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**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.

Signature _____

Date

Nov 20th, 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 Highschool.
- intro - college right after highschool is the better choice.
- working after high school may not be best.
 - further postponement to college b/c money is already being made
 - laziness may affect a persons desire to continue education
 - some decide to take a year off to figure out their life goals and career.
 - Going to college right away provides more time to make mistakes
 - a year can turn to many years
- conclusion - Taking time off after highschool may not be the best decision.
- procrastination, ~~security~~, life evaluation.
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FINAL DRAFT

Many students go through highschool without a clear goal by the end. They decide to take a year ^{off} to evaluate their lives and decide which career would be best for them. I think that this way of thinking is incorrect. There are a few reasons why people should ^{not} proceed to college immediately after highschool. They include procrastination due to the fact they are already making money, life evaluation being done in school, and time. The following essay will outline why going to college after highschool is the best course of action.

Firstly, taking a year off to work is not the best choice. A lot can happen within a year while working. People may get accustomed

to earning money and put off going to college for even longer. They will get into the mindset, that they will think, "Hey, I'll take off another year to make more money and then go to college." They will continue to procrastinate. ~~They may~~

They may even gain promotions that they view acceptable and decide they don't need to attend post secondary because they are already making a decent amount, or so they think. ~~So~~ ~~by~~ Hence, by taking time off to work, they will ~~event~~ inevitably procrastinate for more than a year because they are too busy making money or they got promoted.

Secondly, some people are still confused in their final year of high school, so they decide to take a year off to evaluate. This is also a mistake. True, mistakes should be made because they are young and have that luxury but time is fleeting. Mistakes should be made early and the best time is during college. In my experience, I took a year off to evaluate and went to college afterwards. During that time, I realized that what I wanted to do, was not business. If I went straight to college, I would have figured that out a lot sooner. Therefore, in my opinion, people should just dive in and think about their lives while continuing education. It's the best way.

Finally, I touched on this topic earlier and that topic is time. From my experience, I took too much time to figure out my life goals and before I knew it, so much time passed.

If I were to attend post secondary immediately, the time I used, could have been shortened tremendously to where I am now in life. I would have figured things out much quicker and wasted less time. When we are young, we think that we have a lot of time to decide but in reality, time ages by incredibly fast and we should make the most of it

In conclusion, taking a year or more off after high school, in my opinion, is not the best decision. Many factors apply to ~~to~~ ~~and~~ like procrastinating to continue education, being non productive, while contemplating life goals and losing valuable time in the process. I think that no matter what people decide, they should do it in college, while being exposed to professors, students, and advisors. It would be the wisest decision.

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