

CAREERS 360

PREPARATION **Series**

TOEFL Speaking

Practice Test

(Set - 1)

Speaking Set 1

Online or Classroom

State whether you agree or disagree with the following statement. Then explain your reasons, using specific details in your explanation.

Learning through online courses is more effective than learning in the traditional classroom setting.

If this were an actual test question, you would have 15 seconds to prepare your response and 45 seconds to record your response.

Preparation Time: 15 seconds

Record Time: 45 seconds

This is a high-level response.

Transcript: Learning through online courses more effect than learning the traditional classroom setting because of three reasons. The first is that you can take the courses wherever you are once you have the computer and uh internet and second is that a discussion on the classes could be more easily for some students who are very shy to discuss with the friends, classmates and professor face to face. They can talk whatever they like if they face a computer. What's more, it could be much easier for the students to hand in their assignment. They just could uh...they could just send the email to the professor and uh the professor can give the commen..uh commendator [unintelligible] of assignments in the email so I believe learning thorough...

Overall, this speaker provides a full response. She states her opinion and provides three different, well-developed reasons for it. For the most part, the speakers is clear and easy to understand. The major weakness, which prevents the response from scoring at the highest level, is the imprecise vocabulary and minor grammatical errors. She makes several minor errors of word choice, word form, verb tense, prepositions, and so on. However, these errors seldom obscure meaning for the listener. For example, she said, "...they can talk whatever they like if they face a computer..." but she should have said, "they can say whatever they like if they are facing a computer..." In her last sentence, she struggled to communicate the idea that the professor "could give comments on assignments by email."

