**Journal 8: EOCT Writing Practice**

**Directions: Using the PDF file I posted named “EOCT Sample Questions,” look over the following examples of writing tasks you’ll see on the 9th English EOCT (the extended writing response essay and the extended constructed response narrative). Then, type your answers to the following questions in the spaces provided below each question.**

1. **Read the first passage for the argumentative writing task, “A Changing Student Body,” and underline or highlight any details that are essential to the author’s argument.**

Look at the multiple choice question for this passage (Item 10 on page 3). Which answer choice do you think is correct and why?

Your Answer:

1. **Now, read the second passage for the argumentative writing task (“New Technologies Require New Rules” on page 3) and underline or highlight any details that are essential to the author’s argument.**

Look at the multiple choice question for this passage (Item 11 on page 3). Which answer choice do you think is correct and why?

Your Answer:

1. **Read the constructed response question in Item 12 for these two passages. This is meant to get you thinking about details to address in the actual essay question.**

Write out what your actual answer for this question would be using the RACE method (Restate the prompt, Answer all parts of the question, Cite evidence from both passages, Explain how evidence relates to your claims). Remember that constructed response questions should be answered in about a paragraph and that all quotes should be blended (ex: According to the author of Passage 1, “quote.”)

Your Answer:

1. **Read the argumentative essay prompt in the box on page 5 carefully (Item 13). Note that you need to use evidence from BOTH passages (one passage to support your argument, and one passage to address as a counterargument).**

In the space below, draft an outline of the five paragraph essay you’d write for this task by providing the following details:

1. Thesis Statement (What will be your stance on the issue and why)?
2. Reason 1 for your stance and quote from one passage to support:
3. Reason 2 for your stance and quote from one passage to support:
4. Address and disprove a counterargument with quote from OTHER passage to support:
5. Conclusion (restating thesis without sounding repetitive and explaining why issue is important)

Your Answer:

1. **Finally, read the excerpt from *Les Miserables* on page 6 that will be used for the narrative writing task. Read the instructions for the extended constructed response narrative at the bottom of the page – highlight details from the passage that you could incorporate into your rewritten beginning from Jean Valjean’s perspective.**

In the space below, write the first five sentences only of what you’d write for this narrative task, incorporating details from the passage where possible. Remember that for the ACTUAL extended constructed response narrative task, you should aim for 3 paragraphs to give the EOCT graders enough to work with.

Your Answer: