

托福口语备考：考前练习题答案（1）

Q1 Sample Response:

To be honest, I've had lots of impressive birthdays. But if I had to label one of them as the "most memorable", I would have to say it's my 19th birthday. It was the first birthday I had away from home, from my parents. After I graduated from high school, I went to the US for my college education, which was the first long trip in my life. Though my family's not around, but they sent me great birthday presents from China. Also my classmates in college planned a fantastic party for me, where we had a lot of fun. I have to say that at first I was a little frustrated because my parents could not be there with me, but my new friends made that birthday not only wonderful, but also memorable.

Q2 Sample Response:

Working for big-size companies has myriads of benefits. For example they have more mature training system that can help newly recruited people learn faster. But personally I think a job in a small company is more attractive for me because I will be able to get access to different types of jobs, which I believe is of great importance to my growth. When I was in high school, I interned at a retail-store for a summer. It's really small, and we have like only 4 people. There're so many things we need to do, so the manager had to assign us multiple tasks. I have to say it was exhausting, but I did get the chance to see many parts of the business, and hence have a whole picture of it.

Q3 Sample Response:

The school is planning to organize a ride-sharing program for its students. Because they believe that carpooling will be good for students to save money and also it serves as a good way to protect the environment by reducing pollution. The woman thinks it's a great plan because she believes it's a very cost-effective alternative for students' transport because people can share the cost. Means like taking taxi are just too expensive. It just helps students save money because fewer cars need to be used. You don't have to pay a lot for stuff like gas and operation. Moreover it helps to protect the environment because if there're fewer cars used by students on the road, there will be less car exhaust coming out, I mean, the carbon emission that causes climate change.

Q4 Sample Response:

Signaling is an approach where companies use third parties to credibly convey positive information about their products to consumers who may not be sensitive to the difference between good and bad. The professor gives us an example of a friend of his. His friend has a jewelry store. But he had a huge problem. A lot of customers came in, but did not make any purchase, which is understandable because it's a really big investment and they had no idea if the jewelry was real. In order to solve this problem, his friend found a jewelry expert, a third-party signaler, to do some experiments for him, like put the jewelry in fire, to try to

prove it's indeed real. Of course, the jewelry turned out to be 100% real, and those customers changed their conservative mind, and start to buy the jewelry.

Q5 Sample Response:

Mark is frustrated because his audition time for Hamlet, the play, was changed from next week to tomorrow, but he already promised his roommate he would tutor him for the physics test tonight. So he just doesn't have time for both. The woman thinks he can try finding someone else to replace him for the tutoring job. But Mark doesn't want to renege on his promise, and he's afraid that his roommate won't be happy. The woman thinks he can also help tutor his roommate first, and then prepare for the audition. Mark does not think there will be enough time. If I were Mark, I guess finding someone to replace me is what I will do, because the audition is just too important to fail. I'm sure if I can explain well to my roommate, he will understand. And if I can find someone to help him, then he has nothing to lose, right?

Q6 Sample Response:

The professor is discussing special features that help some species of animals live on harsh mountain environment over thousands of years. The first feature they have is a strong muscle structure. For example, the mountain goats developed a very strong muscular system that help them adapt to the severe mountain environment. This system enables them to climb at seemingly impossible angles and jump nimbly from ledge to ledge when they are foraging food in mountain areas. Another feature animals have that help them survive in harsh mountain environment is special feet. Mountain roads or rocks are steep and slippery, especially with snow. The Bighorn sheep have become well adapted to this type of environment because their hoofs or feet have special pads that provide them with extra traction. And it prevents them from skidding on the rocks.