**Integrated writing**

Both the reading and the lecture talk about Agnostids, kinds of living organisms in the sea, particularly the way they might have lived. Based on fossils observed, Agnostids were primitive arthropods. The reading passage provides three theories on how they behaved and lived based on some reasons; however, the lecturer has quite different points of views toward all the ideas raised in the passage, providing evidence to refute them all.

First, the reading asserts that Agnostids might have been free-swimming animals, and relied on smaller preys since it is now evident that other types of primitive arthropods were well-developed swimmers and potential predators. Conversely, the speaker brings up the idea that other types of arthropods had large and developed eyes, and having a perfect vision was necessary for tracking preys. Besides, Agnostids had poorly developed eyes, and some of them were almost blind. So, they might have employed other types of sensory organs to chase preys, not by swimming, which there is so far no evidence for this issue.

Second, the writing holds the view that they may have levied on the seafloor, as some example of primitive arthropods can be found which have lived in such areas. In contrast, the professor contends that such animals living on the seafloor do not have this ability to move fast or travel far distances. In other words, those animals occupy a limited and small area for dwelling and move slowly, particularly where they originated. Moreover, she mentions that Agnostids have inhabited in multiple geographical and large areas. Thus, considering that Agnostids might have dwelled on seafloors is unusual.

Finally, the reading passage argues that Agnostids might have been parasites, meaning that feeding on larger organisms, because there exist many modern-day arthropods that are parasites. On the contrary, the lecturer dismisses this issue as parasites should have limited population size; otherwise, they kill off host organisms. As a huge number of Agnostids' fossils can be observed around the world, so they had a large population. This is why Agnostids cannot be parasites.

**Independent writing**

Some people think the media including newspapers, televisions, radio, and internet sources are less concerned about the accuracy of news. They think the information from the media is becoming incorrect. Do you agree with this opinion or not and explain why? Include examples and specific reasons.

**My writing**

Nowadays, a huge amount of information and news is broadcasted and conveyed to people around the world regardless of where they live. Some people feel that some information that is publicly broadcasted cannot be trusted; however, the others have a completely reverse point of view on information conveyed to them. As far as I am concerned, I vehemently assert that the news or information scattered through the mass media cannot be completely considered as a reliable source. I personally have some compelling reasons for my statement, two of which I will elaborate on hereunder.

To begin with, some political parties having the most power and authority among other counterparts occupy the mass media. To be honest, powerful political groups do not permit the information to be scattered through newspapers, radio and TV programs, and online resources that are against their desires, willingness, or goals. To do so, they may filter some most-viewed online resources, and put an end to some TV shows that provide people with trusted news, meaning those which are not in favor of them. In other words, those political groups put the mass media under their control to ensure that only news that does not negatively affect their purposes is scattered to people. It is a fact that not all political parties provide people with unreliable information; however, the most prominent parties contend with their rivals so that select which news should be publicly available.

Furthermore, some advertisers try to deceive people, and provide untrue or misleading information for their products, services, and so forth. As more and more people use the mass media to gather a broad range of information, some companies find it a great chance to advertise their products or services to public. Unfortunately, some of those companies exaggerate on the real quality of their products or services to attract and persuade public to purchase or use them. In other words, they have gradually become adept at advertising in order to deceive people even over and over times, for instance, using specific languages, colors, or sounds. I can remember a disappointing memory when I was doing my master’s degree. My close classmates and I decided to rent a car, and travel to a historical city near our city. We found an affordable advertisement for a rental car in an online marketing website. Once we paid the money for two days of renting, the owner of the car turned off his phone, and then we realized that we were the victim of such unreliable advertisements. This is why some people suppose that information received by the mass media may be unreliable.

All in all, I feel that some information that is accessible through the mass media is not reliable. My reasons are that some powerful political parties distort some reliable news since such news do not support their aims, and some people are deceived by advertisements that are scattered through the mass media.