

STUDENT NAME (print)	STUDENT NO.
PROGRAM <i>Community and Justice Services</i>	TEST LOCATION (campus) <i>Davis</i>

**SHERIDAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED LEARNING  
LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT**

**ASSESSMENT TIME – 75 MINUTES**

Write a formal essay of approximately **300 words** on **ONE** of the topics given below.  
Your writing will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- organization of the essay in well structured paragraphs
- appropriate and clear expression of ideas
- accuracy and variety in sentence structures
- accuracy in use of grammar, punctuation and mechanics

Please circle the topic of your choice.  
A dictionary is available if you need one.  
Please use a pen.

This language assessment will determine whether you begin your study at the Essential or Basic level of the Communication Skills course.

*I understand the importance of this essay for my Communications placement at Sheridan.*

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Signature

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Date *November 30, 2012*

1. Some people go right on to college after high school; others take a year or more off to work or travel. **Which do you think is the better choice?** State your position and support it with specific reasons and examples.
2. Technology is replacing many jobs today. **Identify a job that is unlikely to be replaced by technology.** Write an essay to explain why a person would be needed to perform the job.

Please open this booklet and begin your essay.

**OUTLINE**  
(recommended but not evaluated)

College after school → yes

1) loose interest - (comfort)

2) Work (\$)

3) New Opportunities (adulthood)

right to decide  
what they want to do  
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**FINAL DRAFT**

Students should go to college right after completing the high school education because there are possibilities of losing interest in pursuing a career afterwards, getting a job and keep working for more several years, or not enrolling in a post secondary education at all due a new world of opportunities without "restrictions" as they become adults.

There is a great value for high school students to attend post secondary education because they get involved immediately in making a future for themselves. Most likely, if they take a year or more time off, chances are that they will lose interest on education, as they may feel

comfortable staying at home without homeworks or other school projects, and the opportunity to wake up late, specially in those bitter winter days.

On the other hand, some recent graduates from high school may need a job in order to meet the daily expenses. After all, education is not free, but an investment for life. There is a need to save some money for books, transportation, or even more, finish college without debt. However, once students start making money, enjoying the work environment, meeting interesting people at work or getting promoted, returning to school can become a real conflict of interest.

Finally, most of the high school students experience the new world in a different way. They are not kids anymore and they want to be treated as an adults. They want to experience and discover this new stage in their lives. These people may have not lost interest on education and have concerns for their future, but feel they can make up their minds now as they consider what is the best. Going back to college after high school may sound like they still have to follow rules at home, when they ~~want~~ to do something different like moving out of the house, engage in a serious relationship or travel.

