



YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

**SAMPLE PROFICIENCY EXAM
SESSION II**

WRITING (25 pts.)

Name Surname: **Exam Number:** **Duration: 45 min.**

Exam Room: **Student Number:**

**Choose only ONE of the topics below. You can use the prompts if you like.
Write a well-organized and developed essay of at least 250 words.**

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

1. "Children should be punished for bad behavior." Write an **Opinion Essay** explaining why you agree or disagree.

Suggested Ideas

- a way of reducing mistakes
- consistent discipline
- leading to bad habits
- learning respect
- severe mental problems
- decreased creativity
- low self-esteem

2. "Why do people commit a crime?" Write a **Cause Essay** explaining the reasons for this question.

Suggested Ideas

- education
- personality
- financial problems
- family support
- friends relationships
- mental problems

3. "How does tourism affect a country?" Write an **Effect Essay** explaining the effects for this question.

Suggested Ideas

- customs and traditions
- pollution
- economy
- investment
- traffic
- crime rate
- cultural interaction
- natural resources

4. "What are the advantages and disadvantages of studying with a group of friends?" Write a **For & Against** Essay.

Suggested Ideas

- learning together
- motivation and support
- new study methods
- chatting and wasting time
- unsuccessful students
- different speeds of learning

