

MCAT WRITING SAMPLES

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- Didn't know the prompt in advance

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Real MCAT Sample Question 1

Consider the following statement:

Citizens who enjoy a country's benefits during peacetime have a responsibility to support their nation in times of war.

Directions

Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks. Explain what you think the above statement means. Describe a specific situation in which citizens might justifiably not support their nation in time of war. Discuss what you think determines whether or not citizens should support their nation in time of war.

Enter your response in the space below.

Answer:

Across the world people commonly identify themselves as being linked to a particular sovereign state, they are citizens. As a citizen individuals gain numerous benefits from their state. Some of these benefits include protection from invasion, the right to vote, and the ability to live as they choose as long as they are not breaking the laws of their country. These are benefits which are provided to citizens at either times of war or peace. It is difficult to say whether these citizens have a responsibility to support their nation at a time of war. Initially, support can take on many meanings, such as vocally supporting the government, actually fighting in the war, direct specific funds towards the war, or even change national laws which are all actions of support. Therefore, one sees that this is a tricky issue with no clear response as to whether a citizen has a responsibility to support their nation in time of war because they enjoy the benefits of the sovereign state.

However, there are times when individuals can justifiably not support their nation in time of war. Currently, with the war in Iraq many people do not support the war based on the fact that false intelligence was used to go to war. Those who oppose are voicing their displeasure via protests, voting in a new congressional party, and calling for a time table for withdrawal.

Hence, one sees that war is a tremendous undertaking and the notion of support plays a substantial role for the citizenry. I would argue that there are some key instances when support should be granted to the nation. If support will directly influence the outcome of a war then it should be utilized, such as if a specific number of troops are needed to defend the nation then support via a draft is appropriate. Another instance of support would be whether the war is being fought on your country's territory or abroad. If the war is on the "home front" then support should be utilized otherwise the benefits which you have previously derived from government may not be standing without your support at the war's termination.

Real MCAT Sample Question 2

Consider the following statement:

In business, competition is superior to cooperation.

Directions

Write a unified essay in which you perform the following tasks. Explain what you think the above statement means. Describe a specific situation in which cooperation might be superior to competition. Discuss what you think determines when competition is superior to cooperation in business and when it is inferior.

Enter your response in the space below.

Answer:

In a capitalistic society the driving force is to make as much money as possible and this generally is the mantra which all businesses follow. They believe that it is very important to beat any other business so that they can own more market share and meet their bottom line goals and hence cooperation is not associated with business in a free market society. There is one major benefit which is derived from using competition though, companies are forced to stay abreast of the latest technologies and put a lot into research and development of new products which ultimately benefits the consumer. There is a lot of choice for the consumer when competition is utilized and monopolies are not in place which means the price of goods remains low.

However, there are many instances when cooperation can do more good than competition. The pharmaceutical industry prides itself on getting patents to develop new drugs and having sole manufacturing rights, but this actually hurts humans across the globe. To take this though experiment further one must consider the notion of there being a disease spreading and no current vaccine is available. Pharmaceutical Company A knows how to enter the

bacterial wall while Pharmaceutical Company B knows how to attack the organelles of the bacteria. No drug/vaccine is ever developed because each company only knows one part to the equation, but if they would put their competitive spirit aside and cooperate for the good of humanity many lives could be saved.

Therefore, one sees that there are numerous pros and cons to the notion of competition in the business world. One can reconcile these aspects by looking at what sector of business is the company involved in and what would be the ramifications if they were and were not to compete. If it is shown that competition is better for society as a whole then by all means let them compete, but if cooperation can do more good then business should end their competitive practices. Looking further one sees that competition drives many companies to falsify their financial statements and this ultimately leads to S.E.C. sanctions and sometimes the downfall of a company which does not benefit anyone. On the otherhand there is the problem of monopolies developing with too much cooperation. A prime example would be in telecommunications especially with Clearwater Inc. which has brought all the major radio networks leaving the consumer to have little choice or alternative as it relates to music. We can conclude by stating the litmus test for business and deciding on competition or cooperation is to do that which will provide the most benefits to the greatest number of consumers.

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