



Week 2 Day 2

Prompt Analysis & Exemplification For IELTS Task 2

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Group 1 – Evaluation

8/28/2021

School leavers go travelling or work for a period before they go directly to university.

Are there more advantages or disadvantages on their study?

7/1/2023

With the rapid development of communication technology, such as smart phone, tablets, and other mobile devices, some people think the advantages outweigh its disadvantages.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

20%

Group 2 - Comparison

12/20/2022

Museums and art galleries should concentrate on local works rather than showing the cultures or artworks from other countries.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

9/2/2023

Some people believe the purpose of education is to prepare individuals to be useful to society. Others say that the purpose of education is to achieve personal ambitions. Discuss both views and give your opinion.



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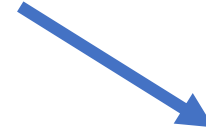
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Group 3 - Argument

4/29/2023

It was predicated that, with the development of technology, people in the 21st century would have much more free time than in the past.

To what extent has this prediction come true?



True or NOT?

Right or Wrong?

Is this a fact in the world we live in?

11/5/2022

Some people think that men and women have different qualities. Therefore, some certain jobs are suitable for men and some jobs are suitable for women.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?



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3/25/2023

Some people think watching TV everyday is bad for children. Others think it is good for developing children as they grow up. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Students watching TV everyday have negative effect on academic, as they want to finish their work as soon as possible, then they can watch TV. To be more specific, when students are out of school and return to home, they need to think about the knowledge what teacher taught, reviewing it and doing homework. However, if they watching TV everyday, students will finish homework in the shortest time which cannot guarantee the quantity of homework, the saved time can use to watch TV. This behaviour is not good for study.

In general, many people insist that watching TV distracts the attention of children. It is said that every coin has two sides. Actually, TV is not only a way to entertain, but also an issue to learn more multicultural knowledge and new things, such as exploring astronomy from documents. With some educational programs, the children can gain the usage of knowledge in truth. Besides, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. After completing lots of study tasks, watching TV properly is a relaxing method to help kids enhance knowledge and then improve learning efficiency.

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Further Elaboration

To be more specific, during a discussion, students not only have to come up with their own thoughts but also consider those from others, **which stimulates an active way of thinking**.

In other words, it is only in a prosperous, stable, and developed society that we can allocate extra resources to implement the protection of the environment.

More specifically, instead of thinking and analyzing a problem, people might rely on technology to search for quick answers to every question they have in life and study.

To elaborate, practical experience will help students witness the true nature of a job instead of developing some random imagination based on their limited experience, **developing a real passion in their field of study**.

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Furthermore, an active way of thinking will also establish an interactive connection between students and teachers, **creating a synergy that produces innovation and creativity in the classroom.**

In addition, an exposure to the real world will also help students discover the problems to be solved in the real world, and thus they will study with an aim in a guided and efficient manner.

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Conclusion

1. 结尾总结

In conclusion, practical experience helps to deepen not only the interest of students but also provides them with precise future directions of pursuit.

As a result, the inappropriate use of technology prevents people from developing their own thinking and forming independent personalities.

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Convenient
communication and close
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From 杼星

As far as I am concerned, such a way of utilizing social media will significantly promote social relationship as it foster stronger bonds within communities and forge deeper connections among individuals. To elaborate, social media will enable us have more opportunities to share our life with different people in various locations at anytime, such as reviewing the comments and posting life photos.

Furthermore, social media provide every individual with more chances to take part in communities communication, and we can find people with similar interests and interact with each other in online social activity which deepens connections between us and others in the society. In conclusion, proper using social media can be a catalyst for fostering meaningful social relationships and foming closer social circle in our modern world.

From 七葳

Such style of getting in touch with people and news will greatly promote the convenience of communication as it can help form build close social circles.

To be more specific, with the atmosphere of online social media, people not only can obtain the latest information but also share their comments and have a discussion to exchange views with other netizens. Then a social circle forms, which can be also regarded as a online visual community.

Furthermore,when people communicate with other online users in social media,they will have a clash of ideas that help you get further reflection and they are likely to meet with like-mind people.

In conclusion, social media totally revolutionizes the way we interact with other people and the whole world.

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From Z

I firmly hold that the overuse of social media has negative impact on our personal development since the complexity of information on the internet can damage our ability to focus. To be more specific, people publish their ideas from different perspectives, and most of information on the social media appear by a form of fragmentation. Too much of such information can distract us while we need to be attentive, Especially to those who lack the ability of self control,such as children. As a result, the inappropriate use of social media prevents people from developing their own thinking and forming independent personalities.

阿肉

From my perspective, social media can amplify discontent among people and destabilize society. To be specific, social platforms give everyone the opportunity to speak out, as well as different ideas collide between people, resulting in conflicts. In particular, some radical remarks will drive the emotions of people and further increase the contradictions between people with various positions. If social media is not controlled, the whole social atmosphere will become radical and turbulent.

An Effective IELTS Discussion



The beginning

Point 1 with reasoning

Point 2 with exemplification ←

Point 3 with concession

The end



**Fundamentals
of
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Example details

For example / instance, discussion in a language class will drive students to speak up to practice, while one in a science class will help students to compare his or her way of thinking with others – recognizing mistakes and learning diverse ways of thinking.

For example, college students may seek the answer to the philosophical problem “the purpose of life” on the internet instead of thinking about it by themselves, generating little value to their life and study.

For instance, one of my best college courses was taught by a retired engineering from the Ford car company, as the instructor frequently used vivid real stories from the manufacturing floor to attract our attention and help us understand key concepts. (41)

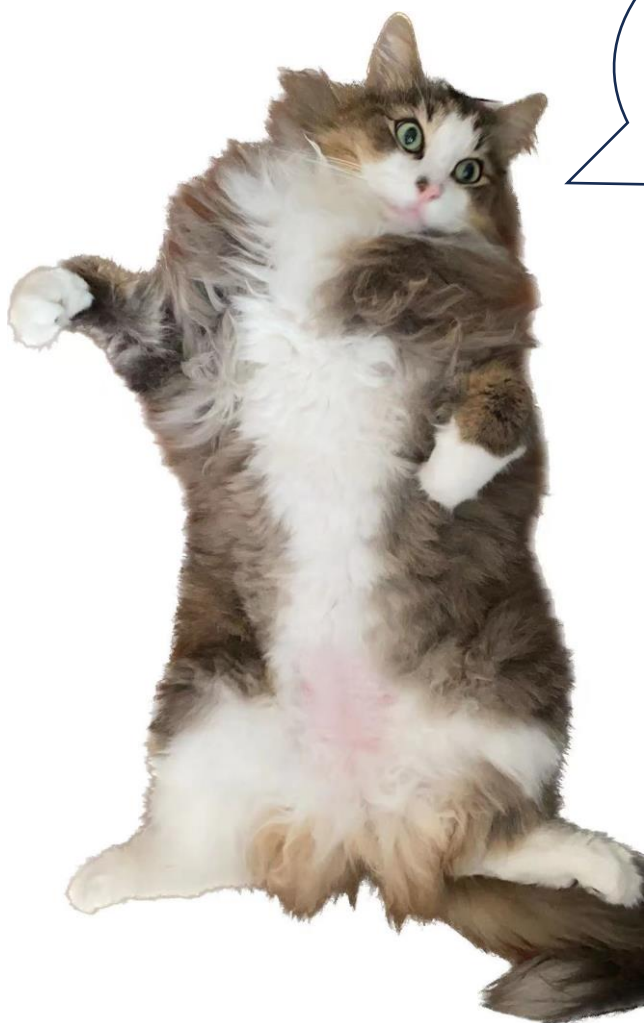


Grammar “show-off” & paraphrase

Had it not been for the exchange of ideas in class,

students would never have been able to develop an active mind.





What is an
example?

Actually, "for example" is not
necessarily an "example!"

比如说...

举个例子...



What is an example?

For example, the score on a mathematics test indicates if the student has completely understood formulas and theories, and if they can apply them in various conditions. (27)

For instance, one of my best learning experience was an internship before college with the Ford Car Company. The experience from the manufacturing floor helped me understand key concepts in car production and problems to be solved. (18+18)

Impact on Tech on our life

4/29/2023

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To what extent has this prediction come true?

Inadequate social skills in life & work

Industrial reorganization / structural unemployment

Fragmented info – lack of focus / distraction – hinderance in the forming of personal thoughts

Pros

1. Effectiveness in the conveyance of info – development of social economy / social equality
2. Info - social / comm
3. Economy – financial cost
4. Environment – less trees and water
5. Globalization / diversity

Social inequality

Lack of accuracy / Manipulation

Practice for today & tomorrow - Please prepare ONE paragraph of EXAMPLE based on any point of your choice.

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From Jan

In terms of the effectiveness that technology bring to us, I believe it could [save time by automating various tasks with the help of advanced electronic devices and AI](#). To elaborate, we could rely on it instead of doing repetitive works manually, contribute by all companies that strive to design products as time-saving and innovative as possible. For example, chatGPT would assist in finding and summarizing information in less than a second, while the AI robots could take up strenuous works like cleaning and construction. As the result, all these changes would free up a couple hours or more in daily lives.

From Nancy

Furthermore, the fact that the [office technology has become more advanced even we manage our work at home, which enable people have more free time.](#)

Take the case of Amazon, which is a famous international company. The newest policy claim that employees can decide workplace as they use computer to deal with work , they do not need go to office every weekday. Working from home also meet office conditions. As a result, employees save much time. Because they do not need spend time on the road.

Had it not been for advanced technology, employees would never have been able to save commuting time.

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From ProneTwo

Technology advancements seem to be the key to free people from the weary work, but the real situations are opposite. To be more specific, **the great promotion of technology developments is accompanied by the increase of the total amount of work**, which apparently is of no help on prolonging people's free time. For instance, well-developed online chatting tools give employers a way to distribute work or summon any particular staff whenever or wherever possible as it will seriously squeeze normal employees' break and entertainment time, making employees have to focus on the message about working, even come back to work extra time at any moment.

From 史皓蒙

Some advocates believe that the development of technology would bring more spare time compared to the previous generation because technology has undeniably increased leisure time by **helping people deal with manual work with automatic devices**. For example, in the housework field, sweeping robots can significantly enhance the efficiency of floor cleaning work through artificial intelligence management. This has enabled individuals to be rid of household chores in order to increase the proportion of their leisure time. Additionally, with the development of online work, the possibility of working at home and digital communications can both save commuting time and enhance the effectiveness of colleagues' communication. As a result, employees gained greater flexibility in managing their time.

However, it is essential to acknowledge that **technology has also produced new challenges in the work field**. **The convenience of communication between employers and employees has led to the blurring of boundaries between work and personal life.** For example, due to the absence of strict limits on the hours of working online, some employees find it difficult to disconnect from work-related matters because they face feedback that working requires at an uncertain time. which has offset the predicted increase in free time.

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From Angle

Though the development of technology may create solution to some existing problems, it cannot free people from their life. **To be specific, people's expectation to life standards will rise as a result of technological development.**

For example, although people living in 21st century don't need to do most of the housework manually, they turn to struggle with the bacteria on which their predecessors pay little attention.

Consequently, people may still need to spend lots of their time despite the advanced technology.

Issue 1 Data Dropping

A study at Shanghai Jiao Tong shows that the income of college graduates is 27% higher than those who do not experience college education.



Numerous studies worldwide have shown that not attending college is way more expensive than college tuition and opportunity cost, as the world and various industries are becoming increasingly specialized.

You might get points off!!!

1/8/2022

Some people agree that the best way to become successful in life is to get the university education. Others disagree with it and reckon that nowadays it is no longer true. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Issue 2 Cultural Difference

Besides, students can also become more mature and have a clearer blueprint to the future through the gap year. **On the one hand, many students do not have a clear plan for their career path when they enter the university, and many of them choose a major that they are not familiar with.**

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Issue 3 Lack of Elaboration

Secondly, students can develop social skills in trips and working, which exactly fits the university learning model requiring students to cooperate with others. **Take my friend Miku who worked as an assistant in a restaurant after high school for example: she learned how to multitask during the experience, especially during the peak hours in the restaurant.**

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Sample 4

I firmly agree with the opinion that adults should receive the education of communication skills since it is a useful skill that could be used in work and life.

To explore it further, communication skills can benefit people in workplaces, including letting people work efficiently and letting people solve disputes in a peaceful way.

For example, I was in a big company called Ali where I needed to work with at least 20 colleagues on one project, and it cannot avoid some misunderstandings, causing a waste of time. But the situation is changed after the company noticed this problem and taught us how to communicate with others in an efficient way, such as saying points first and so on, improving our work ability and decreasing our work time. What's more, communication skills can improve people from not knowing how to listen to others' opinions to knowing how to know others' perspectives and response to others, better solving disputes.



Should people take education in communication skills?

2023 Prompts – As of Jun 2023

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2/18/2023

Some people think the government should pay for **healthcare and education**, but others believe it is not the government's responsibility. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

the whole society?

Externality:

Higher productivity

Active economy

Better governance

Cultural development

Social Atmosphere

5/6/2023

Some people think the government money spent on supporting artists of all kinds, such as painters, musicians, and poets, should be spent on more important things. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Social Issues

Infrastructure – Education, healthcare...

Economy

Governance

Culture

Social ethics

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5/20/2023

Countries with a long average working time are more economically successful, but they are also likely to suffer from negative social consequences. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

4/22/2023

Nowadays, most countries improve the standards of living through economic development, but some social values are lost as a result. Do you think the advantages of the phenomenon outweigh the disadvantages?

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6/15/2023

Some people think that we should keep all the money we earn and not pay taxes to the state. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

4/15/2023

Some people think paying taxes is a big enough contribution to their society, while others think people have more responsibilities as members of society than only paying taxes. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

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HW 1

3/18/2023

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