

IELTS

General Training

Writing

Sample Answers 8.0



**Sample Answers for all IELTS Task 1
letters & Task 2 Essays**

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Writing Task 1**Informal Invitation letter**

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You have recently moved to a different city for work, but you want to maintain contact with a friend from your previous workplace. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Describe the city you moved to*
- *Tell him/her about your new job*
- *Invite him/her to visit you*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Hi Joe

How's things in Whitby? Just a quick note to get you up to speed with my news and invite you down here next weekend.

Manchester is a sprawling place and there's loads of places to hang out no matter what your preference is. Even though it had a reputation for being an industrial city, it's really quite modern and even a bit peaceful.

The new job's going well. I'm still finding my feet at the insurance company, but everyone's been pretty helpful and patient. There doesn't seem to be the same office politics there was at our old workplace and that's a relief.

Anyway, next weekend I was wondering if you'd like to come down for a visit. I got a 2-bedroom flat so your accommodation is sorted and, would you believe it? Your beloved United is playing at home on Sunday so we can try to get some tickets.

Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best

Duncan

161 Words

Informal Information Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Your friend asked you to find a par-time job for him/her to earn some money while studying. You found a job that might be suitable. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Give him/her the job description*
- *Explain why he/she should take the job*
- *Say what he/she should do to get the job*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Jack

How are you? You asked me recently if I knew of any part-time jobs to help you out with extra cash while you're at college. I think I've got some good news for you.

I saw an advert online, the other day, from a local supermarket and they're looking for part-time store workers. It's working in their warehouse on the night shift, restocking shelves and unloading trucks. It only pays minimum wage but it's very close to your college.

Why don't you check it out? You can get there on your bike in 5 minutes and night shift means it doesn't clash with your classes. Granted the money's not great but it looks like a steady job.

I'll send you the link and according to the site, you only need to fill out an online application form and, I guess, go for a short interview.

Good luck with your job hunting.

Take care

Jim

155 words

Informal Information Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You will take a short holiday in London next month and would like to spend some time with a friend who lives there.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Tell him when you will be in London and why*
- *Ask him for recommendations of what to do there*
- *Suggest some things you can do together*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Hi Faisal

How are you? Hope you're doing well there in London. Just a quick note to tell you that I'm having a long weekend there soon and it would be great if we could hang out.

I booked the Thames Hotel for 4 nights from the 11th to 14th August. Sure, I know it's a bit upmarket but after a year of non-stop work, I deserve some luxury and chill out time.

I reckon you've been there almost a year now so it'd be great if you can suggest some interesting places to check out. I remember you love the cultural stuff and I'm keen to visit some museums and galleries, if you know any good ones.

As you know, I'm a huge football fan so maybe we can catch a match together, as well as a West End show, if it's not too expensive! Whatever you think, let me know.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Take care.

Abdullah

Informal Request Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You are going away on a short trip. You want your friend to look after your home while you are away.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Say where you are going*
- *Describe your home*
- *Explain some of the things your friend must do while you are away*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Mary

How are you? Hope you are keeping well. Just a quick note to ask you if you can do me a huge favor.

At the end of the month, I'm going to Ireland for my sister's wedding. She's finally marrying John after a 9-year engagement. I'll be gone for 5 days and I was hoping you could look after my place while I'm away.

I know you haven't been to my place yet so, I'll text you the location. It's the new block of flats on Elm Street, number 12A. It's a one-bedroom place and the kitchen is well stocked with food and drink. Help yourself to anything and you're most welcome to stay.

The main reason I'm asking for your help is my cat, Felix, needs looking after. His food is in the fridge and he's properly house trained and friendly. You don't even need to let him out at night.

Give me a call and let me know what you think.

All the best

Sarah

168 words

Informal Advice Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

Your friend has written to you asking for your advice on whether to study marketing or information technology at a college in Australia. Write a letter to her. In your letter,

- *Ask her about the college*
- *Give her suggestions*
- *Explain your reasons*
-

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Fatima,

Hi! How's things? Congrats! Great to hear you've been offered a place at the college and in Australia! Sure, I can give you some advice on choosing between marketing and IT.

First of all, do you know anything about the college's reputation when it comes to both these courses? If they're famous for one or the other, then that should be a big factor in choosing, I guess.

To be honest, I don't really know much about marketing. I'm hardly a specialist there and can't really say much about it. But, as you know, I'm an IT graduate myself and since leaving college, I can tell you, I've had loads of attractive job offers. So, I really recommend IT.

Of course, technology is rapidly advancing with new, life changing, developments happening all the time. I'm sure that you'll have a lot more career choices and offers after you graduate.

I hope you make a wise and happy choice. Please let me know how it works out.

Good luck

Courtney

169 words

Informal Apology Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

Your friend bought a ticket for you for a sporting event, but you cannot go for some reasons.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Apologize to your friend*
- *Explain why you cannot go*
- *Suggest what your friend should do with the ticket*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Jack

Thanks a lot for thinking about me when you booked tickets for the cup final. I really appreciate it.

I'm sorry to say I can't make it to the match and I'm pretty disappointed about it. I hope you understand and accept my apology.

I can't go because my company has scheduled a team building weekend that coincides with the date of the game. We're all obliged to attend this gathering and it was booked months ago.

As for my ticket, I'll ask my cousin if he wants to buy it. She's a massive Arsenal fan and would love to go to the final. If she's not interested, I'll keep asking around until I find someone. In the meantime, you could try to get a refund for it through the ticket agent's website or you could call their customer care number.

I'm sorry I can't join you for the game. Enjoy the match!

All the best

Mike

157 words

Informal Invitation Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

While you were studying in the UK, you made friends with John Blaire who was one of your course tutors. He is coming to your country an international conference. You want to invite him to stay at your place and spend some time together.

Write a letter to him. In your letter,

- *Ask him about the conference*
- *Invite him to stay at your place*
- *Suggest some things you can do together*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Hi John

How are you? It's cool to hear that you'll finally visit my country next month. It would be great to see you again and spend some time hanging out, and you're welcome to stay with us.

You said in your message you'll be attending an international conference. Is that the Climate Change Summit in Seoul? It's been all over the news for days here but I haven't been paying much attention, to be honest.

Would you like to stay at my place while you're in Seoul? I have a 2-bedroom apartment and my young son can sleep with my wife and I. It would be no problem for us and we'd have more time to catch up.

We can also show you around the city in your spare time. There's lots to see here like the Seoul Tower and Namdaemoon Market. Anyway, tell me what you think and hopefully, I'll see you soon.

Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best

Park Joongo

165 words

Informal Apology Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You recently missed your friend's wedding because you were out of the country.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter

- *Apologize for not being able to attend the wedding*
- *Explain why you were unable to attend*
- *Invite your friend to come and celebrate her wedding with you*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Jenny

How are you? A huge congratulations on your recent wedding to Hugh. I hear that it was a fantastic day and you looked like the most beautiful bride ever!

I'm so sorry I couldn't make it to one of the biggest days of your life and, to be honest, I feel a bit guilty that I wasn't there for my dear friend.

As I told you before the wedding, I needed to attend my company's annual convention in the USA. The gathering was meant to last three days, but my CEO insisted that I stay for 2 extra days to seal the deal with a new client.

Next month I have a 5-day holiday and I've already booked a resort on the south coast. Why don't you and Hugh join me? I can book a room for you and of course I'll pay, that would be my wedding present to you guys.

Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best

Eileen

163 words

Informal Suggestion Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You recently learned that a close friend of yours has had a baby, and you bought a gift for the baby. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter

- *Congratulate them on the arrival of their baby*
- *Describe the gift you have chosen for the baby*
- *Suggest arrangements for your visit to deliver the gift*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Ian

How's things? I guess you're really busy these days with your new arrival. Just a quick note to tell you I'm planning to visit you guys soon.

Congrats on the birth of your little girl, Joleen. It's brilliant that after all these years, it finally happened. You must be over the moon. I hope you two are getting enough sleep and someone's there to lend a hand.

Anyway, I got her a little gift. It's one of those baby harness things that you can sling across your shoulders and put the baby in the front. They look really handy and, of course, practical when you're doing the shopping.

I'm free for the bank holiday weekend and I was wondering if you'll be at home then. I can drop by and give you the present and meet Joleen. Drop me a text if your free that weekend and I'll get back to you with the exact time and day I can be there.

Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best

Kevin.

173 words

Informal Advice Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You recently bought an electronic device for your home. Your friend wants to buy the same device and has asked you for advice. Write a letter to your friend.

In your letter

- *Describe the device*
- *Explain why you bought it*
- *Say whether your friend should buy it and why*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Jenny

Hi, how are you? Just a quick note to answer your questions about the new TV I bought last month. I hear you're thinking about getting one yourself.

Well, it was a bit expensive as you know but, in my opinion, it's well worth the money. There are several sizes you can choose from according to which you prefer, and it comes with a 1-year guarantee.

My previous TV was over 10 years old and not compatible with a lot of today's technology, such a Bluetooth. In addition, the new one has a built-in record function so you can record programs up to a month in advance.

If you're thinking of upgrading your old TV, I would really recommend this model. Not only is the picture and sound quality great but it has all the latest, features. What's more, since it's a new model, it's reasonably priced at the moment because it's on promotion.

Hope you find this helpful.

All the best,

Sandra

164 words

Informal Invitation Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

While on a business trip in another city, you met an old friend who lives there. You are going on another business trip to this city soon and you would like to see him/her again. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter

- *Tell him/her about your trip*
- *Say why you were happy to see him/her*
- *Suggest an arrangement for you to meet*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Joe

How are you? I hope you are keeping well. Just a quick note to tell you I'll be visiting Belfast again next month and it would be great to meet up.

It's another business trip, attending a regional training event on the 10th and 11th. After the training, we have a full program of networking events such as dinners and guided tours. However, I do have a free day on the 12th.

It was great to see you last month, after all these years. The last time we saw each other was at our college graduation, 2 years ago, so we had a lot to catch up on. We only had a few hours together last time but, I hope you're free on the 12th.

What about watching the local derby football match together? I know your team is playing, so maybe you've already planned to go. After the match, we can have dinner in the city center and try to catch a live band and a few drinks.

Look forward to hearing from you.

All the best

Dave

180 words

Informal Apology Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

Your friend wants to stay with you during the holidays, but you are not available on that date. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter

- *apologize for not being able to be there*
- *give a reason why you are not available*
- *suggest another day for your friend's visit*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Harry

How are you? It's great to hear that you'll be visiting Glasgow for the festival, but you said that you'll only be here for one day. I should tell you that I won't be in town during that time.

I'm sorry to say that I'll be in Ireland on the 20th. I booked flights months ago because I want to be there for my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. All the family are getting together for it and some of them are even traveling all the way from New Zealand.

Can you change your visit to another date? It would be good to catch up with you. I'll be back in Glasgow from the 22nd and the festival doesn't end until the 25th. There are a lot of good groups and acts scheduled for these days so maybe we could see a few of them.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Good luck

George

155 words

Formal Recommendation Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

One of your friends wants to apply for a job at a summer school camp as a sports trainer. Write a letter to the camp manager to recommend your friend. In your letter,

- *Say how well you know your friend*
- *Describe the qualifications and experience your friend has*
- *Explain why you think your friend would be suitable for this job*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Ms Kelsey

In response to your enquiry, I am writing to recommend Liam Hartley for the position of football coach at Happy Days summer camp.

I have known Liam for 5 years as a player and, recently, in his capacity as a part-time coach at Eastern College. During this time, we became close colleagues and friends because of our shared philosophy in progressive and attacking football.

Along with a distinguished playing career with the College, in which we won the Eastern Championship, Liam has recently joined the coaching staff as assistant youth team coach. Furthermore, last month, he passed the state Football Coaching Level 1 Course.

He would be an ideal appointment for this vacancy because he has demonstrated ability as a motivating and innovative coach who has a positive rapport with his players. In addition, your campers would greatly benefit from the guidance of a young and personable individual who always has time to listen to individuals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

Sam Graham

167 words

Formal Complaint Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

A road near your home is damaged. Write a letter to the council of your city/town to complain about it. In your letter,

- *Tell them who you are and where you live*
- *Explain the nature of your complaint*
- *Say what you would like them to do about it*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to complain about the condition of the road, specifically the A33, near my residence and the delay in commencing repairs.

My name is Seymore Bush and I am a surgeon at the county hospital. I live adjacent to the A33 and use the road six days a week to commute to my place of work.

For approximately one week now, parts of the A33 have been cordoned off due to surface damage caused by the recent flooding. As a result, several stretches of the road are operating as a single lane. It is difficult to comprehend why repair work has not started on the affected areas to alleviate severe delays.

I would appreciate if the council could inform road users when the repairs are scheduled to begin along with an estimated completion date. In the meantime, it would also be useful if the council could introduce a diversion system where motorists can use alternate routes.

I look forward to your reply.

Best regards

Mr. Bush

169 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You accidentally left an important item while checking out of a hotel. Write a letter to the hotel manager and ask them to send the item back to you. In your letter,

- *Provide the details of your stay*
- *Describe the item you left behind*
- *Tell the hotel manager how to return it to you*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to request the return of a personal item I left behind in my hotel room when I checked out.

I was a guest at your hotel, the Majestic, from 18th to 20th June and stayed in room 101. When I checked out, your domestic assistant checked the room to confirm that I had not left anything behind.

However, she failed to notice a pair of red shoes in the wardrobe. The shoes are size 34, have the Armani brand on the inside and the soles are black.

You can return the shoes to the address I provided when I signed in. My email address and phone number are also on the check in form I completed at your reception. I will gladly refund all the delivery costs when you send the receipts along with the shoes.

I look forward to your reply and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards

Jane Quigley

158 words

Formal Thanks Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You lost an item while traveling on a bus. An employee of the bus company assisted you in recovering your lost item. Write a letter to the company manager to thank the employee. In your letter,

- *Describe what you lost and why it was important to you*
- *How the employee helped you find it*
- *Explain how you felt after recovering it.*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to express my gratitude to your employee Mr. Joe Dolan who assisted me in recovering my mobile phone from your company's bus.

After travelling to work on the bus I got to my office where I discovered that my phone was missing. I remember it was in my trouser pocket and guessed that it could have fallen out while I was on the bus.

My phone is essential for my work and contains all my personal contacts, along with private information. When I called your depot, Mr. Dolan took all the details of my journey and the type of phone I used and assured me that he would search the bus in question. Approximately 20 minutes later he called me back and informed me that he had found my mobile.

Needless to say, I was incredibly relieved and thankful to Mr. Dolan who had taken the time to personally assist me in finding my lost phone.

Thank you for your resolution of this matter.

Best regards

M Daley

172 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You currently live in a rental apartment and the noise from your neighbors disturbs you. Write a letter to your landlord. In your letter,

- *Describe how the situation affects you*
- *Explain what steps you have taken to address the problem*
- *Ask the landlord to take action to address the issue*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to inform you about the excessive noise that my neighbors make and request that you rectify this situation.

I have been a tenant in your property for five years and recently the apartment next door has been rented to a group of students. They are incredibly noisy at the weekend with all night parties keeping me awake and causing me sleepless nights.

I have asked them on several occasions to turn down the volume of the music they play but they have consistently ignored me. I have even told them that I would have to call the police if they did not stop but to no avail.

I request that you speak to these tenants and inform them of the complaints they have received and advise them that if there is no immediate change in their behavior, you will be forced to evict them.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Best Regards

Todd Smelling

157 words

Formal Information Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You have recently read a book and noticed some incorrect information about a place that you know. Write a letter to the author of the book. In your letter,

include the name of the place and the incorrect information

provide the correct information

explain why it is important to correct this mistake

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to inform you about a factual error in your recently published book, “The siege of Derry.”

As a native of Derry, I found your knowledge of this subject to be very impressive however, I feel obliged to highlight an inaccuracy in in your final chapter. You stated that the Siege Museum opened in 2015 but closed in 2021 due to lack of government funding and a disappointing number of visitors.

For your information, the museum re-opened in May 2022 after it received a grant from the National Lottery and since then has been one of the most popular attractions in Derry city, attracting over 1000 visitors per month.

I feel that it is important to correct the facts because visitors, who have read your book, will be under the impression that the museum is not operating and it needs as much publicity as possible to continue its successful re-launch.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards

Peter Wright

161 words

Formal Report Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You had a minor accident at work and got injured. According to the company rules you have to report it in writing to your manager. In your letter,

- *Describe what happened and your injury*
- *Explain what the result of the accident was*
- *Suggest a way to avoid similar accidents in the future.*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

In accordance with company policy, I am writing to report an accident I had on company premises on 23 January this year.

While I was moving pallets in the car park a forklift truck reversed out of a parking bay and collided with the pallets and its rear wheel ran over my right foot. The driver stopped immediately and came to my assistance. He also apologized saying that he had not seen me crossing behind him and that the reversing sound on the forklift was not working.

Almost immediately I was taken to the local hospital where, after an x-ray, I was diagnosed with a broken bone in my foot. As a result, I had to take 2 weeks leave on sick pay, but I am now able to return to work.

Thankfully, I only suffered a minor injury however, I would advise the company to repair and test the reversing sound on all forklift trucks to prevent this type of accident from happening again.

Best regards

Jane Seymore

169 words

Formal Complaint Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You bought a set of speakers from a store recently and discovered that they were not working properly.

Write a letter to the store. In your letter,

- *Describe the problem with the speakers*
- *Describe what happened when you returned them to the store*
- *Explain what action you require*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to complain about the speakers that I purchased from your store on 2 October. When I attempted to use them, I detected a serious flaw.

Specifically, the problem that I noticed immediately was the sound quality. When I connected them to my laptop and played a song there was bass but not enough treble. I therefore consulted the user manual and tried to adjust the playback levels on the graphic equalizer but it made absolutely no difference.

I returned the speakers to your store on the following day, where your assistant tested them and she readily agreed there was a problem. She tried, for a considerable amount of time, to adjust the sound balance but was unable to improve the quality. Moreover, when she checked identical models, she found the same issue with them.

I am not satisfied with my purchase and strongly advise you to cease selling this particular model. I would like a full refund in the form of cash since that was my payment method.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully yours

Rose White

182 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You read an online advertisement calling for volunteers to help you out at a charity fun run that will raise money for cancer research. You are interested in volunteering.

Write a letter to the organizing committee. In your letter,

- *Explain why you would like to volunteer*
- *As what volunteers are required to do*
- *Give your contact details*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/madam

I am writing to inquire about your advertisement requesting volunteers to assist at a charity fun run at Harrison Park on 22 April in aid of cancer research.

First of all, I would like to explain the reason why I am interested in volunteering. Unfortunately, last year I lost my father to cancer. Therefore, I firmly believe that cancer research is a vital service that needs financing, whether it be from the government or private sector.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me with more details about what is involved in volunteering. Specifically, what are a volunteer's duties and responsibilities and what hours are they expected to be available?

I can be contacted at any time on my mobile number or email which I have listed below. Alternatively, I can visit your office and speak with the organizing committee.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Thompson

151 words

Formal Apology Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You are scheduled to conduct a training course next week, but you will not be able to attend because you have some problems.

Write a letter to your college. In your letter,

- *Explain your situation*
- *Describe your problems*
- *Suggest an alternative arrangement*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing concerning the IELTS Teacher Training Workshop that I am scheduled to conduct on 12 October at the Language Department.

I regret to inform you that I have experienced some personal problems and I will not be able to conduct the workshop as scheduled.

I have recently been experiencing some minor medical problems with my right foot and upon consultation with a specialist, I have been advised to undergo a minor surgical procedure. This procedure has been scheduled for 12 October and if I do not take advantage of this, the next available appointment is after 6 months.

I realize this will be inconvenient for you and the department. However, I would like to propose an alternative date for the workshop, namely 12 November. I will have recovered sufficiently from the surgery by this time.

Please accept my sincerest apology. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

John Evans

153 words

Formal Application Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

The International Tech Company has placed an advertisement for web developers in your local newspaper.

Write a letter applying for the position. In your letter,

- *Explain what you are currently doing*
- *Describe why you are suitable for the job*
- *Explain when you are available to start*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to apply for the vacancy of website developer that your company has advertised in the Weekly Bugle.

At the moment, I am employed as a web developer for a local company that specializes in developing websites for local businesses. The job involves responding to enquiries from clients, conducting a needs analysis with them and designing sample sites for their approval.

During my employment with my current company, I have developed the skills of responding to customer needs and independent thinking. I am also flexible in that I am willing to relocate anywhere that your company might require.

According to my current contract, I am required to give one month's notice if I intend to resign. However, I have a positive working relationship with the company CEO and I am confident we could come to an agreement if your company requires me to start in less than one month.

I look forward to your response.

Best regards

David Jones

161 words

Formal Thanks Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You recently attended an intensive English course at a local academy. After the course you successfully passed the English entry test for an Australian college. You want to thank the academy.

Write a letter to the academy. In your letter,

- *Explain who you are and what course you did*
- *Tell them about your successful college application*
- *Thank the academy*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your advice and support during my participation in a recent English course at your academy.

My name is Mario Noya and I was one of the attendees of the Intensive English Course held last April. Specifically, it was the 4-week, 40-hour course taught by Ms. Jones and Mr. Buxton.

Shortly after this course, I took the Perth Technical College entrance test in English and I am delighted to say that I successfully passed it. Actually, this was my third attempt at this test and if I had failed again, I would not be permitted to retake it.

I firmly believe that my success is mostly due to the excellent tuition I received at your academy. Your tutors were incredibly professional and knowledgeable when identifying the language areas and skills I needed to work on.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mario Noya

156 words

Formal Complaint Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You stayed at a hotel to attend a company meeting and you were dissatisfied with your stay. Write a letter to the meeting organizer. In your letter

- *Provide details of your meeting.*
- *Explain what you were dissatisfied with.*
- *Suggest what the hotel should do to resolve this issue.*
- **Write at least 150 words**

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Fred Hill, Sales Manager for the Popular Company, and I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with your hotel's organization of our recent annual sales meeting.

The meeting was held on the 22nd of this month in your Royal Conference Room and was attended by our firm's sales department along with senior management. It was scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but was ended after two hours because of problems with your facilities.

Specifically, the air conditioning system in the conference room was not functioning properly. As you know, it is the middle of summer with temperatures regularly in the mid-thirties, and air conditioning, especially in a "prestigious" hotel such as yours, is a must. Despite numerous requests to reduce the temperature, your maintenance staff could not do so.

I expect that your hotel either refunds our company the total costs of hiring the venue or you can provide an alternative room, at a substantial discount, where the air conditioning system is functioning.

Thank you for your attention, and I am awaiting an agreeable resolution.

Best regards

Fred Hill

183 words

Formal Information Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You are scheduled to give a presentation at an organization. Write a letter to the organization to discuss the preparations you need to have in place before your arrival. In your letter

- *Introduce yourself and explain the purpose of the presentation.*
- *Describe and specific equipment you will need.*
- *Request any additional information or arrangements to be made prior to your arrival.*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/madam

My name is James Doherty and I am writing to finalize the preparations for my presentation about “Utilizing AI in exam preparation classes” which will be delivered at the International TESOL Conference.

For the actual presentation I will need a large screen to project the slides along with speakers for the videos I plan to show. In addition, the participants will require access to a reliable Wi-Fi connection to take part in a hands-on demonstration of how we can utilize AI. I will send the web address of the site I intend to use to your organization.

When I arrive in at Gatwick Airport in London, will I be met by a representative of the organization and transported to my hotel or will I make my own arrangements? If I need to arrange my own transport to the hotel, will I be reimbursed?

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your reply.

Best regards

James Doherty

159 words

Formal Enquiry Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

A local, annual festival will take place in your area soon. Write a letter to the organizer of the festival. In your letter:

- *Provide feedback on the festival held last year*
- *Offer some help with organization of this year's festival*
- *Inquire about specific details of the upcoming festival*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir

I am writing to suggest some ways I can assist your committee organizing this year's Harvest Festival.

First of all, I would like to commend you and the committee for a hugely successful event last year. The arrangement of stalls that showcased local farmers' produce was particularly effective and, I believe, resulted in a significant increase in orders from national retail outlets.

I have been involved in festival planning and organization before and would like to offer my services. Specifically, my area of expertise is in online and social media marketing. I believe the festival could benefit from an enhanced social media presence and a website that would provide all interested parties with the information they need.

For us to proceed, could you kindly provide me with the existing marketing strategy you have in place. I would be glad to provide feedback and suggest ways to optimize your exposure online and in the trending world of social media.

I look forward to your reply.

Best regards

Fergus O'Connor

169 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You are interested in doing a training course abroad but require financial support to do so. Write a letter to the education department requesting financial assistance. In your letter

- *Introduce yourself*
- *Describing the training course and how it would benefit your work*
- *Explain why your need financial assistance*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/madam

I am writing to inquire about the application process for the education department's overseas scholarship program.

My name is Kirk O'Neil and currently, I am employed as Headmaster at Middletown High School. I have been in this position for 3 years and I am interested in furthering my qualifications.

The course I am interested in pursuing is the "Emerging Leaders Course" offered by the National University of Australia. I believe this program will equip me with relevant and contemporary skills such as emotional intelligence and leadership styles which would result in a more effective and efficient operation at my school.

Unfortunately, I am not in a financial position to cover the total cost of the course along with the travel and accommodation expenses. Therefore, I would like to apply for your scholarship award. I would appreciate it if you could inform me if I have the necessary qualifications and experience to be considered for the scholarship program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

Kirk O'Neil

167 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

Your landlord did some repairs in your flat but there are still some problems.

Write a letter to your landlord. In your letter,

- *Thank him/her for the recent repairs*
- *Tell him/her about the rest of the problems*
- *Say what you would like him/her to do*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir

I am writing to inform you about the continuing problems with the water heater in the bathroom of the apartment I am currently renting and to request a resolution.

I want to express my gratitude for the repairs you carried out on the heating system last week. The radiators in the bedroom and living room are now functioning normally and can be regulated using the most economically efficient control system.

However, the thermostat on the water heater in the bathroom is still not working. Specifically, it does not automatically switch off when it reaches a certain temperature. As a result, I cannot leave it unattended since it poses a serious hazard when it overheats.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could send a repair person to fix this problem immediately. Kindly inform me when you have made the appointment for the repairs. I can arrange time off work to be in the apartment to allow the technician to enter.

I look forward to your response.

Best regards

Kevin Jones

171 words

Formal Suggestion Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You work for a company where a manager is soon going to retire. Write a letter to the assistant manager. In your letter:

- *Propose how the retirement party for the manager can be organized.*
- *Explain how the manager has influenced you at work.*
- *Suggest a suitable retirement gift for the manager.*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir

I am writing with some proposals for the organization of the retirement gathering for Mr. Wilkes, our department manager.

As we know from our long association with Mr. Wilkes, he is a very keen snooker player and the captain of his local snooker club. Therefore, it would be appropriate for our department to host a dinner in his honor at his club which would afford his friends the opportunity to join.

I am certain that Mr. Wilkes has had a positive effect on our department. He has been a kind and encouraging manager who always makes time for his colleagues. In addition, on numerous occasions, he has encouraged me to seek promotion and has acted like a mentor to me.

Given his passion for his hobby, I would suggest that we buy him a new snooker cue as a token of appreciation from our company. I am sure that he will greatly appreciate it and make good use of it in his retirement.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards

Stephen Wright

173 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You are applying for a job, and you need a letter of reference from someone who can recommend you. You decided to ask a teacher who knows you well to write the reference. Write a letter to the teacher. In your letter,

- *explain why you have chosen to ask him/her to write the reference*
- *describe the job you are applying for*
- *say why you think you would be suitable for the job*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir

I am applying for a position at Multi-Corp and I would like to ask if you could provide me with a reference.

You were one of my professors during my degree course at the university and my tutor for my master's degree last year. I believe that you, above all others, are aware of my abilities and work ethic and can provide an objective and fair assessment.

The position in question is IT Supervisor in the Marketing Department and involves, amongst other duties, overseeing data collection and marketing strategy. In addition, I would be responsible for the training and orientation of recently hired employees.

I believe my degree in marketing and master's degree in information technology would make me an ideal candidate for this position. Additionally, during my master's degree, I worked as your part-time research assistant which involved mentoring first year university students. So, I have some experience in training and orientation.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards

James Baker

162 words

Formal Report Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

You have a problem with a recently hired employee in your workplace. Write a letter to the HR manager. In your letter,

- *describe the problem the new employee has caused*
- *explain how other colleagues feel about the new employee's conduct*
- *say how you expect the manager to address the situation*

Dear Mrs. Stewart

I am writing to inform you about several complaints I have received from staff regarding the behavior of Mr. James Duff, our newly appointed sales rep for the north-west.

Two female colleagues, who prefer to remain anonymous at this point, have told me that Mr. Duff has made comments regarding their appearance. Specifically, criticizing how they dress and suggested they wear more feminine clothing. In addition, they claim that Mr. Duff offered to take them shopping and give advice on what to buy.

My colleagues consider it offensive that they should be getting advice on how to dress by a male colleague and feel uncomfortable in his presence. They also pointed out that they have always abided by the company's dress code policy.

I request that you speak to Mr. Duff about his comments to my colleagues and remind him that such behavior is considered, by our company, to be inappropriate.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards

Leyla Gardener

162 words

Formal Information Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You recently found out that the local council has decided to demolish a particular building in your area. You disagree with this decision and believe that the building is beneficial for the community. Write a letter to the local councilor. In your letter

- *Explain what you find valuable about the building*
- *Suggest what improvements could be made to the building*
- *Describe how retaining the building could benefit the community as a whole*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir

I am writing to express my concerns about the council's plans to demolish Motley Hall located on the riverbank to the south of the city.

The property is of considerable historical significance. Not only is it a fine example of Georgian architecture, but also the former home of the Motley family who were prominent industrialists and philanthropists in the early 20th century.

Even though the building has been unoccupied for several decades, it appears, from the outside, to be in reasonable condition and the restoration of the facade of the Hall appears to be achievable. The once famous gardens have become overgrown but, they can be cleared and replanted.

I believe that the garden area, with the restored Hall as a backdrop, would be a popular destination for locals and tourists. Small businesses, such as cafes and craft stalls could operate in the garden area, which would help the local economy, and the location could be added to the list of the city's attractions.

I hope you take my concerns and suggestions into consideration.

Regards

Mary O'Neil

178 words

Formal Information Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Write at least 150 words

You have recently bought a magazine and its manager asked the readers for their opinions regarding the magazine. Write a letter to the manager. In your letter,

- *give a reason why you chose this magazine*
- *explain what you like and dislike about it*
- *say what improvement you would like to see in the future*

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir

I am writing in response to your publication's request for feedback from readers on how to improve Man Car magazine.

I noticed your magazine in my local newsagent recently and I purchased it mainly because it contains articles on the latest trends in the automobile industry. In addition, it is reasonable priced when compared to similar publications.

I believe your magazine accurately and objectively reports the practices in the industry along with providing insightful advice to consumers. However, I think your magazine is too male-orientated. Not only is the title a deterrent to female readers but, additionally, all the reporters and feature writers are men.

I suggest that Man Car employs more female staff to cater for women readers and provide a female perspective when it comes to advising car buyers. In addition, your magazine should have an online or digital version as most of your competitors provide this service and it would encourage new readers to discover the magazine.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards

James Hunt

169 words

Writing Task 2

Agree or Disagree

**You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic**

Many people believe that the current system of both teachers and students in the classroom will no longer exist by the year 2050.

To what extent do you agree with this opinion?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is claimed by many that the contemporary practice of students interacting with teachers in actual classrooms is forecast to disappear by 2050. I strongly disagree with this statement and this essay will detail the reasons why.

While it is incontrovertible that remote learning has become an increasingly popular and convenient method of learning especially for adults and college students, I believe that this approach is not effective when it comes to children and adolescents. This is because these groups of pupils lack the concentration levels for distance learning where it is necessary to sit in front of a screen for long periods, usually at home where there are too many distractions. For instance, in my country in 2018, political leaders implemented a pilot scheme of studying remotely with several secondary schools. The result was that 80% of pupils had worse academic results when compared to other institutions that did not employ such a system.

Another drawback is that many courses are not practically suited to digital teaching, especially courses that involve a high degree of hands on practice, supervised by a tutor. Science subjects such as physics and chemistry require students to conduct experiments in a lab setting, which would be impossible with online classes. It is simply not realistic to expect students to have access to the necessary equipment and, obviously, there are health and safety issues associated with youngsters conducting hazardous experiments without guidance.

In conclusion, classroom tuition, with tutors and pupils in the same room, will never be completely replaced because remote learning is not a suitable approach for youngsters and, what is more, it is impractical for subjects requiring explicit practice.

276 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Opinions on food are changing rapidly and there are many who believe that everyone should follow a vegetarian diet because it would have a positive impact on our health and the environment.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increased awareness of how a meat-free diet can benefit our health and the environment has resulted in the widely held belief that everyone should become vegetarian. I equally agree and disagree with this proposal and this essay will outline the reasons why.

On the one hand, there are several benefits to becoming a vegetarian. Specifically, medical research has proved conclusively that vegetarians are less likely to develop health-related issues such as obesity or cardio-vascular diseases. High cholesterol levels, moreover, can be reduced and controlled by eliminating meat from our diet. Additionally, sourcing food from alternatives to meat can reduce the negative environmental impact of industrial meat farming where huge swathes of natural habitat are lost every year to deforestation.

Meat consumption, however, is considered to be a reliable and essential source of vitamins and minerals that are crucial in maintaining physical health. A vegetarian diet lacks the important nutrients which are vital, for example, when it comes to the healthy development of children. As a result, these deficiencies need to be addressed by a high intake of supplements. One more consideration is that meat production is a billion-dollar industry on which millions of people rely upon for employment and switching to a vegetarian culture would result in the loss of their livelihood.

To conclude, I believe a balance of meat and vegetables in one's diet is the healthiest option that would have the advantage of safeguarding peoples' jobs. However, consumption of meat ought to be reduced for health and environmental reasons and alternatives should be considered.

258 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

University students should pay the full cost of their studies because university education benefits individuals rather than society as a whole.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is argued that tertiary level students ought to be responsible for the expenses of their studies because achieving a degree is of more value to the individual than society. This essay will detail the reasons why the writer completely disagrees with this premise.

Even though research has proven that college degree holders earn substantially more than those without one, the costs of full-time education are not affordable to the average student. Tuition fees and the cost of living, while attending college, are a financial burden that most families cannot bear, and only young people from a wealthy background would be able to attend university. Student loan programs, available in many countries, have enabled economically challenged individuals to gain a degree, but after graduation, they have struggled to pay back their loans and often default.

In addition, governments need to invest in their citizens by encouraging youngsters to further their education since a highly educated workforce contributes to the economic development of a nation. For example, the Irish government contributes over 50% of college fees for all third-level students. As a result, Ireland has witnessed sustained economic and social growth and reversed the trend of emigration. Countries that have not subsidized their citizens have witnessed a shortfall of qualified people in their workforce, and this has resulted in them having to recruit from overseas.

In conclusion, students should not be responsible for funding their university education because the costs are prohibitive and governments should contribute to these since, in the long term, it benefits society.

255 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

The media pays too much attention to the lives and relationships of celebrities such as actors, singers, or footballers. They should spend more time reporting about ordinary people instead.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is said that news stories these days excessively revolve around the personal lives of celebrities; therefore, it is suggested that the media should divert their attention to life stories of the public. I equally agree and disagree with this suggestion, and this essay will detail the reasons why.

Too much coverage of public figures may set unrealistic expectations for beauty, and success, resulting in lower self-esteem among audiences. Well-known individuals are often portrayed as having flawless appearances and extravagant lifestyles. These idealized images can make people feel insecure or inadequate about their own lives. On the other hand, featuring stories of commoners from various backgrounds and lifestyles, or articles showcasing normal individuals' everyday achievements, allows viewers to see themselves reflected in the media, reducing the pressure to conform to standards set through celebrities' lives.

Nevertheless, people from the entertainment and sports industries should not be neglected completely for they can be a nation's economic driver. Reports on celebrity-related events, such as movie premieres or sports tournaments, often raise awareness and generate excitement among fans, which lead to them spending on products or services related to these events. In addition, tourism revenues can be increased through media attention to the personal travels or vacations of famous actors which, in turn, can inspire fans to visit the same destinations.

In conclusion, the main reason why I agree is that overexposure to famous people's private affairs may glamorize unrealistic standards, consequently negatively impacting self-esteem. However, I also believe that completely diverting the spotlight away from celebrities would be impractical because of the inherent interest in these people.

266 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people say it is better to be unemployed than work in a job you dislike.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is believed by a section of society that is preferable to be out of work rather than continue working in a job that causes unhappiness. This essay will expand on the reasons why I equally agree and disagree with this premise.

The primary reason why employees should not continue with a job they do not like is mental well-being. Regardless of how well-paid the job is, if it is the source of considerable stress, it can only harm one's state of mind. My uncle, for instance, held a prestigious and well remunerated post in local government for fifteen years but because of the heavy workload and long hours, he constantly felt under pressure to meet deadlines and deal with unreasonable requests. As a result, he developed a medical condition which was diagnosed as stress related. Despite this, he continued with the job because he had to support his extended family.

On the other hand, it is often advisable to persist with a job rather than be faced with the prospect of no income at all. In my country, for example, if an employee voluntarily leaves employment, they are not eligible for unemployment benefit for 6 months. Research from a national university has shown that most government employees are unsatisfied with their jobs. However, they have decided to persist in their roles rather than face the financial hardships of unemployment.

In conclusion, it is preferable to be unemployed when a job is a source of dissatisfaction that has a negative impact on mental health. However, it is often necessary to tolerate a difficult situation when the alternative is bleak.

268 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

It is a good idea for people to continue working beyond retirement age.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Some people suggest that senior citizens continue in employment after they have reached the age of retirement. I equally agree and disagree with this belief and this essay will detail the reasons why.

On the one hand, employees who are due to retire are often key workers within a company because of their wealth of experience and knowledge. Organizations can utilize these employees as trainers, for example, for recently hired employees and consultants who can contribute to important policy making initiatives. Many workers, in addition, can find retirement challenging because they are no longer mentally and physically active, which may lead to reduced self-esteem. Therefore, continuing to work, even on a part-time basis or working from home, can provide positive reinforcement, in that they feel valued, along with keeping them physically active.

On the other hand, continuing to work after a certain age is not suitable for certain types of jobs. Because of their advanced age and physical condition, it is not advisable for these workers to continue to do physically demanding jobs such as manual labor or potentially hazardous jobs. For instance, consider a situation where a senior firefighter, who has devoted their career to ensuring public safety, reaches their early 60s. While their commitment and experience are invaluable, the strenuous nature of firefighting, with its rigorous physical demands and exposure to hazardous environments, could pose significant risks to their health and effectiveness. Thus, staying in the workforce would not be an ideal situation for them.

In conclusion, continuing to work after retirement age can have a positive effect on senior citizens' well-being. Nevertheless, some professions are not suitable to continue in because they are physically demanding and dangerous.

280 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

Many people believe it is better to learn something in a group rather than individually. Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

When it comes to learning a subject or skill, there are those who contend that group study is preferable to studying alone. I equally agree and disagree with this belief and this essay will details the reasons why.

On the one hand, there are social and academic benefits to learning in a group. Regarding the social side, it is an opportunity to meet new people with similar interests and develop new friendships. For instance, someone I know met his future wife during an evening class at a community college. He was studying creative writing in a group of 7 other students who regularly socialized after class and he developed a relationship with a fellow student and they eventually got married. In addition, studying with others gives students the chance to discuss their subject with their peers and gain different perspectives which enhances the learning process.

On the other hand, learning something alone can be a positive experience especially when one considers the plethora of online material. A lot of us are utilizing online tutorials to learn practical skills that were traditionally taught only in centers of learning. When I recently developed a website, I learned how to do it on my own using the company's tutorials and additional YouTube videos which were clear and concise. Additionally, studying on my own meant that I could do so at my own convenience and avoid the costs of registering for a public course at an institution.

In conclusion, learning in a group setting has considerable social benefits however, studying solo is equally effective and practical as you can study when you have the time.

271 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Schools should focus on academic success and passing examinations. Skills such as cookery, dressmaking and woodwork should not be taught at school as it is better to learn these from family and friends.

To what extent do you agree or disagree.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

There is a belief that schools should focus their curriculum on the successful achievement of academic qualifications and practical subjects like cookery and woodwork should not be offered to pupils. I totally disagree with this view and this essay will details the reasons why.

It is the responsibility of educational institutions to cater for all students and not to show bias towards academically gifted ones. Educators must recognize that students all have different intelligences and provide courses that will enable them to fulfill their potential. Not to do so would be a dereliction of duty which, in turn, would be detrimental to the growth of society and its economy as large sections of the population were not being given the same opportunities as others. Believing that practical subjects can be taught by friends and family belittles the actual skills the students possess.

Furthermore, not all students are academically inclined and can struggle to achieve results in subjects such as literature or history. Despite this, they have the ability to learn and excel in practical or vocational subjects. For instance, my brother consistently received low grades in academic subjects, but the opposite was true for ones like woodwork and metalwork. As a result, he left school to enroll in a vocational college where he achieved certification as a welder and subsequently enjoyed a long and prosperous career.

In conclusion, believing schools should only cater for students who can achieve success in academic subjects discriminates against those who are more practically gifted. Such a practice would be harmful to the development of society because it denies opportunities to a sizeable number of students.

271 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many elderly people are no longer being looked after by their families, rather they are living in nursing homes. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this trend?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of senior citizens in today's society are not being taken care of by their immediate family; instead, they are residing in care establishments. This essay will analyze the positive and negative aspects of this trend.

On a positive note, elderly peoples' physical and mental well-being are carefully monitored and evaluated by trained professionals in residential homes. Scientific research clearly identifies that most people over the age of 60 suffer from potentially serious health issues such as cardiovascular diseases. Care facilities, however, have suitably qualified medical personnel and equipment to meet these challenges. Additionally, from a psychological perspective, residents' mental health is stimulated through living in a community where there is potential for positive camaraderie with like-minded individuals.

On the other hand, there are several drawbacks to elderly people living in nursing homes that affect both themselves and their family members. For instance, being apart from their immediate family, on a daily basis, can result in unpleasant emotions such as feelings of isolation and being undervalued as a family member. The expense of care homes, in addition, can impose a serious financial burden on the family. In my country, for example, a one-month's stay usually costs 3000 dollars with other charges excluded. Consequently, the majority of people on low incomes usually have no choice but to take care of elderly family members by themselves.

In conclusion, homes for the aged provide geriatric patients with professional medical services that potentially prolong their lives. The challenges, however, include feelings of abandonment amongst residents along with the unmanageable financial costs to their families.

262 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many university students nowadays live away from their home and their parents because of their university location, while others live with their families. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each situation?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Today, college students either reside in their family home or live at the place where they study. This essay will discuss the pros and cons of both practices.

For students who continue to live at home during their time at university, the major positive is a sense of familiarity and security. Those who remain at home have the comfort of a familiar daily routine where their parents provide for them, and they do not have to stress over domestic chores such as laundry and cooking. However, the main disadvantage is the financial burden they can place on their family. If the student does not study on a scholarship or has part-time employment, the financial costs to parents of supporting their adult child can be considerable.

The main advantage for students choosing to find accommodation at their college is that it fosters a sense of independence. Students often relish the challenge of having the responsibility of managing their own lives, whether it is something as simple as cooking their own meals to budgeting their finances. On the other hand, the primary disadvantages are the social challenges that come with relocating away from home. For some students, it is often quite difficult to form new friendships, especially in an academic environment, and failure to do so can result in negative feelings such as isolation and loneliness.

In conclusion, students who live at home continue to enjoy their home comforts but can create serious financial problems for their parents. In contrast, students who reside at their college can become more independent; however, they may become socially isolated.

264 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

*Today children spend a lot of their free time watching TV.
Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of this practice?*

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

In contemporary society youngsters spend a sizeable amount of their leisure time watching television. This essay will detail the reasons why the benefits and drawbacks are of equal importance.

For children, there are several advantages to watching television. To begin with, the educational content of certain programs can broaden their knowledge. TV channels such as National Geographic provide a variety of educationally rich content that enables youngsters to learn about other cultures and the natural world. Moreover, from the perspective of entertainment, television can help children relax, especially during periods of pressure at school such as the exam season. These relaxation periods are essential for pupils to reinvigorate themselves which, in turn, can energize them to approach their schoolwork with renewed motivation.

On the other hand, the downsides of excessive TV watching cannot be ignored. For instance, watching TV is a passive activity that can lead to a sedentary lifestyle that can have a negative impact on children's physical health. It has been proved that one of the factors contributing to the increasing number of obese children is a lack of physical exercise. Additionally, some TV shows may contain content that is inappropriate for minors, such as excessive violence or certain vices. Therefore, parental guidance through the monitoring of what children watch is important.

In conclusion, there are several positives such as the educational value and the relaxation time that watching TV can provide. However, the negatives should not be forgotten, which include unsuitable programs for youngsters and an inactive lifestyle.

251 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

When it comes to English language test preparation, students are increasingly using artificial intelligence to assist them.

Do the advantages of this practice outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Today AI offers a method of preparing for an English language exam that is becoming more popular amongst students. This essay will expand on the writer's opinion that the positives and negatives of this trend are of equal value.

The primary benefit of using AI is that it offers students who, because of their lifestyles or study preferences, do not have the time or inclination to attend an academy or employ a tutor. Students who prefer self-study when getting ready for an English test, such as IELTS, can check their writing tasks and speaking performance through AI which is often free. What is more, AI can be a useful learning tool when it comes to improving one's English language proficiency. The feedback given by AI can be utilized by students to expand their range of vocabulary and improve the accurate use of grammatical structures.

The main drawback of using artificial intelligence is reliability. Even though many sites and apps give incredibly detailed feedback, the test grades they give can be questionable. For instance, a former student of mine prepared for the IELTS writing and speaking tests by using AI and regularly got feedback indicating they would score 6.0. However, her actual score in the test was 5.0 which caused her to question the accuracy of AI grading. Additionally, the suggestions for improvement from AI are usually at a high level of English proficiency which means students at lower levels do not have the ability to apply the feedback.

In conclusion, AI offers an alternative method of preparing for an English exam. However, doubts still linger about AI's accuracy when it comes to forecasting test scores.

275 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

Some companies have a policy of employing people from different age groups.

Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Diversity in employing people from diverse age groups is embraced by several companies these days. This essay will argue that the benefits of this practice outweigh the drawbacks.

Hiring people from different generations greatly helps enterprises to grow and increases employees' value. First of all, when people from different age groups work together, companies gain access to a wider range of perspectives and ideas, allowing innovation and creativity to flourish. Consequently, new products or services can be developed, leading to increased profitability for the business. When the older and younger generations collaborate with each other, both gain valuable knowledge. Older employees, possessing specialized skills and expertise, can mentor a recent graduate entering the workforce, accelerating the younger employee's growth. Likewise, younger employees can share their expertise in emerging technologies and trends, contributing to the professional development of their older colleagues.

Even though it is highly likely that different age groups have varying familiarity with tools, processes, and technologies, it is in the company's interest to accommodate both demographics. Youngsters, for instance, are more acquainted with using digital platforms or software applications, while the older ones may require training to adapt to these technologies. Therefore, in order to bridge the gaps in their skills and knowledge, companies have to develop customized training programs and, in turn, allocate budgets. Increased productivity, however, is nearly always the result of the company's investment in people.

In conclusion, despite the possibility of spending more money when onboarding staff from different age brackets, the growth of both businesses and employees is priceless. Hence, this type of recruitment is considerably more beneficial than detrimental.

268 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In many countries, it is mandatory for school children to wear school uniforms.

Do the advantages of this policy outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

All over the world it is compulsory for school pupils to wear uniforms. This essay will detail the reasons why the positives outweigh the negatives.

Even though it is believed by some that uniforms stifle individuality, most schools have adopted a school uniform policy that, they believe, fosters a sense of camaraderie and identity. When pupils wear their uniform, they feel a sense of belonging to an institution which, in turn, instills feelings of pride. Wearing the school colors, especially for inter-school competitions, increases the pupils' feelings of competitiveness and sense of achievement. Many of my former school mates look back fondly on their school days and associate the school uniform as one of the factors for their enduring memories.

In addition, uniforms prevent school children, particularly teenagers, from indulging in fashion rivalry. Before my niece's school introduced a uniform policy, a lot of the pupils would spend a considerable amount of time and money on their appearance. In particular, their desire to own and show off the latest trends in trainers became so obsessive that several parents complained to the school that they should introduce a school uniform policy. What is more, poverty-shaming was a common form of bullying where less affluent children would be ridiculed for their old or non-fashionable attire.

In conclusion, despite the conventionality associated with uniforms, the pros of schools requiring children to wear them completely outweigh the cons. Not only do they encourage an esprit de corps amongst pupils but they also prevent fashion conflict and poverty-shaming.

253 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

New technologies have changed the way children spend their free time.

Do you think the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Advances in technology have determined how members of society, especially youngsters, spend their leisure time. This essay will describe why the negatives of this phenomenon totally outweigh the positives.

The primary reason why the use of recent technologies has had a negative impact is the deterioration in social relationships. Before the advent of social media, children met and socialized with their peers in person whereas today, they prefer to spend most of their time in front of screens. This trend of socializing online has presented youngsters with issues such as what constitutes genuine friendship. A lot of children have literally thousands of friends on social media, but they, almost certainly, have never met these people and have no way of telling if they are real. As a result, the proliferation of fake online profiles means that young people are exposed to those with criminal intentions.

Additionally, the dependence on technology has led to a degradation in children's physical and psychological well-being. Young people today lead a sedentary lifestyle which has resulted in increased levels of obesity. Studies show that the average weight of youngsters has increased dramatically over the last 20 years. What is more, children's self-esteem can be affected by how popular they perceive themselves to be on social media for instance, how many likes they might get for posting something. Also, social media trolling by anonymous users where they attack young people by posting derogatory comments can be detrimental to young people's state of mind.

In conclusion, advancements in technology have had a disadvantageous effect on children's leisure time because of potentially harmful, online social relationships along with causing a decline in youngster's physical and mental health.

279 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In some countries more and more parents begin to teach their children at home rather than send them to school.

Do the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It has become popular in some nations for parents to educate their children at home rather than place them in a traditional pre-school or kindergarten establishment. This essay will detail the reasons why the disadvantages greatly outweigh the positives of this practice.

Although the cost of pre-school education can be quite prohibitive in certain countries, the educational benefits for children are immeasurable. Kindergarten teachers spend several years at college to become qualified in the latest pedagogical methodologies and practices such as learning through play. Parents, on the other hand, can be opinionated with personal theories on how children should learn which are not based on any knowledge of contemporary educational practice. Additionally, pre-school teachers are highly trained in the pastoral care of young pupils and are the experts in recognizing emotional needs.

Pre-schools are not only valuable places for academic grounding and progress but are vital for students' socialization. Interaction and developing relationships with peers, at a young age, are important aspects of attending school. Pupils have the opportunity to make friends and gain valuable experience in social situations that will enable them to grow emotionally. These friendships started at school often last for life. Positive relationships, additionally, are often forged between families whose children become friends at school. Parents can meet others who share the similar concerns and joys of raising children and receive support and reassurance from new-found relationships.

In conclusion, even though pre-schools can be expensive, children are taught by qualified and experienced professionals and these educational establishments are essential for a child's emotional and social growth.

260 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

While some people consider global warming to be the most pressing environmental problem, others believe that deforestation has a more devastating impact on our world.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience

Write at least 250 words

It is believed by some that global warming is the greatest threat to our environment, while others contend that deforestation is more destructive. This essay will elaborate on both these positions and explain why overpopulation is the primary cause of environmental issues.

It has been scientifically proven that the Earth's temperature has increased steadily over a relatively short period of time. Global warming has had an adverse effect on the world's climate with an increase in extreme weather conditions such as drought and flooding. Furthermore, the polar ice caps are shrinking, which has resulted in a rise in sea levels that threatens to engulf certain regions.

Deforestation, in addition, has accelerated with huge swathes of natural habitats destroyed. For instance, the Amazon rainforest has been reduced in size at a record rate over the previous decades. The effect on indigenous animals has been dire with many species pushed to the brink of extinction through the loss of their natural habitat.

The negative effects of both trends are significant; however, they are symptoms of the root problem which is overpopulation. The world's population now stands at approximately 8 billion and is projected to increase to 10 billion by 2050. This rise has placed increasing demands on the earth's natural resources and increased the levels of CO2 emissions to an extent that the rise in global temperatures is out of control.

In conclusion, global warming has contributed to life threatening weather conditions and the rise in sea levels, while deforestation has contributed to the extinction of several species. However, both are the result of the spectacular rise in the world's population to levels that have become unsustainable.

275 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people believe that it is the responsibility of supermarkets and manufactures to reduce the amount of packaging they use on products, while others are of the opinion that customers should avoid goods with excessive packaging.

Discuss both points of view and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is believed by some that retail outlets and producers should use as little packaging as possible, while others argue that consumers should boycott products that are excessively packaged. The essay will consider both these viewpoints while proposing that it is the responsibility of governments to combat this issue.

The amount of product packaging, particularly single-use plastics, has reached levels that pose a clear threat to our natural environment. Manufacturers and supermarkets are fully aware of the damage this type of packaging causes because of well-documented evidence. However, they continue to do very little to address this and take the cheapest, most convenient option of using materials that contribute to pollution to maximize their profits.

The influence of the consumer is very powerful, which is why some advocate the direct action of refusing to buy goods that have pollution-causing packaging. Customers can send a clear message to manufacturers that they will not contribute to pollution, which in turn will reduce company profit margins and force them to act. For instance, consumers can boycott products that are not clearly labeled with information about the packaging, such as 100% recyclable plastic.

Governments, through regulatory bodies, need to take immediate action to reduce the damage to the environment caused by too much packaging. Therefore, governments should impose penalties, such as an additional tax on companies that continue to use such practices. In addition, governments must introduce a complete ban on these harmful materials and fine all companies that violate it.

In conclusion, even though a consumer boycott can be effective in reducing the amount of packaging, it can be inconsistent, and manufacturers will always prioritize profits. Therefore, governments must introduce legislation to end the use of excessive and harmful packaging.

287 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people work for the same organization all their working life. Others think it is better to work for different employers.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

While many are in favor of the practice of dedicating their lives to a particular organization, others prefer to work for different ones. This essay will discuss both these beliefs and state the writer's opinion for why it is more advantageous to work for various companies.

For many employees, loyalty to a single company affords them the opportunity to become specialists who can gain valuable insights and expert knowledge in their particular vocation. This expertise, in turn, can provide the opportunity for career advancement. For instance, the CEO of a famous international bank started his career working as a bank teller. Because of his understanding of the industry, he worked his way up the corporate structure to the most senior position.

On the other hand, there are those who claim that it is more beneficial to work for a variety of organizations. The primary reason for this belief is the positive experience that can be gained by working in more challenging work environments, which have more progressive working practices. The ability of employees to be able to conform to alternative situations adds to the skills set, specifically flexibility and adaptability.

My own belief is that it is more beneficial for employees to work for a variety of companies, specifically when it pertains to professional development. Overcoming fresh challenges, presented in a different workplace, are essential for professional growth. In addition, changing organizations prevents feelings of monotony, which can have a negative impact on motivation and job satisfaction.

In conclusion, although employment with the same organization for a long period can provide the opportunity for specialization and possible promotion, it is my contention that working for a variety of companies increases an employee's skills.

283 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people believe that science should be part of everyone's education, while others disagree.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is suggested that science be every student's fundamental subject at school; others, on the other hand, argue against such a suggestion. This essay will elaborate on these two opposing ideas and shall provide my own perspective.

On one hand, critics of forcing students to study this subject perhaps perceive this as neglecting learners' diverse interests. Not all individuals in a classroom are naturally inclined towards or interested in science. For instance, a student may love painting and drawing; however, his school requires all students to extensively study science subjects, including physics, chemistry, and biology. This can lead to this student's disengagement and frustration, which may demotivate him from pursuing his passion.

On the other hand, I share the belief of those who propose scientific literacy, since science will open a wide range of career opportunities for people. This field of study provides students with foundational knowledge that serves as a springboard for pursuing a career in industries that are world-essential, such as medicine and technology. For example, students who study biology and chemistry can be prepared for professions such as doctors and pharmacists. Similarly, those who excel in science subjects are well-positioned for careers in software development and information technology.

In conclusion, ignoring students' varied inclinations is apparently the reason why some people do not support the idea of having it included in our education system. However, I agree with those who see its importance. With its promise of a bright future, it is reasonable that it should not be excluded from schools' curricula.

255 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some countries allow teenagers to have a part-time job. Some people think this is a good idea, while others disagree.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

In certain nations teenagers are often employed on a part-time basis. This is considered beneficial by some while others hold the opposite opinion. This essay will discuss both these beliefs and detail the writer's position.

Some people argue that teenagers benefit financially from being employed, even on a part-time basis. Since they are completely dependent on the parents for financial support, the wages they earn can, somewhat, alleviate the burden that their parents face. For instance, my 16-year-old cousin earns several hundred dollars per week working at a local supermarket, which she uses to contribute towards her school fees.

On the other hand, it is argued that part-time employment distracts teens away from their studies. Success at high school depends on devoting time to self-study and completing homework. If students' time after school is taken up with part-time labor, then there is very little time left for academic work. In addition to this being time consuming, teens can lose focus by prioritize earning money rather than their studies.

My belief is that this practice has equal benefits and drawbacks. Teenagers can gain valuable, real-life experience about the workplace. Specifically, how companies operate and how to advance within an organization. However, one of the greatest negatives is the rate of pay that most teenagers get. They can be exploited by companies who use them as cheap labor, which results in them receiving less than the legal, minimum wage.

In conclusion, teenagers can gain valuable experience by doing part-time work along with relieving the financial commitments of their parents. However, it can result in academic failure and exploitation by unscrupulous employers.

269 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people think that governments should ban dangerous sports, while others think people should have freedom to do any sports or activity.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Some argue that everybody should be able to choose any activities they wish to do while others contend that sports that pose a danger should be banned. This essay will discuss both viewpoints and detail the writer's opinion.

People believe that everyone should have the freedom to follow the activities they love especially if they do not harm others or negatively affect the environment. It is true that there is no specific law preventing people from taking part in extreme sports like sky diving or free climbing. Therefore, dangerous sports enthusiasts argue that they are not doing anything illegal and it is a matter of personal choice to experience the excitement gained from these activities.

On the other hand, others believe that extreme sports should be banned because governments have a responsibility to ensure the safety of its citizens. According to government research, the accident and fatality rates among extreme sports participants is considerably higher than other activities. Consequently, these pose a real danger to participants and impose a considerable strain on a society's emergency and health services.

According to my own viewpoint, I believe that extreme or dangerous sports should not be banned but instead, need to be strictly regulated. Organizations and companies who provide such services ought to be licensed by local authorities and adhere to rigorous safety regulations. Additionally, people who partake in these activities, should be held accountable and pay for their own medical treatment in cases of personal injury.

In conclusion, some think governments should prohibit dangerous sports because they are responsible for the safety of their citizens while other believe people should be free to make their own choices. I contend that extreme activities should be carefully regulated.

284 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some think newspapers are the best method for reading the news while others think other media is better.

Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

When it comes to keeping updated with current affairs, there are those who prefer newspapers while others contend that alternative media are more effective. This essay will discuss both these viewpoints and state the writer's view.

Newspapers have come a long way since the days of printed material with the majority of organizations now utilizing a combination of hard copy and technology, such as websites, to deliver their services. Consequently, newspapers have the ability to constantly update news stories on their sites which contributes to their immediacy. For instance, breaking news stories and live sports events are continually updated online.

On the other hand, there are those who prefer other sources to access the news, such as TV. Since the growth of the 24-hour news channels, accessing the latest developments has never been more convenient. Channels, for example CNN, provide up-to-the-minute updates on all major stories and have the added advantages of being more visual than newspapers. These channels also employ specialist reporters who are located in all major cities worldwide.

From my own perspective, I prefer the medium of television when accessing the news, even though some TV news stations push their own political agenda. The major TV news channels have better quality reporters who specialize in their subjects like politics and crime and are able to provide more in-depth coverage. Additionally, watching rather than reading about the news has a greater dramatic impact.

In conclusion, those who prefer newspapers for reading the news do so because it can be accessed either through hard copy or online while others, including myself, like TV news better because of the quality of reporting and the powerful visual impact it can have.

280 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In some countries, the average weight of people is increasing, and their health and fitness are suffering.

What do you think are the causes of this and what measures could be taken to solve them?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Obesity, in recent years, has become prevalent in certain nations which has resulted in a decline in the levels of well-being. This essay will discuss reasons for this phenomenon along with proposing some measures that can be implemented to reverse this trend.

The major reasons for weight gain, in my estimation, are an imbalanced diet along with a sedentary lifestyle. People nowadays have a preference for convenience food because they either do not have sufficient time to prepare a healthy meal or they are probably ignorant of the negative effects these fast foods have on their health. An additional factor is the idle lifestyle many citizens live as a result of the changes in working practices. Jobs that were once done entirely by humans have become increasingly automated, especially in the industrial sector, while employees in other fields spend an inordinate amount of time in front of computer screens.

Education can be the key to stemming this unhealthy trend. Throughout the education system, children need to be taught the importance of a healthy, balanced diet in a curriculum that also values and practices physical education. Moreover, citizens could be encouraged, through government health-awareness programs, to do more physical exercise. Having their awareness raised on the ill-effects of weight gain and the numerous benefits of maintaining fitness, people can be incentivized to make positive lifestyle adjustments.

In conclusion, an unhealthy diet and lack of exercise have resulted in obesity amongst people. Governments, therefore, should take responsibility for educating their citizens to be more responsible for their weight levels and physical fitness.

260 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

These days many young people are spending less time doing outdoor activities and enjoying nature.

What are the reasons for this?

How can we encourage them to do more of these activities?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Outdoor recreations as well as enjoyment of nature have become less appealing among youngsters. This stems from several underlying factors; nevertheless, there are ways to stimulate the interest of youth in them.

Development in technology is the main culprit behind this reluctance to participate in pursuits outside their homes. Through electronic gadgets such as smartphones and computers, users can now enjoy virtual tours, for instance, 360-degree videos online, to explore natural environments. Additionally, many more engaging online games, whose competitive nature keeps players glued to their screens for extended periods, are readily accessible, reducing their interest in more active pursuits. Shifts in social dynamics also reduce their involvement in open-air activities. Instead of meeting with friends at a park, social media apps, such as Instagram and Facebook, can be used to chat, resulting in almost no physical person-to-person interaction.

However, such sedentary lifestyles among the young can be minimized through governments' intervention. Firstly, local councils should provide secure outdoor spaces that young people can enjoy and explore, such as parks featuring playground equipment, sports fields, and open green areas where young people can engage in various activities, socialize with friends, and enjoy nature. In addition, states can make use of schools to promote active lifestyles. Through incorporating outdoor education programs such as field trips or environmental studies, educators can inspire a lifelong love for nature.

In conclusion, the lack of interest in outdoor leisure and the environment is attributed to technological advancement. Nonetheless, this can be counteracted through government's efforts eliciting enthusiasm among the young generation for these pursuits.

259 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

In many countries students' concentration in the classroom has decreased.

What are the reasons for this?

What are some possible solutions?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Research has indicated that the attention span of school children has declined recently in numerous nations. This essay will expand on the causes of this trend and propose some ways to address it.

The primary cause of low concentration levels amongst school children, according to research, is screen dependency. Children today receive instant gratification through a quick scroll on social media or viewing reels and videos from online sources. These videos are short, attention grabbing and provide an entertaining and incredibly addictive distraction. As a result, young minds can be conditioned into accepting that content longer than a few minutes is not engaging. Other factors can include mental health problems that some students experience. For instance, high levels of anxiety caused by parental pressure for academic achievement or social circumstances, can affect academic performance.

In contemporary society, educators are trained to recognize mental health issues amongst their pupils and how to support sufferers for example, referring pupils to school counselors. Regarding screen dependency, many countries have banned the use of mobile devices on school premises however, the effectiveness of this is still largely unknown. Rather than an outright ban, education authorities should reassess teaching practice and curriculum in response to the widespread use of digital devices. A blended learning approach that utilizes digital and online resources, while retaining traditional in-person teaching, should be used. This approach would be effective largely because it considers students' preferences.

In conclusion, the causes for low attention span are students' dependency on online content and mental health issues. These can be solved by adapting the school curriculums and supporting pupils who struggle with issues such as stress.

272 words

Problems and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

People are not exercising regularly, even though they know it is beneficial for their health.

Why is this a problem?

What can be done to tackle it?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Despite the physical and psychological benefits that exercise can bring, citizens are not doing physical activities on a regular basis. The essay with detail the issues of this type of practice along with measures that can be taken to encourage a more active and healthier lifestyle.

There are a multitude of problems that can arise when someone does not do regular exercise. First of all, a sedentary lifestyle has been shown to increase the likelihood of heart problems, particularly for the elderly. The heart is a muscle and needs to be exercised through aerobic activities such as brisk walking, running or swimming. Failure to do so will result in an impaired circulatory system. In addition, unhealthy mental emotions such as feeling lethargic or depressed can, to some extent, be overcome with exercise even if it is only for a few minutes a day.

Education and funding are the keys to having a more active population. In my country physical education at school is usually neglected in the curriculum and underfunded. If more resources and value were given to this subject, school children would grow up with the awareness of the positive benefits of exercise. Similarly, the government and local authorities should fund and promote initiatives that encourage more people to exercise such as venues for senior citizens where they can socialize and do physical activities.

In conclusion, the inactive lifestyle that many people live today results in physical and mental health issues. Educating citizens, starting at school, about the benefits of exercise along with providing the funds to provide facilities are a few of the possible solutions.

267 words

Causes and Effects

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

An increasing number of professional, such as teachers and doctors, are leaving their own poorer countries to work in developed countries.

What are the reasons for this trend? What effect does it have on the countries professionals are leaving?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Nowadays, professionals from developing countries have a tendency to emigrate to richer countries to find employment. This essay will discuss both the causes of this phenomenon and the issues that affect the nations they are leaving.

The primary reasons skilled employees from emerging nations seek work in more developed countries are a higher standard of living along with professional development. For instance, the average monthly salary for a white-collar worker, such as a teacher, in a developing country pales in comparison to their counterparts in so-called first world nations even though they perform identical duties and responsibilities. Additionally, outdated facilities and equipment in poor states hamper the ability of professionals such as doctors to practice contemporary medicine and improve their skills.

The effect this trend has on developing countries is invariably negative, particularly with regards to the nation's social and economic development. According to Scientific American magazine, every year, more than 4,000 foreign graduates of international medical schools come to the United States for a residency program and very few return home to take up employment in their native countries. This brain drain denies countries the talents of their brightest and best and limits a country's ability to progress as they are continuously faced with the challenge of retaining the most able professionals.

In conclusion, a comfortable material lifestyle coupled with the opportunity to advance one's career are the main reasons why professionals migrate to richer countries. The countries they leave behind struggle to find suitably qualified replacements and thus suffer from social and economic stagnation.

256 words

Multiple Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The internet is a valuable source of information and has given people the opportunity to gain knowledge.

Is all information on the internet reliable?

What can be done to control information online?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Since its inception, the internet has grown to become a source of important information for many. This essay will discuss whether online information is largely accurate and measures that can be taken to ensure untrustworthy content can be controlled.

These days, almost anyone can open a website and upload any content they choose without formal regulations. Therefore, the result has been the creation of sites that contain information that has not been verified and quite often promote personal social and political agendas. For instance, the development of a vaccine for Covid-19 has witnessed a surge in sites that attempt to discredit the vaccines with no scientific data or research to justify their beliefs. Consequently, the attempts to control and cure this deadly virus have been hampered by the spread of disinformation.

Several countries have existing laws which prohibit sites that incite hatred or prejudice against sections of society, but these laws should be extended to prevent the spread of false information online. For example, governments should legally require that all sites have their facts independently verified by an impartial body and those who do not fulfil this requirement can have their site banned. Fines or imprisonment could be imposed on the perpetrators to deter others from committing the same offense. Alternatively, content warnings could be displayed on sites to inform the public that the information has not been verified and cannot be trusted.

In conclusion, because of the lack of control of what can be published online, many sites contain misinformation. It is governments' responsibility to ensure the public is protected from such malpractice and adopt appropriate measures to prevent it.

273 words

Positive or Negative Development

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The development of technology has resulted in more employees working from home.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

The advances in technology have provided a lot of workers with the option of doing their jobs remotely rather than in a traditional workplace. This essay will discuss the reasons why this trend has equal positive and negative effects.

The main benefit of remote working is the flexibility it affords the employee in terms of working hours. Traditionally, work hours are fixed, usually from 9 to 5, which means employees are severely restricted in the time they can devote to essential non-work activities. For instance, if an employee needs to have medical treatment such as dental work, they invariably can only schedule it during work time. Consequently, it is at the discretion of the employer whether they can leave the workplace and if their salary will be deducted during this time. Working from home, however, means that workers can schedule time for non-work activities as they do not have to adhere to rigid working hours.

The major drawbacks of working from home are domestic distractions and the absence of camaraderie. Employees who have young families, for example, often get distracted by the demands of taking care of their children, and even though they employ babysitters and have family members to assist them, they cannot stop themselves from getting involved. Additionally, research amongst office workers who work remotely has identified isolation from colleagues as their greatest challenge. These workers miss the human contact and the friendly office atmosphere where they can bond with their co-workers.

To conclude, the major upside of working from one's own home is the flexible hours, whereas the downsides include feelings of isolation and the challenge of keeping focused on work because of their domestic environment.

279 words

Positive or Negative Development

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

International travel and tourism have become easier and more affordable.

Is this a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

In recent times, traveling abroad has become more accessible and cheaper. This essay will expand on the writer's opinion as to why this trend is equally positive and negative.

On the positive side, people can travel to places they only dreamed of visiting before and this is largely due to the proliferation of low-cost airlines, which have greatly reduced the cost of flying. This has provided people with the chance to experience different cultures and has greatly increased their options when it comes to choosing a holiday destination. In addition, many people can now visit distant relatives on the other side of the world. For instance, my cousins from Australia were able to spend two weeks in Ireland where they finally meet the Irish side of their family. This would not have been possible without affordable flights.

Cheaper international travel, however, has not always had a positive effect since many places in the world suffer from over tourism, which has created a considerable strain on local communities and caused environmental damage. The city of Venice, for example, is overwhelmed by the number of tourists. This has become so unmanageable that local authorities have had to impose restrictions on visitor numbers. Additionally, Yellowstone National Park in the USA has witnessed a negative impact on the environment where tourists leave behind large amounts of garbage and, because they interact with native species, these animals have had to be euthanized.

In conclusion, the boom in international travel and tourism has provided people with more options when it comes to choosing places to visit. However, the massive increase in visitor numbers has negatively impacted local communities and the environment.

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Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, more people are choosing to socialize online rather than face-to-face. Why is this happening? Is this a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of people are meeting and interacting with friends and family via social media sites rather than in person. This essay will discuss the reason for this trend along with the writer's explanation as to why this is a positive phenomenon.

The main explanation for this trend, in my estimation, is the changes in our lifestyle brought about by the increased demands of the workplace. Research has shown that employees are working a lot more hours these days; however, keeping in touch with their loved ones has never been easier because of the advances in the development of technology. A case in point is my flat mate's experience. Because of her comparatively high workload, scheduling time for in-person socializing is very challenging. Rather than lose touch, however, she finds it convenient to use technology to maintain relationships.

In spite of the risks of becoming a victim of criminal practice, such as fraud, I believe that communicating online has been a positive enhancement to our daily lives primarily because of the convenience it affords busy people. Before the development of the internet and social media, the length of time between contacting others could be considerable and, in some cases, could result in losing touch permanently. It is no longer necessary to invest time and effort in letter writing, for instance, that can be a burden for those who lead a hectic life.

In conclusion, people have increasingly resorted to interacting through technology because of their busy lifestyle. As a result, this practice has revolutionized the way we socialize and, in my view, has had a positive impact on society.

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Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, fewer people are using writing tools like pens and pencils for correspondence compared to the past.

Why do you think this is happening?

Does this trend have a positive or negative impact on society?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

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Today, traditional writing implements are being used by fewer people especially when it comes to communication. This essay will detail the reasons for this phenomenon along with explaining why it is a positive development.

The main reason we are witnessing the disappearance of traditional pens and pencils is the development of technology. The invention and success of personal computers, which allowed users to correspond via email, heralded the shift towards electronic correspondence. Thus, messages became instant with the click of a mouse whereas before it could take several days for handwritten and typed letters to arrive. Furthermore, the development of mobile phones meant that people could text each other in real time and the arrival of smart phones, coupled with the rise of social media, further enhanced global and national communication.

Even though some lament the loss of handwritten correspondence, this has been a positive trend because it is a classic example of technological determinism where advances in technology have been the driving force of social change. For example, the development of motor vehicles changed society not only from the viewpoint of transportation but, in addition, had a positive impact on the world's infrastructure and economy. Likewise, the development technology has revolutionized how we communicate with anyone around the world in real time. This has resulted in an increased cultural awareness which, in turn, has broken down negative national stereotyping and increased tolerance.

In conclusion, soon people will rarely use handwritten communication because of the rapid advances in electronic technology. This trend has positively impacted not only on how society communicates but has also encouraged the growth of a global community.

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Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, people travel to other countries for holidays.

Why do they want to do this?

Is it a positive or negative trend for the countries they travel to?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

International travel for leisure has recently become popular among people. This tendency, which is generally beneficial to the countries of destination, is motivated by several factors.

Exploring experiences gained only outside their home countries is the main motivation behind this action. Firstly, overseas trips allow travelers to immerse themselves in new cultures and taste exotic cuisines. That is why many visitors are attracted to culturally rich countries like Japan, where they may participate in fascinating tea-making ceremonies, or Thailand, where they can indulge in spicy street food delights. Secondly, many countries offer natural wonders that cannot be found locally. For instance, to witness the Aurora Borealis, Asian tourists need to visit nations located near the Earth's polar regions. Indeed, package tours of Iceland are extremely popular in my country during the season when this phenomenon is common.

Despite possible negative impacts such as damage to the environment, visited nations benefit from this activity. With an influx of tourists, the country and its residents alike can generate more income, as tourist spending creates more jobs and helps local businesses to thrive, stimulating economic growth. In addition, accommodating people travelling internationally results in conservation efforts, thus preserving local cultural heritage. Recognizing the importance of their cultural and historical landmarks, governments usually allocate funds to maintenance, such as repair and restoration, ensuring that heritage sites remain structurally sound and visually appealing.

In conclusion, cultural exploration and discovering nature unique to other countries are the reasons why some people prefer this holiday arrangement. Economic development and preservation of cultural assets make this a favorable change.

261 words

Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.
Write about the following topic

In many countries, people increasingly talk about money such as how much they earn or how much they pay for things in their daily conversations.

*Why is this happening?
Is this a positive or negative trend?*

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Finance has become an increasingly popular topic amongst people in several nations. This essay will detail the reasons for this trend along with an explanation as to why this is a negative development.

The primary reason why money has become a trending topic, in my opinion, is because the cost of living has increased to such a level that many people are struggling to cover the costs of everyday products and services that were previously affordable. For instance, in my country the cost of heating, that is electricity, gas and heating oil, has almost doubled in the past year while wages have remained virtually static. Consequently, households are forced to make difficult decisions on how to budget their income and make sacrifices in order to heat their homes in winter.

It is a completely negative trend that salaries and the cost of living have come to preoccupy most of the population. According to a recent survey in my country, the vast majority of citizens believe that wages have not been sufficiently adjusted in response to price rises. Consequently, many sectors of the workforce are now taking industrial action such as railway and health workers who have recently gone on strike to demand pay increases. The disruption this has caused society has been considerable and the government's response has been judged inadequate.

In conclusion, the sudden increase in prices has resulted in the topic of the cost of living being debated in society. This has been totally negative as it reflects the high levels of anxiety and real suffering that citizens in many nations are experiencing.

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