellent development deserve the rating of "High Pass."