

İSTANBUL DİL AKADEMİSİ  
İTÜ PROFICIENCY WRITING TOPICS

**SECTION IV – WRITING (20 points)**

Write an essay of 250-300 words on **ONE** of the topics given below. Your essay must have an introduction with a clear thesis statement, 2 body paragraphs with relevant supporting ideas and a concluding paragraph. Your ideas should be organized properly.

You may use the ideas listed under each topic, but **DO NOT** try to include all the ideas in your essay.

(YANI: Aşağıda verilen konularda BİRİ hakkında 250-300 kelimelik bir Essay yazın. Essayiniz açık bir şekilde ifade edilmiş bir thesis statement içeren bir introduction, konu ile alakalı supporting idea'ları olan 2 body paragraf ve sonuç paragrafı içermelidir. Fikirleriniz düzgün bir şekilde organiz edilmiş olmalıdır.

Her konu altında listlenmiş olan fikirleri kullanabilirsiniz (kullanmayabilirsiniz de yani !!!) ama bütün fikirleri essayinize katmaya çalışMAYIN. )

1. **What are the effects on children of growing up in a large city such as Istanbul?**

- health
- education
- free time activities
- family relationships
- happiness
- stress level

2. **Compare and/or contrast the life of a sports star and the life of a movie star.**

- income
- stress
- happiness
- public interest
- family life
- work schedule

3. **Compare and/or contrast parents' expectations of their children today and parents' expectations of their children one generation ago.**

- leadership
- honesty
- success in school
- career
- household jobs
- independence

4. **What are the causes of wars all around the world?**

- racism
- religion
- financial benefits
- weapon industry
- geography

5. **How does winning a huge amount of money in the lottery affect a person's life?**

- job
- education
- family
- friends
- aims
- personality / mood
- hobbies and interests

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6. **Discuss why many modern couples think two is the ideal number of children to have.**
- finances
  - mother's health
  - happiness
  - career
  - freedom
  - sibling relationships
7. **How are lottery winners' lives changed when they win a large prize?**
- friendships
  - family relationships
  - character
  - career
  - education
  - travel
8. **How is a family affected when an elderly grandparent moves into their home?**
- household jobs
  - social life
  - parent-child relationship
  - parents' marriage
  - children's development
  - discipline
9. **What effects has information technology (i.e. using computers and software to communicate information) in the work place had on employees in the last ten years?**
- more freedom to work at home
  - easier to contact
  - more cooperation
  - less personal interaction
  - higher productivity
  - more distractions
10. **Compare and/or contrast a young person who goes to university with a young person who does not go to university.**
- marriage
  - job opportunities
  - friends
  - independence
  - salary
  - interests / hobbies
11. **Compare and/or contrast living today with living fifty years later.**
- transportation
  - communication
  - entertainment
  - climate
  - family life
  - health care
12. **What are the causes of intense anger?**
- difficult childhood
  - bad friends
  - genetics
  - alcohol abuse
  - drug abuse
  - failure
  - lack of self-confidence
  - lack of love/respect for others