**TOEFL, Integrated Writing Sample**

**This sample below is my writing for the assignment in handout 1. What I underlined are words you could use for any of texts that contradict one another.**

The speaker in the lecture directly contradicts the opinion and information from the reading concerning Chevalier’s memoir and its accuracy. The first point that the speaker contradicted was the money that Chevalier borrowed. According to the speaker, Chevalier had a lot of money but it was in the form of property so he had to convert that money to cash. That took days to do, so he had to borrow money from the merchant until he received his money. In contrast, the reading passage explained that Chevalier had to borrow large sums of money and so could not have been rich. The second point was about the conversations he had with Voltaire. The speaker said that every night he wrote down everything he could remember about the conversations and when he wrote the memoir, he used those notes. Witnesses also confirmed that when he wrote his memoir years later he regularly consulted his notes. The reading, on the other hand, stated that Chevalier couldn’t have taken notes in such details and it would have also been impossible to remember the details of a conversation that was so long ago. The final point concerns the prison escape. In the lecture, the speaker said that other prisoners who had even more powerful political connections were never able to bribe their way to freedom so Chevalier probably didn’t either. Prison records also indicated that the ceiling of his room had to be repaired shortly after his escape, while the author wrote that Chevalier must have bribed the jailers to help him get out of jail. In conclusion, the lecture casts doubts on the reading on each of the three points mentioned and explains that the memoir is accurate.