iBT Integrated Writing Tip



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The following TOEFL iBT Integrated Writing template is the template which I used when I answered the question: "Summarize the points made in the lecture you just heard, explaining how they cast doubt on the points made in the reading."

Paragraph III

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On the other hand/However, the lecturer/the professor in the listening passage is not sure with the theory/research result mentioned in the reading passage by describing three reasons as follows:

(1)	
(2)	
(3)	

Clues:

- The First paragraph is only the opening. So, just write it in brief.
- In the 2nd paragraph you summarize the reading passage content, but do not copy and paste it to your writing. You should paraphrase it (use other words but it is still the same meaning as the reading). You can also change the structure of the sentence, for example if the statement in the reading is "active voice" you can make it in the "passive voice". Again, just for your attention! Do not "copy paste" unless you want to get zero score. And, do not type it too much here.
- In the 3rd paragraph you should elaborate the reasons why the lecturer/the professor is not sure with the theory/the research result. Here, you should also connect the professor reasons with the reasons in the reading passage. Focus and give more elaboration here. Based on my experience, I elaborate more the professor explanation here, and I got the "Good" score in the Integrated Writing task. So, my conclusion (correct me if I am wrong) is that the test rater gives more weight in this paragraph.

Good Luck!

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