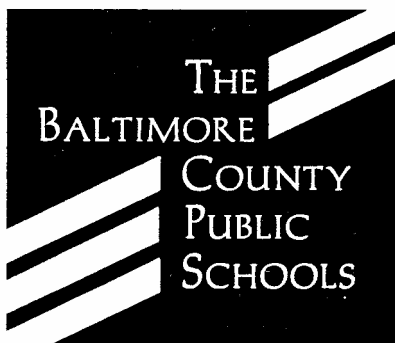


# SAT Writing Prompts for CTE Programs

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## CARVER CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

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### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Carver Center:

1. Use as a drill.
2. Use as homework that would be used to help them get the idea of critical thinking and initially not worry about time.
3. Ensure the students understand the rubric, so create a poster and post it.
4. Have students write a prompt and then have other students evaluate the work.
5. Bring together small groups of students to rewrite an essay with a score of 4 to bring it up to a score of 6.
6. Have the students type the rubric in business class.
7. Have the students rewrite their essays so they can attain a 6.

To ensure there is no repetition of prompts, the CTE teachers will collaborate with each other. Here at Carver most of the CTE subjects only have one teacher and only see their subject area students. So the only area that we need to ensure there is no overlap is Tech Ed and Business. Coordination and collaboration are key.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.*

Albert Einstein said, “The most complex problems have the simplest solutions.” The avenues of student learning are processed in two domains, the Affective Domain and the Cognitive Domain. The Affective Domain concerns behavior, attitudes, and work ethics while the Cognitive Domain measures manual dexterity and scholastic achievement through testing. Formal studies have shown that student success in these two domains correlates to their success in career pathways.

**Assignment:** From your point of view as an employer, how would use the two domains to select and manage the proficiency of your workforce? Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.*

“Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people, but you can’t be two people. Instead, you have to inspire the next guy down the line and get him to inspire his people.” -- Lee Iacocca

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that there is no ‘I’ in ‘team’? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

## CATONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Catonsville High School:

- At Catonsville High School the CTE teachers are planning to use the SAT prompts as part of their final exam.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.”

Source: Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea of the importance of what lies within a person? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) for literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observation.

## CHESAPEAKE HIGH SCHOOL

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### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Chesapeake High School:

1. Summative Assessments at the end of units
2. Formative Assessments at the end of teacher demonstrations
3. BCR
4. End of the unit assignment
5. Beginning of the unit assignment
6. Part of the tests
7. Reflective journals
8. Warm-ups
9. Pre-learning or post-learning
10. Culminating activity for a discussion or debate
11. As part of writing initiative
12. Subject-specific prompts eliminates repetition
13. We plan to use our prompts with our classes as part of our school reading and writing improvement efforts. Also, students will see this writing at an appropriate time in the curriculum.
14. Prompts can be used as BCRs & ECRs to get students involved in putting their understanding of subject matter on paper to evaluate knowledge.
15. Preparation for actual on-site work to show skills and safety. They may work cooperatively.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“A great parent knows how to say no. Many parents find that it’s tough to be firm with their children. They can’t set rules. They threaten but don’t follow through with consequences. ‘No television for a week,’ a mom may tell her child in the afternoon, only to make an exception that very night. But the fact is, if we relinquish our parental authority, we are doing a disservice to our kids.”

Ron Taffel, therapist and author, *Parents*, May, 2001, p.113.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that parents need to be firm in disciplining their children? In an essay, support your position with an example (or examples) from literature, science, current events, or your own experience and observation.

**SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

According to the National Institutes of Health, about 64% of Americans are overweight or obese. The obesity issue has ignited various debates and finger-pointing over who is responsible for this health crisis. Lawsuits against fast food chains, like McDonald's, lay the blame for an individual's weight gain on the door step of the restaurants themselves, who aggressively advertise, especially to young people, and offer a menu of fat-filled items guaranteed to make you "happy" and satisfied at a great price.

The other side of the debate is expressed in the following quote:

"Obesity has much to do with our own choices. Changing how we think about food would be a good first step toward improving how we eat, exercise, and take care of ourselves and those around us."

Source: *Seattle Post – Intelligencer* Editorial, March 11, 2004.

**Assignment:** Do you think that restaurants should be responsible for an individual's weight gain? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experiences, or observations.

**SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

"Experiential education is based on the premise that for real learning to happen, students need to be active participants in the learning process rather than passive recipients of information given by a teacher. Interns tend not to be aware that experiential learning is considered a controversial form of education by some academics. In addition to knowledge and skill acquisition, the internship is also intended to promote self-understanding, self-discipline, and self-confidence which are the heart of the experience."

Source: Sweitzer, H. Frederick & Mary A. King. *The Successful Internship*, p.12

**Assignment:** What is your viewpoint of the value of experiential education? Be sure to include an explanation of what is experiential education, your viewpoint of experiential education, and your reasons that support your viewpoint of experiential education which include examples of experiential education in your life.

**SAT Prompt #4**

Thomas Edison, the great inventor, once said the following about all of his inventions: “To invent something takes 1% inspiration, and 99% perspiration.” Do you agree or disagree that for an idea or goal to become a reality it takes a lot of hard work?

**Assignment:** In an essay support your position that it takes a lot of hard work to make a goal a reality by discussing examples of an individual you know or have read about. Cite personal experiences where you had an idea and carried it through until it became a reality.

**SAT Prompt #5**

Some years ago, Oliver Wendell Holmes, a Supreme Court Justice stated, “We pay taxes to live in a civilized society.” He did not elaborate on how many taxes or how much money should be paid.

**Assignment:** What is your view or position that taxes are the price we pay for living in a “civilized society”? In an essay, support your position by discussing examples or events that you have observed. Cite personal experiences, current events, and observations.

**SAT Prompt #6**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The root of the word “technology” is the Greek word *tecknos*, which means “art.” Technology has been linked to art for centuries. For example, it took almost four years for Leonardo Da Vinci to paint the Mona Lisa, the most famous painting in the world. Today, it would take a graphic artist using a computer about five minutes to reproduce her. Howard Sparks, a well-known author of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, suggests that, “The art of our era is not art, but technology. Today, Rembrandt is painting automobiles; Shakespeare is writing research papers; Michelangelo is designing more efficient bank lobbies.”

Source: Howard Sparks, Quote Cache Website, <http://quotes.prolix.nu/Technology/> (9/30/04)

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that today’s art is technology? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples from your reading, studies, current events, or your own experiences or observations.

**SAT Prompt #7**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

In 1959, C.P. Snow, a former scientist turned novelist, gave a controversial lecture called “The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution.” He was still controversial in 1971 when he told a *New York Times* interviewer, “Technology is a queer thing. It brings you great gifts with one

hand, and it stabs you in the back with the other.” Again, he expressed the ambivalence people feel about technology.

Source: C.P. Snow, *New York Times* 15 March, 1971.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that technology has many great benefits as well as very dangerous consequences? In an essay, support your position by discussing examples from literature, the arts, science, technology, current events or your own experiences or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #8**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

In 1965, the famous science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke remarked, “Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.” In 2004, we have many more electronic, electrical, and radio-controlled devices than Clarke knew in 1965. Electronics, electricity, and radio waves act invisibly, so we must wonder if we can tell the difference between technology and magic.

Source: Arthur C. Clarke, *The Lost Worlds of 2001*. (Dutton)

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that advanced technology is no different from magic? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, the arts, science, technology, current events, or your own experiences or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #9**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“A leader should never apologize for his or her actions because it shows a sign of weakness.” For a leader not to apologize or to show remorse is easier to do because s/he is denying his or her shortcoming, or choosing to ignore the issue at hand.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that to apologize shows a sign of weakness? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your experience, reading, studies, and observations.

### **SAT Prompt #10**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else.”

Source: Sam Walton

**Assignment:** What is your view of the statement that the customer is really the boss? Do customers have the ability to fire members of the company? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your work experience with customers or with companies that have provided services to you.

## DULANEY HIGH SCHOOL

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### **Plan for Use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Dulaney High School:

1. Use as a motivator when beginning a new unit.
2. Use as formative or summative assessments on quizzes/tests.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Personal success is simply the fulfillment of what makes you happy.”- Anonymous

“The wealthy man is the man who is much, not the one who has much.” - Karl Marx

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that true success consists of personal fulfillment rather than monetary gain?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading, studies, current events, our society and culture, or your own experiences or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

How many times have you caught yourself thinking about something else while someone was speaking to you? Was it embarrassing when that person then asked you a question and you couldn't answer? Clearly, communication fails when listening does not take place.

**Assignment:** Plan and write an essay to explain the following statement: Listening is the key to successful oral communication. Support your position with reasoning and examples.

## DUNDALK HIGH SCHOOL

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### Plan for use:

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### SAT Prompt #1

*Consider the following excerpt and the assignment below. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reason and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“When I find myself fading, I close my eyes and realize my friends are my energy.”

Source: Anonymous

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that friendships are a source of energy? Is that always true? In an essay support your position by discussing an example from reading, studies, or experience.

### SAT Prompt #2

*Consider the following excerpt and the assignment below. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reason and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Do not dwell in the past; do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.”

Source: Buddha

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that living in the moment is the way to live? Is that always the best way to live? In an essay support your position by discussing an example from reading, studies, or experience.

### SAT Prompt #3

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else.” - Sam Walton

“Treat every customer as if they sign your paycheck...because they do.” –Anonymous

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that the customer is always right? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning, and examples from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

**SAT Prompt #4**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples- will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“The value of marriage is not that adults produce children but that children produce adults.” — Peter De Vries

“You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.” – Kahlil Gibran

Today’s society seems to acquiesce to the idea that marriage is not needed for parenting, and that in the future, children can be raised by a state agency.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the theory that parenting should occur within a marriage situation, or is the family obsolete? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning, and examples from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

**SAT Prompt #5**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The world is very different now. “For man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty, and all forms of human life.” – John F. Kennedy

**Assignment:** Should our advances in technology be used to abolish the social wrongs in society or used to correct different forms of human life? Explain and give examples.

**SAT Prompt #6**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

"Information Superhighway is really an acronym for 'Interactive Network for Organizing, Retrieving, Manipulating, Accessing and Transferring Information on National Systems, Unleashing Practically Every Rebellious Human Intelligence, Gratifying Hackers, Wiseacres, and Yahoos'." – Keven Kwaku

**Assignment:** Do you agree that today’s Information Superhighway is benefiting humankind in the exchange of useful information? Explain and give examples.

**SAT Prompt #7**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide -- both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, “The only way to have a friend is to be one.” This quotation suggests that one must display the attributes of a friend to have any friends oneself. However, some would advocate that there are some who are kind and will be your friend no matter what the circumstances.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that it takes being a friend to have a friend? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning, and your own experiences. Your own definition of a “friend” may help you to take a stance on this question.

**SAT Prompt # 8**

*Carefully consider the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Becoming a parent and deciding to have children should not be taken lightly. It is a job that most are never trained for, and yet, there is none that is more important. Michael Levine stated, “Having children makes you no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist.”

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that one must consider the responsibilities and commitment involved when considering parenting? Support your ideas with your own family experiences and observations of others who have recently become parents as well as your own parents or those who have raised you.

**SAT Prompt # 9**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backwards.”

**Assignment:** Do you agree that technological progress has made us go backwards? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on the issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experiences, or observations.

**SAT Prompt # 10**

Our Age of Anxiety is, in great part, the result of trying to do today’s jobs with yesterday’s tools.

**Assignment:** Do you agree that we are more anxious because we use old tools for today's jobs? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on the issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experiences, or observations.

**SAT Prompt # 11**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and example - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“The deeds we perform in life matter more than how long we live. We live by thoughts not breaths: We live by feelings, not in figures on a dial. He most lives – who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.”

Source: Creed of Alpha Kappa Psi

**Assignment:** Do you agree that our lives are measured by our deeds, not our years? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experiences, or observations.

**SAT Prompt # 12**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide-both reasons and example-will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Having once decided to achieve a certain task, achieve it at all costs of tedium and distaste. The gain in self-confidence of having accomplished a tiresome labor is immense.”

Source: Thomas Arnold Bennett

**Assignment:** Do you agree that once you have decided to accomplish a task, it is critical to remain committed no matter how tedious or distasteful? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on the issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experiences, or observations.

**SAT Prompt # 13**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples will help make your new convince the reader.*

In an age of changing priorities from country to country, many governments feel their form of government is the true way to life. However, how you institute or spread that form of government is critical to having a true democracy for the people. Is it best to implement that

influence by political election (by the people), monarchy (Kings and Queens), or dictatorship? Joseph Schumpeter, on capitalism, socialism, and democracy once said, “The ballot is stronger than bullets.”

Source: Joseph Schumpeter

**Assignment:** What is your view on the point that “The ballot (election) is stronger than bullets” when it compares to the American government system versus the governments of North Korea, China, Russia, or Haiti? Support your view with examples or compare and contrast America’s system to any two of the above countries’ government systems.

**SAT Prompt # 14**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

"Technological progress has merely provided us with more efficient means for going backwards."

Source: Aldous Huxley

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that technological progress has actually hindered us as a society? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt # 15**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

"Our Age of Anxiety is, in great part, the result of trying to do today's jobs with yesterday's tools."

Source: Marshall McLuhan

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that evolves from stress involved with working with inadequate tools and machines? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observation.

## EASTERN TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

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### Plan for use:

(NOT INCLUDED)

### SAT Prompt #1

*“Technology designed to make our lives simpler often turns out instead to make our lives more complicated.”*

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsIV.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which a new technology might not make our lives more complicated; and discuss what you think determines whether a new technology simplifies or complicates our lives.

### SAT Prompt #2

*“Creative inspiration, rather than careful planning, often results in the best solution to a problem.”*

Source: <http://www.utd.edu/~duym/topicsI.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which careful planning might result in the best solution to a problem; discuss what you think determines whether creative inspiration or careful planning can best solve a problem.

### SAT Prompt #3

*“A law must be enforced to be effective.”*

Source: <http://www.utd.edu/~duym/topicsI.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks, explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which a law might not be enforced and still be effective; and discuss what you think determines whether or not a law must be enforced to be effective.

### SAT Prompt #4

*“Progress seldom comes from the deliberations of a group. Rather, progress most often comes from the creative thinking of individuals working alone.”*

Source: <http://www.utd.edu/~duym/topicsI.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks; explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which progress might come from the deliberations of a group rather than the creative thinking of individuals working alone; and discuss what you think determines whether the deliberations of a group or the creative thinking of individuals working alone will result in progress.

**SAT Prompt #5**

*Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) has a reputation of maintaining safety on the job site. It's also a known fact that many accidents happen in the home. The question is, should MOSH be allowed to enter a home if a hazard exists and cite the owner?*

**Assignment:** Record your feelings on this subject. Make your points as to why this may or may not be a good idea.

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsII.htm>

**SAT Prompt #6**

*There is much to be said in regard to union and non-union employment in construction. These concepts have a major impact on training, licensing, and salaries.*

**Assignment:** Write an essay to express your thoughts and recommendations in regard to future employment in the union or non-union setting. Take 25 minutes to write your response.

**SAT Prompt #7**

*"A country must use its natural resources in a way agreeable to all its citizens."*

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsII.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which a country might justifiably use its natural resources in a way that is not agreeable to all its citizens; discuss what you think determines when quick solutions in business address the real source of a problem and when they do not.

**SAT Prompt #8**

*In business, quick solutions often do not address the real source of a problem.*

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific business situation when a quick solution might address the real source of a problem; discuss what you think determines when quick solutions in business address the real source of the problem and when they do not.

**SAT Prompt #9**

*"It is each citizen's duty to obey the laws of the nation."*

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsII.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which a citizen might not have a duty to obey a law; and discuss what you think determines when citizens have a duty to obey the laws of the nation and when they do not.

**SAT Prompt #10**

“The more people rely on computers and technology, the more people become alienated from one another.”

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsIII.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which computers might not alienate people from one another; and discuss what you think determines whether or not computers alienate people from one another.

**SAT Prompt #11**

“*Society is best served by giving people as much freedom as possible.*”

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsIII.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which society might not be best served by giving people as much freedom as possible; and discuss what you think determines when society is best served by giving people as much freedom as possible.

**SAT Prompt #12**

“*An understanding of the past is necessary for solving the problems of the present.*”

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsIII.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which solving a current problem might not require an understanding of the past; discuss what you think determines whether or not the past should be considered in solving the problems of the present.

**SAT Prompt #13**

“In business, using a successful method for too long may lead to failure.”

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsIV.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which continuing to use a

successful method might not lead to failure; and discuss what you think determines when using a successful business method for too long leads to failure.

**SAT Prompt #14**

*“When there is a choice between obeying the law and following one’s own beliefs, it is best to follow one’s beliefs.”*

Source: <http://www.utd.edu/~duym/topicsV.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which it might not be best to follow one's own beliefs rather than the law: and discuss what you think determines when it is justified to follow one's own beliefs rather than obey a law.

**SAT Prompt #15**

*“New developments in technology have caused us to become less creative.”*

Source: <http://www.utd.edu/~duym/topicsV.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which a development might not cause us to become less creative; and discuss what you think determines when new developments in technology cause us to become less creative.

**SAT Prompt #16**

*“The role of technology should be to improve human life, but not to affect human values.”*

Source: <http://www.utdallas.edu/~duym/topicsVII.htm>

**Assignment:** Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks: explain what you think the above statement means; describe a specific situation in which technology might justifiably affect human values; and discuss what you think determines whether or not technology should affect human values.

## FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Joanne Carpin, Greg Fuhrman, Pam Hastings, Ken Lillquist, Lenny Loff, Scott Rogers, Michael Sturm, Mike Thomas.

### Plan for use:

(NOT INCLUDED)

### SAT Prompt #1

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following quotations and the assignment below. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible.*

“There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else.”

Source: Sam Walton

“Treat every customer as if they sign your paycheck...because they do.”

Source: Anonymous

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that “The customer is always right”? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples that come from your reading, studies, experience, and observations.

### SAT Prompt #2

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The well-known proverb “experience is the best teacher” suggests that people can gain valuable knowledge through accomplishing tasks. It further implies that the knowledge gained by doing so is often preferred to knowledge attained via the text or class lecture.

**Assignment:** Describe the value of your work experience as it relates to your future employment goals. Before you begin, think about your employment goals. Consider both the positive and negative aspects of your work experience during this semester (school year). Also, think about what skills you have acquired during the semester (year) and what additional skills you may need to acquire to reach your employment goals and where you can acquire those skills? Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your experiences and observations.

**KENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

Chavon Alston, Jen Benson, Lena Betehete, Wanda Carter, Eric Evans, Lauren Defeo, Tom Fitch, Major Fowler, John Kucharski, Abbie Miller, Althea Page, Freddie Perry, Kathy Razhe, Megan Ryan, Sal Sarcone, Dennis Zagurski.

**Plan for use:**

(NOT INCLUDED)

**SAT Prompt #1**

*“It’s good to have money and the things money can buy, but it’s good too, to check once in a while and make sure that you haven’t lost the things that money can’t buy.”*

Source: George Washington Carver

**Assignment:** What is your view that more money brings more happiness?

**SAT Prompt #2**

*“It is difficult, but not impossible, to conduct strictly honest business.”*

Source: Mahatma Gandhi

**Assignment:** Do you agree or disagree with Gandhi?

**SAT Prompt #3**

*According to Baltimore County Public Schools rules, classwork will constitute no less than 50% of the total grade. Further, students missing as much as 20% of the class time within each grading period are subject to a failing classwork grade. Chronic absenteeism by high school students (10% or more) for unexcused reasons will result in failure for that marking period.*

**Assignment:** What is your view of the BCPS attendance policy, which states 4-5 unexcused or 8-9 excused absences will result in failure for the quarter? Comment on the adequacy of this policy. Would you feel the same if you knew your attendance record would be looked at by prospective employers?

**SAT Prompt #4**

*“The student must remember, for consolation... that one’s failures are almost as important to the cause of science and to those who follow him or her in the same road, as one’s successes. It is much to know what we cannot do in any given direction – the first step, indeed, toward the accomplishment of what we can do.”*

Source: Louis Agassiz

**Assignment:** What is your view of success? Plan and write your essay and support your position of what it means to be successful and how it is measured or can be measured.

**SAT Prompt #5**

*“You never forget a face, but in your case, I’ll be glad to make an exception.”*

Source: Groucho Marx

**Assignment:** Do you believe that today’s customer service makes this statement true? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on the issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples to help make your view convincing to the reader.

## LANSDOWNE HIGH SCHOOL

Steve Adams, Anne Berkowitz, Pat Buckingham, Al Deming, Romeo Fulcher, Linda Gluck, Wendy Happel, Andy Hartman, Jack Henry, Hugh Jamison, Greg Karper, Dave Knauer, Pat Perrich, Victor Persico, Ron Peterman, Troy McKenzie, William Staub.

### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Lansdowne High School:

1. Incorporate into a warm-up or drill.
2. Take opposite viewpoint prompts labeled for various levels or sections.
3. Reframe present writing assignments into SAT format.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?

“Invention is 1% inspiration, 99% perspiration.”

Source: Thomas Edison

**Assignment:** What is your view about this statement? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your textbook unit on inventors.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?*

All advances in technology come with positive and negative impacts. Some people believe all technologies are negative; others see the development of technology as the answer to all of our problems.

**Assignment:** Defend one of the positions above using examples you have studied.

### **SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The*

phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?

The phrase “Necessity is the mother of all invention” is thought to speak to our constant search for solutions to the problems we find around us. It also speaks to what we consider to be a necessity. Think about how this statement reflects the realities of how technological inventions are made.

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that necessity leads to successful problem-solving? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from people in your life, inventors, role models, or athletes.

#### **SAT Prompt #4**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?*

Failure can bring success. The individual who fails can turn failure into an opportunity. We learn from our failures and successes. Each experience in life makes us stronger and is a learning process. Richard Bach says, “Wrong turns are as important as right turns. More important sometimes.”

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that success can come from failure? In an essay, support your position by discussing your point of view.

#### **SAT Prompt #5**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?*

Thomas Edison is a positive role model and once said that “I never did a day’s work in my life – it was all fun.”

**Assignment:** What is your view of having fun in the workplace? Can a person enjoy his/her career and be an effective worker?

#### **SAT Prompt #6**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?*

“Knowledge is the key that unlocks all the doors. You can be green-skinned with yellow polka dots and come from Mars, but if you have knowledge that people need, instead of beating you, they’ll beat a path to your door.”

Source: Ben Carson

**Assignment:** Dr. Ben Carson changed his entire life path once he realized the importance of education. Education can provide the knowledge and skills that will make you successful. How important will education be in your future career choice? Do you agree that your future will be determined upon the level of education and skills you acquire? Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #7**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?*

“Many fired workers lose their jobs because they cannot get along with others.”

Source: Larry J. Bailey, *Working, Learning a Living*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that interpersonal skills are absolutely necessary for job success? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example from reasoning or your own experiences and observations.

### **SAT Prompt #8**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?*

“There is a trend in business and industry to use more and different types of task groups.”

Source: Larry J. Bailey, *Working, Learning a Living*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

**Assignment:** Explain the advantages of task groups, rather than individuals, for accomplishing tasks. Use examples from working in groups to support your answer.

### **SAT Prompt #9**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader. The*

*phrase below indicates a specific view of how technology develops. How true do you think this statement is?*

“The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish almost anything if you’re willing to pay the price.”

Source: Vince Lombardi

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that hard work is the price we must pay for success? In an essay, support your position by citing examples from your own experience, observations, or current events.

## LOCH RAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Susanne Bolander, Sue Daneker, Brigid Edelen, Susan Falcone, Steve Femaino, Pamela Grivens, Tim Hugus, Kathy Knott.

### **Plan for use:**

Our team will provide practice writings one week prior to SAT testing in spring '05 and elsewhere where each teacher so chooses. We will communicate with each other what prompts will be used so as to avoid overlap. We will display writings of those who made progress to praise students who do well as an advertisement for our contribution to student achievement.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpts and the assignment below.*

“You can say that again!”

“I only hope that we never  
Lose sight of one thing - that it  
Was all started by a mouse.”

Source: Walt Disney of Walt Disney Studios

**Assignment:** Entrepreneurs can fail even if they are committed and have the characteristics needed to be successful. Do you think the advantages in entrepreneurship outweigh the disadvantages? Why or why not? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your position with supporting material and examples taken from your reading, experience, or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Think carefully about the excerpt and the assignment below.*

“The computer is probably the single most important invention of the twentieth century? Computers affect us not individually but also as a society as a whole. You see computers almost everywhere.”

Source: *IC3 Basics*, Ambrose, etc.

**Assignment:** Identify how computers are used in our daily lives and explain how the Internet, the World Wide Web, e-mail, and networks affect the use of computers. Plan and write an essay in which you develop your position with supporting material and examples taken from your reading, experience, or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The principle is this: very often our prophecies about ourselves are self-fulfilling. Henry Ford once said, “Think you can or think you can’t, either way you will be right.” Your expectations set your limits.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that your performed view of yourself will most likely come true? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observation.

#### **SAT Prompt #4**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.*

Carol Gonzales owns seven Fajita Grill restaurants that specialize in homemade Mexican Food. She depends on the managers of each restaurant to make decisions and oversee the day-to-day operations.

**Assignment:** What kinds of activities will the managers be responsible for in regard to interviewing and hiring new employees, maintaining the smooth operation of the business, and reporting financial information to headquarters and the government? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on these issues. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, experience, or observations.

#### **SAT Prompt #5**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpts and the assignment below.*

In a national survey, 84% of high school students said they would work harder in school if employers looked at their transcripts.

Source: From *Maryland Business Roundtable “1999 Annual Report”*

“Your transcript is one of the things in your life over which you have control. Make it a powerful statement about who you are.”

Source: Michael Spiller, American Federation of Teachers

**Assignment:** Should transcripts be a standard part of the hiring process or should they be kept private? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, experience, or observations.

## NEW TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Betty Cruse, Joe Gilbert, Phyllis Hopson, Wade Inge, Howard L. Jackson, Brenda Pittman, Tiffany M. Riddick.

### **Plan for Use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at New Town High School:

- New Town High School CTE students will be instructed to respond to the CTE prompts specific to each discipline in which they are enrolled.
- At New Town High School we plan to schedule a CTE prompts week where all CTE instructors will administer the CTE prompts.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

*Ursula LeGuin* stated, “It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.” The journey matters to the high school student who is attempting to determine a career path.

A recent survey released by Junior Achievement (JA) indicates that American middle and high school students have unrealistic views of their future careers. **Job shadowing is increasingly important for students because it acquaints them with the world of work through on-the-job experiences.** In fact, according to the poll, one-third of students learned about career choices from job shadowing. Job shadowing allows young people to explore the skills and education needed to succeed in current and future job markets. Source: Excerpted from Job Shadow Day and Job Shadowing 2002- Fact Sheet- <http://www.jobshadow.org>.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that job shadowing is part of the journey to a successful career path, and how does the job shadowing experience impact employers, education, and students?

In an essay, support your position by discussing examples from current events, personal experiences, or business journals.

## OVERLEA HIGH SCHOOL

Gary Boats, Nick Callas, Michele Cole-Burnett, Paula Freeman, Heather Harbaugh, Alex Hedstrom, R.C. Jones Sr., Keisha Maddox, Joseph V. McKoy Jr., Mivida Parham, Veronica Sherwood, Jim Smerowski, Bill Willis.

### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can improve the SAT essays by incorporating these ideas in the CTE at Overlea High School:

1. Our committee decided that after all of the prompts have been compiled and submitted each prompt will be designated to individual CTE departments.
2. Each department will cover certain topics. The prompts that most closely align will be the responsibility of that department to cover.
3. Each set of prompts assigned to departments will be divided up and administered.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Live each day so that you will not be afraid of tomorrow nor ashamed of yesterday.”

“Some think they’re honest because they’re never been caught stealing.”

Source: Tim Beal

**Assignment:** What is your view of ethical behavior? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading, studies, or your own experience or observation.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“I would rather have an average employee who is here every day than the most intelligent worker I can’t rely on.”

Source: Smerowski/Hedstrom

**Assignment:** In your view what is more important, intelligence or reliability? Defend your position on which employee should be fired - the employee who is there every day but works slower or the person who finishes quickly but is often absent from work?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your own experience or observation at school, work, and/or home.

**SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Success is knowing what your values are and living in a way consistent with your values.”

Source: Danny Cox

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that knowing your values is sufficient in attaining success? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading or your own experience or observation.

## OWINGS MILL HIGH

Gwendolyn Brock, Patricia Butler, Elaine Kaminski, Tracy Karpers, Damarie Lopez-Troche  
Glenda Milner, Kevin Wagman, Mark Wolf.

### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can improve the SAT essays by incorporating these ideas in the CTE at Owings Mills:

1. Let the students complete a drill first
2. Utilize as homework to help develop ideas and express what they're writing
3. Ensure the students understand the rubric

To ensure that the essays are done correctly, the Owings Mills teachers will have to collaborate with each other to give updates on how each student is doing. At Owings Mills most of the subjects are taught by one teacher. Coordination and collaboration are the top priority.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.*

“The wealthy man is the man who is much, not the one who has much.”

Source: Karl Marx

**Assignment:** Do the messages that are presented today by the media (TV, Internet, music, etc.) support Marx's view? Support your decision with examples and reasons of why you chose what you did.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.*

“When looking for a solution, one may consider numerous options to solve problems. The majority of success would not be met if we did not endure any challenges in our lives.”

Source: Martin Luther King

Dr. MLK Jr. stated, “All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem.”

**Assignment:** What is your view of the problem-solving method as technology continues to explore new inventions to solve everyday problems? Support your view with evidence and examples from your reading of why you made your decision.

**SAT Prompt #3**

*Think carefully about the paragraph presented.*

“*Anorexia nervosa* is a type of eating disorder that involves an irresistible urge to lose weight through self-starvation and a refusal to maintain a minimally normal body weight. It is often described as ‘dieting out of control.’ No matter how thin people with anorexia become, they feel fat. They see themselves as being overweight and show an obsessive fear of gaining weight.”

Source: Kowtaluk, 2000

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that a recovering anorexic is more successful in the long run he/she talks to groups of students in their school about diet health issues?

Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, experience, or observations.

## PATAPSCO HIGH SCHOOL

Sheila Bragg, Joseph M. Bucci, Ed Cardoni, Corrin Crawford, Bruce Kahl, Tim Kidwell, Diane O'Donnell, Candyce Schmidt, Ron Stallings, Al Swiston Sr., Keith Taylor, Matt Vickery,

### Plan for use:

The following are suggested ways we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Patpsco High School and Center for the Arts:

- Use as a motivator when beginning a new unit
- Used as formative or summative assessments on quizzes/tests
- Incorporate it into a warm-up or drill
- End of the unit assignment
- Culminating activity for a discussion
- As part of a writing initiative
- As part of a drill

### SAT Prompt #1

*Does wisdom come with how you learn or what you are learning? Is experience the best teacher or is being taught the best experience? Ponder these questions and ask yourself. Do we “learn by doing?”*

**Assignment:** How do you learn? How can you develop an understanding of something? State your point of view using experiences in your life. Take a stance from this quote: “We learn by doing.”

### SAT Prompt #2

*The Baltimore County Council is considering imposing a curfew on people under the age of 18. The curfew would require those people between the ages of 16 and 18 to be off the streets or accompanied by a parent or guardian by 9p.m. For those people under the age of 16, the curfew would be 7p.m. The council has requested feedback from the community before making a final decision.*

**Assignment:** State your position on whether or not you agree with this type of curfew.

### SAT Prompt #3

*In the criminal justice field there are various theories as to why people commit crime. One of the most common sociological theory states, “Crime is a direct result of the environment from which a person comes.”*

**Assignment:** What is your view about crime and environment? Do you agree that there is a correlation between crime and a person’s environment, or do you believe that there are other factors which cause people to commit crime?

**SAT Prompt #4**

*Thomas Edison once said, "I never did a day's work in my life – It was all fun."*

**Assignment:** We must all work a significant part of our lives in a job or career in order to survive and/or be successful. Is the success that we achieve something that should be measured in money or fame, or in personal satisfaction?

**SAT Prompt #5**

*Power is the capacity to which you can influence someone else to behave in accordance with what or how you want him or her to. The amount of power you have is contingent upon the level of dependency that a person has on you - the greater the dependency, the greater the power. You only have power if you have something that the other person wants. As a high school student living at home, you are highly dependent on you parents for financial support. Once you graduate and get a job, the level dependency significantly decreases.*

**Assignment:** What is your view of what it means to have power? Do you feel that it is easy or difficult to gain power? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading studies, experience, or observations.

**SAT Prompt #6**

*"Parentage is a very important profession, but no test of fitness is ever imposed in the interests of the children."*

Source: George Bernard Shaw

**Assignment:** In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, do you think that prospective parents should be tested to determine their ability to parent successfully?

## PERRY HALL HIGH SCHOOL

Charlie Barr, Bob Catonzaro, Beth Conn, Katie Crook, Fran Dick, Tami Evansky, Janice Flower, Bill Fowler, Linda Hanewinckel, Laura Hauck, Sherry Hibbard, Bob Lever, Mike McIntyre, Amanda Pence, Pat Sokoloski, Bob Stewart.

### Plan for use:

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can improve the SAT essays by incorporating these ideas in the CTE at Perry Hall High School:

1. Our group discussed several ways to utilize prompts in our classes. One group thought they could use a prompt (either ones developed today or at a later date) at the start of each unit to determine student opinion and background on a topic.
2. It can be also used as an assessment piece, possibly even in a midterm, although that assignment needs to be directed to having students use information from a particular course in addition to their life experiences.
3. Lastly, we thought it could be a great lesson when the class has been shortened or altered because of an outside event (maybe a weather delay) or it can be used as an effective sub plan once you have done the activity in class to explain your criteria.
4. Our group also vocalized that it didn't matter if students saw the same prompt more than once (as long as it wasn't used on an exam) because the purpose of this activity is to improve their thinking and writing skills. It may force students to reexamine their examples and thoughts to improve their ideas.

### SAT Prompt #1

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“It’s good to have money and the things money can buy, but it’s good too, to check once in a while and make sure that you haven’t lost the things that money can’t buy.”

Source: *George Horace Lorimer*

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that money can’t buy all the important things in life? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, the arts, technology, current events, or your own experience or observations.

### SAT Prompt #2

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.”

Source: Wayne Gretzky

**Assignment:** Looking at the quote – how does it affect the road you may take to your future career? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your experience in this course, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“An individual must believe in himself and his abilities. To do his best, one needs a confidence that says, “I can do anything and if I can’t do it, I know how to get help.”

Source: Dr. Ben Carson

**Assignment:** In your view, can you be considered a success if you find it necessary to ask for assistance when faced with difficulties within your responsibilities? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from technology, pop culture, science, current events, or your own experience or observation.

## RANDALLSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Audrey Ballo, Melvin Benney, Pat France, Lawana Gibson, Wanda Home, Michelle Jackson, Tara McNulty, Josephine Morgan-Reed, Stephen Strzemienski, Priscilla Whitehead.

### Plan for Use:

All students at Randallstown High School will have practice in responding to SAT-style essay prompts according to the following plan:

- In order for the prompts to be used by the largest audience in the CTE department, we should share the prompts and decide which teachers will present specific prompts in their classes. Hopefully, this will limit redundancy.
- Prompts can be used at the end of a chapter or lesson.
- One way to avoid duplication of prompts is to view them as a group and assign certain prompts to certain teachers. In order to get a large response from students we can submit prompt suggestions from outgoing seniors and tweak them. Obtaining prompts from outgoing seniors may develop prompts that are relevant to their age group thus giving them incentive to expound on their ideas.
- Each month every student in the school should be required to write an SAT-style essay. The question each month could be provided by a different department. The teacher proctoring the writing should score the essay using a rubric and have it count as a grade in that class.
- School to Career Teachers can assign a prompt as a part of the Final Exam for the Occupation Preparation Course.
- A packet of quotes has been assembled by JROTC Coordinators which will be used to develop prompts for the students in JROTC.

### SAT Prompt #1

"Ignorance of the Law Is No Excuse For Breaking It"

**Assignment:** What is your view on the above quote? Plan and write an essay in which you support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

### SAT Prompt #2

*"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face... You must do the thing you think you cannot do."*

Source: Eleanor Roosevelt

**Assignment:** Do you agree with this approach towards fear and the interpretation of obstacles? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your readings, studies, or your own experience or observations.

### SAT Prompt #3

*"The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish almost anything if you're willing to pay for the price."*

Source: Vince Lombardi

**Assignment:** Do you agree with the idea that the only way to be successful is through hard work? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from any workplace industry (technology, arts, business, communications, law, etc.) or your own experience or observation.

### SAT Prompt #4

*"I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law."*

Source: Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Assignment:** What are your views of the idea that to welcome imprisonment is a way to express your views against injustice? Would you be willing to go to jail for something you believe in? Why or Why not? Plan and write an essay developing your point of view.

### SAT Prompt #5

*When choosing a career path, many people consider the monetary compensation that comes along with a particular career. Some even give up dreams and goals in order to become "successful." Confucius said, "Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." While George Horace Lorimer said, "It's good to have money and the things it can buy, but it's good too, to check once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy."*

Source: Confucius and George Horace Lorimer

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that choosing a career because you truly enjoy it will not make it seem like work at all and that true success is measured by more than money? How will these ideas impact your career decisions? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from reading, current events, studies, or your own experience or observation.

### SAT Prompt #6

*"Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people but you can't be two people. Instead you have to inspire the next guy down the line and get him to inspire his people."*

Source: Lee Iacocca

**Assignment:** What is your view of the claim that you cannot be two people and that you have to inspire others? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from current events, or your own experience or observations.

**SAT Prompt #7**

*Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock; you find them one at a time.*

**Assignment:** What does the author of the above statement mean when he compares leaders to eagles? What does he mean when he say eagles don't flock? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this statement. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

**SAT Prompt #8**

*Leaders are like eagles. The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, or a lack of knowledge. It is a lack of will.*

*Is "will" (determination, strong desire) the major difference between a successful person and others? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience or, observations.*

## SOLLERS POINT TECH

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### Plan for Use:

All students at Sollers Point Technical High School will have practice in responding to SAT-style essay prompts according to the following plan:

1. All students will complete an SAT-style reflection essay on their job shadow or off-campus work experience tour.
2. Each semester all students in levels 1 & 2 tech specialties will complete at least one related SAT-style prompts as part their tech specialty course of study.
3. These essays will become part of the student's career portfolio to be set up in 10<sup>th</sup> grade Occupational Preparation class and continued through the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in their tech specialty class.
4. Ninth grade students will respond to SAT-style prompts in their science, math, and technology classes. Additionally, they will complete an SAT-style reflection essay as part of their Take Your Child To Work Day activity and as part of a guidance classroom career activity will include that essay in the career folder.

### SAT Prompt #1

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The idea that the customer is always right has long been a guiding force in the retail workforce. As quoted by Sam Walton below, the customer has the power to determine the success or failure of the operation.

“There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairmen on down. Simply by spending his money somewhere else.”

Source: Sam Walton

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that the “customer is always right?” Is the customer the deciding factor to the success or failure of your establishment?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading, your experiences in school and employment, personal experiences, job shadowing, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Many people have ideas of success and a formula of how to obtain it. Many would agree that work is involved. A Hall of Fame coach said, “The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish almost anything if you’re willing to pay the price.”

Source: Vince Lombardi

**Assignment:** What is your view of work coming before any success is achieved?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, sports/interscholastic athletics, science and technology, personal experience or current events.

**SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

People choose careers for many reasons. Many factors came in to play when you made your decision for your tech specialty at Sollers Point Tech. Consider the quote: “Choose a job that you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.”

Source: Confucius

**Assignment:** Why do you agree or disagree that love of the job is the most important consideration in choosing a career?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading and discussions in O.P. and your viewpoint, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt #4**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Carefully consider the following excerpt and the assignment below it.

“Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people, but you can’t be two people. Instead, you have to inspire the guy next down the line and get him to inspire people.”

Source: Lee Iacocca

**Assignment:** What is your view on the importance of motivation and inspiration in the workplace? In an essay, support your position by discussing examples from your reading, personal experiences, and observations.

**SAT Prompt #5**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Think carefully about the issue presented in the following bit of “folk wisdom” and the assignment below.

“A little knowledge is a dangerous thing.”

**Assignment:** Can some knowledge be considered dangerous? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from the field of network administration and design, your personal experiences, and observations.

**SAT Prompt #6**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.”

Source: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**Assignment:** What is your view on trying to do things right the first time and how do you think it applies to \_\_\_\_\_ class?

In an essay, support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

**SAT Prompt #7**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.”

Source: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that it takes less time to do something right than it does to explain why you did it wrong?

In an essay, support your position with reasoning and examples taken from literature, the arts, sciences and technology, current events or your own experiences or observations.

How does this relate to the assignments we complete in class?

**SAT Prompt #8**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Sam Walton stated, “There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else.”

Source: Sam Walton

**Assignment:** What is your opinion about the quote that a customer can fire every person in a business simply by a company’s positive/negative customer relations? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from classroom work/presentations technology, job shadowing, student/office assistant experiences, or your own experience or observation in ISM.

**SAT Prompt #9**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Henry Ford, founder of assembly line production, whose legacy lives on in every manufacturing industry, stated, “You cannot build a reputation on what you are going to do.”

Source: Henry Ford

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that you can’t build a reputation on what you are going to do? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this statement. Support your viewpoint with reasoning and examples taken from reading, studies, personal experiences, and observations.

**SAT Prompt #10**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“We learn by doing.”

Source: Aristotle

**Assignment:** What is your view that the idea that a student learns more effectively by doing and how does it apply in Graphic Communications? In a paragraph, support your position by discussing examples that you have written on your daily grade worksheet of your experiences this week in graphic communications.

### **SAT Prompt #11**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The Chinese government is building a very large dam to increase the production of electricity. As a result of the dam, it will flood millions of acres of land, ecosystems will change, animals will be lost, and people will need to be relocated. The increase of electricity will have the country moving forward in economics and technology.

**Assignment:** What is your view on the government’s idea? Will the outcome outweigh everything that will be lost? How much of a benefit will the dam be in the future? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your points of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experiences, or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #12**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

1. Computers have become widely used in modern society. While they may provide us with more convenient access to many types of information, face to face, social interactions between people may suffer.
2. Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) are a major improvement in personal transportation. SUVs are large, comfortable vehicles. They provide a better view of the road and allow people to drive places that could not be reached in an ordinary car.

**Assignment:** What is your opinion of the above quote or statement? In an essay support your view by giving examples from personal observation, literature, arts and sciences to discuss your opinion.

### **SAT Prompt #13**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Jan is building a new house. The architect insists on using only metal device boxes for the electrical installation. The electrical contractor insists on using plastic device boxes for the electrical installation. Jan is confused and doesn’t know which type of device box she should have installed in her house.

**Assignment:** What is your opinion on the use of metal and/or plastic device boxes for residential use?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, classroom/shop lessons, job shadowing experiences, or your own experience of observation.

**SAT Prompt #14**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“There is a simple but powerful rule – always give people more than what they can expect to get.”

Source: Nelson Boswell

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that you should give people more than what they expect to get in reference to the preparation and quality of food?. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, observation in your culinary classes, or from personal experiences in a restaurant, family gathering, or your job shadowing experiences.

**SAT Prompt #15**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Time is money.”

Source: Anonymous

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea on the idea that time is money in managing a full service salon?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from the State Board of Cosmetologist hands-on practical exam and theoretical, written exam, job shadowing experiences, clinic class, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt #16**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Douglas William Jerrold, in the 1880s, said “The sharp employ the sharp,” suggesting successful business owners only employ knowledgeable employees. The same could be said at the individual level, particularly in the construction trade.

Source: Douglas William Jerrold

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that businesses hire only keen, competent employees, and how can a beginner craftsperson demonstrate “sharpness”?

In an essay, support your position by discussing four experiences, observations, and current events.

### **SAT Prompt #17**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

The “Multiple Intelligence Theory,” proposed by Robert Gardner, states that there are eight different types of intelligence. He contends that all intelligences are valuable, and that each individual has varying levels of the eight intelligences. This holds implications about one’s talents, skills, and interests. It may also impact your decision making and career planning.

**Assignment:** Based on the activities you completed in class today, what is your view on the value of recognizing your combination of intelligences as you decide your choice of a career completer at Sollers Point Tech?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from the sources on the “Multiple Intelligence” survey, your classroom visits of Tech specialties, or your own experience or observation.

### **SAT Prompt #18**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Scientists now have access to the information in the human genome. DNA is used to identify a persons presence at a crime scene as well as your genetic predisposition to diseases. Scientists will be able to share DNA information about you through the Internet. Doctors can prescribe medication according to your DNA. As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem.”

Source: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Assignment:** What is your view of insurance companies and the government having access to your unique DNA code and how will this affect your privacy?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from current events, literature, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt #19**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Training is necessary in the Auto Collision Repair Industry, due to the different makes and models of vehicle manufacturers in the world today. Technology is a big part of vehicle manufacturers' changes in design features of the modern automobile. There is a quote by Aristotle that says, "We learn by doing."

Source: Aristotle

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that training is necessary to keep up with vehicle manufacturers and technology of automobiles? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your point of view on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your reading.

**SAT Prompt #20**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

"Some think they're honest because they have never been caught stealing."

Source: Tim Beals

**Assignment:** What is your opinion view of the idea that automotive technicians are often placed in a position to "steal"?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example from your lectures on ethics, your experiences, or articles you have read on consumer fraud.

**SAT Prompt #21**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

"They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Source: Carl W. Buechner

**Assignment:** Why do you think that your words may be forgotten but people are more than likely to remember how you treated and cared for them? You decide.

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from classroom discussions, clinical experiences, real life or family experiences, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt #22**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Live each day so that you will never be afraid of tomorrow nor ashamed of today.”

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea to live each day so that you will never be afraid of tomorrow or ashamed of today?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your interaction with other students yesterday and today.

**SAT Prompt #23**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Technology is changing at a rate that is faster now than at any time in our history. The technology learned today will be obsolete in five to ten years, making life-long learning necessary.

**Assignment:** What is your view about the rate of change in technology and the need for life-long learning?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from science, technology, current events, and your own experience or observation.

**Off-Campus Work Experience**

**Reflection Activity**

Your Educational and Career Portfolio requires reflection essays on your Job Shadowing experiences in your levels 1 & 2 tech specialties. The prompted brief constructed response activity below will fulfill one of these requirements. You may be selected to share your essay with the class or other groups.

- For level 1 students, once you complete the essay, turn it in to your Occupational Preparation teacher for inclusion in your career folder and eventually your career portfolio.
- For level 2 students, once you complete the essay, turn it in to your tech specialty teacher for inclusion in your career portfolio

Now that you have completed your off-campus work experience or job shadow, you need to reflect on how your experience will impact your career decisions. Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” – Confucius

**Assignment:** How has your job shadowing or industry tour shown this statement to be true or not? In an essay support your position with examples and/or reasons. Use your shadowing or industry tour experiences, your reading, personal experience, and observations as sources for your examples.

## SPARROWS POINT HIGH SCHOOL

Ed Baldwin, Lonnie Bird, Mary Conroy, Jim Hafer, Kelly Karwaldz, Vernon Smither, Tom Welzenbach, Ralph Wilson.

### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Sparrows Point High School:

- Prompts will be used in the introduction course of each CTE area.
- Instructors in each area can elect to develop more prompts to cover more courses in their area.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Some people would say that science and technology are the same, while others would argue that each is applied independently.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the relationship between science and technology? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, history, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Our society has become one in which money is considered to be everything. The number and value of materialistic possessions determines our happiness and success.

**Assignment:** Do you believe that money is everything? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

### **SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

An evil society can corrupt an individual. This common statement leads to the assumption that society defines one's values.

**Assignment:** Does society corrupt an individual or does an individual have the potential to corrupt an entire society? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

**SAT Prompt #4**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

**Assignment:** Do you feel that you determine your self-worth, or that a feeling of inferiority stems from your interactions with others? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from your reading, studies, experience, or observations.

## TOWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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### **Plan for use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Towson High School:

1. Prompts were written in the subject areas of Family Studies, Tech, Ed, and School-to-Career Transition.
2. Each teacher in each of these subject areas will use the corresponding prompts in their classes before March.
3. Because we have three different prompts, students who have different CTE classes will write different prompts.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.*

Employers believe the value of an employee is not only what s/he can do but also his/her attendance, punctuality, and integrity. Jim Stovall says, "Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching." On the other hand, some employees think that cheating an employer is all right as long as they are not caught.

**Assignment:** What is your view of employees cheating their employers? Support your position by discussing an example from your reading and studies.

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below.*

The U.S. is the biggest consumer of petroleum products. We rely heavily on other oil-producing countries to maintain our lifestyle and economy. Some people view this as helping other countries while others believe this is dangerous to our own economy.

**Assignment:** Do you think purchasing oil from other countries strengthens the U.S. as a global consumer or weakens our country by being dependent on others? Support your position by discussing an example from science, technology, and current events.

### **SAT Prompt #3**

*Think carefully about the issue presented in the following excerpt and the assignment below*

According to *U.S. News and World Report* 64 percent of Americans are overweight or obese and struggle daily to overcome their expanding waistlines before their health is compromised. The two prevalent theories advocate either low fat or low carbohydrate food choices.

**Assignment:** What is your view of the most effective method for weight loss? Support your position with your reading and studies.

**WESTERN SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

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**Plan for use:**

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**SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Every occupational field has a basic core of knowledge and skills that serve as the foundation for entry-level employment. Achieving and maintaining success in a career does not happen by accident. Career development and advancement depend on many factors, including the educational pathways we choose to follow. Henry Ford, the famous industrialist who founded the Ford Motor Company, once said: “If money is your hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability.”

Source: “Today and Tomorrow” by Henry Ford

**Assignment:** If one student takes all academic courses in high school and another pursues courses in a technical program, which of the two students will have the best chance for achieving a successful, life-long career? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, and your own experiences or observations.

**SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish almost anything if you’re willing to pay the price.”

Source: by Vince Lombardi

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that success is related to hard work? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, and your own experiences or observations.

**SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don’t discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others.”

Source: by Danny Thomas

**Assignment:** What is your view that success in life is related to service to others? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, and your own experiences or observations.

**SAT Prompt #4**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“An individual must believe in himself and his abilities. To do his best, one needs a confidence that says, “I can do anything and if I can’t do it, I know how to get help.”

Source: by Ben Carson

**Assignment:** What is your view that self-confidence is related to achievement in life? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, and your own experiences or observations.

**SAT Prompt #5**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“We learn by doing.”

Source: Aristotle

**Assignment:** Does performing a task have a greater impact on learning than observing or reading about the task? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, and your own experiences or observations.

**SAT Prompt #6**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide – both reasons and examples – will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.”

Source: Carl W. Buechner

**Assignment:** What is your opinion regarding the statement that the manner in which we speak to the public forms an immediate opinion of you and the organization you represent? Plan and write an essay in which you develop your viewpoint on this issue. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, and your own experiences or observations.

## WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL

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### **Plan for Use:**

The following is a plan and some suggested ways that we can incorporate the SAT essays in the CTE classes at Woodlawn High School:

We will use the prompts in class during the schoolwide initiatives for SAT practice and writing days. We are required to have a writing prompt several days a year.

### **SAT Prompt #1**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

As one grows to adulthood, values are acquired throughout childhood and high school. One of the values we are taught early on is honesty and integrity, an ethic that is valued in the workplace today. In a quote from “What Makes a Great CPA (accountant)?” the author says that “CPAs are ideally their own best watchdogs, and this requires a reliable internal compass that guides one in doing the right thing at all times.”

Source: “What Makes a Great CPA?” Robert Half International, [www.startheregoplaces.com](http://www.startheregoplaces.com)

**Assignment:** Today, many students feel that cheating in school is acceptable, a value that is in sharp contrast to honesty and integrity that employers expect in the workplace. Think of examples where your core values of honesty and integrity have been challenged either in school or on the job. Support your positions with reasoning and examples taken from your reading, studies, experience, or observations. Reflect on the idea that one can do “the right thing at all times.”

### **SAT Prompt #2**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Customer service and interpersonal skills are intrinsically related in all businesses. You cannot be successful in business without a satisfied customer. According to Sam Walton “There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman down, simply by spending his money somewhere else.” In order to improve interpersonal relations,

John McNaughton states, “Maturity begins to grow when you can sense your concerns for others outweighing your concerns for yourself.”

Source: Sam Walton, John McNaughton

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that it takes highly developed interpersonal skills to achieve superior customer satisfaction?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from readings, classroom discussion, work experience or personal observations, as well as your experience as a customer.

### **SAT Prompt #3**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Renowned pastor and author J. Sidlow Baxter once stated, “What is the difference between an obstacle and an opportunity? Our attitude toward it. Every opportunity has a difficulty and every difficulty has an opportunity.”

Source: J. Sidlow Baxter

**Assignment:** What is your view on the idea that when faced with a problem it is better to think and plan or just go ahead and try a solution?

In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from what you’ve learned in Technology Education class or from literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observation.

### **SAT Prompt #4**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

Nuclear Energy is a man-made resource developed as an alternative energy source. This technological achievement is very controversial in nature because of the possible devastation that nuclear energy could create. Proponents argue the significance and practical usage of the technology and how it has benefited thus far. The inception of this technology and the dilemma that it has created could be best described through a direct quote of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “all progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem.”

**Assignment:** Based on your prior knowledge, what are your views in reference to nuclear energy? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from

literature, the arts, science and technology, current events, or your own experience or observation.

**SAT Prompt #5**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

As an American citizen, we inherently have duties and responsibilities to perform. Failure to perform these duties, such as voting, is failure to meet your responsibilities. President John F. Kennedy said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.”

Source: John F. Kennedy

**Assignment:** Is joining the military what President Kennedy meant by his statement of the responsibility of citizens to the United States? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example or examples from literature, current events, or your own experience, or observation.

**SAT Prompt #6**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Wrong turns are as important as right turns. More important sometimes.”

Source: Richard Bach

**Assignment:** What is your view of the idea that wrong decisions are as important, at times more important, than making right decisions? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, music, media, current events, or your own experiences or observation.

**SAT Prompt #7**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Be true! Be true! Be true! Show freely to the world, if not your worst, yet some trait whereby the worst may be inferred!”

Source: Nathaniel Hawthorne

**Assignment:** Do you believe that it is positive and beneficial to reveal your shortcomings and failures rather than cover them up? Why or why not? In an essay, support your position by

discussing an example (or examples) from literature, music, media, current events, or your own experiences or observations.

**SAT Prompt #8**

*Consider carefully the following excerpt and the assignment below it. Then plan and write an essay that explains your ideas as persuasively as possible. Keep in mind that the support you provide - both reasons and examples - will help make your view convincing to the reader.*

“Childhood obesity is really a family issue. Adults are passing on their unhealthy habits to the next generation.”

Source: *American Baby* (September 2004)

**Assignment:** What is your view that adults are responsible for their children being overweight? In an essay, support your position by discussing an example (or examples) from literature, music, media, current events, or your own experiences or observation.