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Composition Exam

Choose only one of the following topics:

- In the past month there have been several articles regarding the teaching of English to the very young. For Chen Shu-chin "English is a blight on young kids" (*Taipei Times*, Feb. 17, p. 8). For Jonathan Chandler, in "Chomsky would frown" (Feb. 20, p. 8), "a child's mind may well become confused when exposed to two languages with dissimilar sentence structures, such as Mandarin and English." But, for Julie Barff "English teaching: check the theory!" (*Taipei Times*, March 8, p.8), "the optimal time for language acquisition is before the age of six, after which the ability declines, meaning complete acquisition of a language will not be possible (Lenneberg, Chomsky, Krashen)."

Reflect for a moment on your own views and theories. What would you write to the newspaper regarding the teaching of English? Take into account the various views on this subject as you present your own. Support your views with examples and, if possible, the statements or references to respected scholars on this topic of early foreign language acquisition. Be sure your first paragraph clearly states what you are proposing and/or refuting. Subsequent paragraphs and arguments must flow from your thesis topic as stated in paragraph one. Do not forget a concluding paragraph that should indeed draw conclusions based solely on the examples and theories you have previously presented.
- "EBay halted an auction this week and suspended a Taiwanese user who allegedly tried to sell three Vietnamese girls on the Internet site for a starting bid of US\$5,400" (*Taipei Times*, March 14, p. 3). The listing was noticed as early as March 5 and Vietnamese activist groups in Australia and the U.S. began sending e-mails to women's rights and immigrant advocates around the world. Let us assume you are a member of the activist group in Australia. What did you write to the women's rights groups around the world? Reflect a moment on how you will organize your thoughts. Be sure your first paragraph clearly states your objective or purpose in writing. Use examples and/or the views of public figures or scholars to support your arguments. Be sure your conclusion stems from your presentation.

Good luck!