In-Class Writing  
(Version #1)

Cheating is now considered to be a major problem in colleges and universities. How to cope with it has become a favorite topic of conversation at faculty meetings and conferences. Several professors say they’ve dropped the traditional term paper requirement. Why? Many students buy prewritten term papers. And faculty members say they can’t track down all the cheaters anymore. “I may be wrong,” said one professor wistfully, “but I think the situation has gotten worse in the past few years. I used to catch students making up footnotes. Today they simply buy the whole paper.”

Read the above passage and compose one or more carefully written paragraphs on the issues raised. In your answer, you may want to address these questions:

• Why does this writer claim that cheating in college is a serious problem?
• Do you agree that cheating in school is a serious problem? Why or why not?

You have thirty minutes to complete this writing task. You may revise and make corrections on your paper, but please write neatly.