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Instructions:

Select ONE of the following topics, and write a composition of about 350 to 400 words.

1. React: The value associated with the concept of inner beauty is becoming less and less as is indicated by the increased concern for physical attractiveness. This is witnessed in the increased amounts of advertising related to increasing one's physical attractiveness as seen on TV, radio, magazines, newspapers, and other such media and the consumers' response to it--all of which amount to billions of dollars in transactions.
2. One definition of 'millennialism' is "any period of great happiness, peace, prosperity, etc.; an imagined golden age." As major changes in time occur like the change of a century, there are unusual social movements, and interests open up to spiritual and other epic concerns. As this century and millenium closes, what do you see happening around you that reflects this phenomena of millennialism? Give examples.
3. Consider the following hypothetical situation and questions:
An alien or extraterrestrial (an individual from outer space) is for some reason stranded on earth and in the course of events kills an earthling. This alien has no definite knowledge of earth custom or law, yet the state authorities of the location where the killing occurred want to try the alien for first-degree murder in a court of law and seek the death penalty.
Do you think the state authorities are justified in their actions? Why or why not?

The valuation of your composition will be made upon the basis of its overall engagement and persuasive force. You should consider the following in your composition: title, introduction, development, argumentation, support, and conclusion.