

Below is an example of a 5-paragraph “**Effects Essay**”. Following it is another example to use as model.

An “Effects Essay”

Topic: *“The effects of having high absences for Foundation students at SCT”*

*Many foreign teachers are amazed at the number of absences that Omani students think are acceptable when they come off to college. In most countries around the world, no student are allowed to miss more than two to five percent of their classes in a semester. Students at SCT are permitted to miss up to fifteen percent of their classes in a single semester. There are many **bad effects** of missing too many classes at SCT. Here are the three most important bad effects of missing too many classes and not practicing enough English.*

First, the most important reason that students hurt themselves when they don't attend class is that they do not spend enough time speaking, writing, listening, reading, and practicing English language and vocabulary. When time-spent-practicing English per-student is too low, students cannot move from one level to the next in the Foundation program easily. If they are lucky enough to pass to a higher level or even to pass all four levels in the Foundation English, the students have either cheated or depended too much on others to do their work, i.e. students are not passing exams and foundation levels through their own effort. So, the students are not becoming responsible adults, e.g. responsible for their own marks or grades.

Second, because it is often true that students who do not attend classes regularly at the Foundation level either cheat or depend on others to do their

work for them, these same students have trouble in all of their Post-Foundations courses, too. Students have trouble in their post-foundation courses because their English skills and math skills are weak. Soon they may not pass the other SCT courses nor get good grades. This means that the recommendations from professors will not be very good. That will make it harder to find a job.

Third, because of low attendance and other bad study habits, some students actually will either leave SCT during the Foundation or Post-Foundation period. Others will continue to fail too many exams. Others simply will miss too many classes. Others give up hope and stop going to college. Many of these students then have trouble getting the career or jobs that they have dreamt of getting. This is very sad or tragic.

In conclusion, attendance is very important for students at SCT, but too many students do not take attendance nor practice of English and study of English or math seriously. It is very important for students to have high attendance rates and to spend as much time practicing English (and math) regularly. I believe that both in the Foundation level and in the Post-Foundation level students must have good attendance and good study habits.

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