



Mixed Opinion

For IELTS Writing

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Two-Part Analysis

- Structures
- The Common Assumption
- Health & Environment
- Practice

May 22, 2021

Many museums and historical sites are mainly visited by tourists rather than local people. Why is this? What can be done to encourage local people to visit?

Q1. Why – Causes

Q2. Why solve? - Effects

Q3. Encourage - solutions

What are the
questions to be
answered?




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June 19, 2021

In education and employment, some people work harder than others. **Why do some people work harder than others?** Is it always a good thing to work hard?

Argue on a common setting before going specific:

1. Culture - “No pain no gain” belief / value
 2. Family influence
 3. Financial condition / responsibility / technology / 996 in modern world
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Health – Category 1: Do MORE sports!

4/17/2021

During holidays and weekends, young people spend less time on outdoor activities in natural environment, such as hiking and mountain climbing. Why? What can be done to encourage them to go out?

3/27/2021

Health experts claim that walking is the best exercise. However, people are walking less on a daily basis. What has made it happen and how to deal with this?

7/9/2022

It is difficult for people living in big cities to get enough physical exercise. What are the causes and what solutions can be taken to solve the problem?

Causes: Econ, Tech, Lifestyle

Effects: Health and Social Welfare

Solution: Policy, Tech, Ind Effort

Environment – Category 1: Environmental problems

9/11/2021

The natural resources, such as oil, forests, and fresh water, are being consumed at an alarming rate. What problems does it cause? How can we solve these problems?

2/27/2021

Fresh water is a limited resource in some parts of the world. But now increasing demand has made it a global problem. What are the causes of the increasing demand. What measures can government and individuals take to solve the problem?

Quick consumption of natural resources

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Tech development
Materialism & consumerism

Effects:

Health
Impact on men and wildlife
Social and political issues

Solutions:

Gov – public policy, tax & penalty & subsidy, awareness campaign
Tech – new tech, new energy
Orgs & Business – management & social responsibility
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Environment – Category 1: Environmental problems

8/6/2023

Figures show that some countries have an ever-increasing proportion of the population who are aged 15 and younger. What do you think are the **current and future effects of this may be for the countries?**

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7/15/2023

Many people fail to achieve a balance between work and other parts of their lives. What are the reasons and how to solve the problem?

On the one hand, the increasing speed of economic development and resulting huge pressure on individuals might be reasons for this imbalance. To be more specific, we are living in a world developing rapidly, as most of countries are aiming at fast-paced economic growth nowadays. This trend necessarily leads to many problems, such as larger gap between the poor and the rich, and also a higher living cost for most citizens than decades ago.

Nowadays, people live in a society that is more competitive and aggressive and has a faster pace compared to the past, which drives them to sacrifice their own leisure time and devote themselves to work in order to get a better career prospect. Furthermore, the development of science and technology has made the long-distance communication and work more effective and flexible. As a result, visual platforms and applications can not only constantly connect with each other, but also enable us to start working wherever we are and whenever it is, which has blurred the boundaries between work and personal life.

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First of all, in terms of the cause, the culture of toxic productivity many workplace is the root. People are driven by the popular trend like "996", which refer to working from 9am to 9pm, six day a week. Furthermore, the rapid development in the world has brought a population boom, while economic downturn have resulted in wages cut and layoffs. As a result, individuals feel the need to work harder to secure their jobs and maintain their income. This pressure forces them to dedicate most of their time to their jobs, neglecting other important aspects of their lives.

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IELTS Writing Topic - Museums & Culture

12/10/2022

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6/4/2022

It is more important for school children to learn about their local history than world history. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

10/17/2020

Some people think that it's good for a country's cultures to show imported foreign film and TV programs. Other people think that country should develop their own film and TV programs instead. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

Key questions to ask:

1. Why do we study history?
2. How do we promote the learning of history in the modern world?
3. What is national culture and international culture?
4. Why do we study them?

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Local works promote national unity.

International works promote cultural diversity.

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Frequent between 2016 and 2022

Some people think that museums should be enjoyable places to attract and entertain young people. Others think that the purpose of museums is to educate, not to entertain. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

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The Development of Museums

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Opening

Involvement 1

Involvement 2

Ending

12/11/2021

Some people think that environmental problems are **too big for individuals** to solve. Others, however, believe that these problems cannot be solved **if individuals do not take actions**. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

12/10/2022, 8/21/2021

Scientific research should be carried out and controlled by the **government** rather than **private companies**. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Governmental / State involvement?

Private parties?

Individuals?

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Whether individuals are the primary force in containing environmental problems has long been debated. In my opinion, individuals are essential in the solving of certain issues, while they play a minor or even non-existence role in others.

Paraphrasing
of topic

First, for environmental problems that are closely related to individual's actions in life, such as air pollution caused by traffic and garbage classification, it is natural that individual's actions matter greatly in solving them. For example, if each citizen drives less and take public transportation more frequently, there would be much fewer smog days in the city; if each person actively and appropriately classifies their trash, more would be recycled while less landfill and raw materials used.

Individual
effort

Second, the solving of macro environmental problems that are caused on an industrial scale usually have little to do with individual's action but closely related to governmental regulation. For example, the emission of pollutants into water is usually caused by manufacturing, and only state authorities are able to regulate such pollution through incentives such as penalties for heavy polluters and subsidies for new clean technology.

Governmental
effort

Last but not the least, the control on certain problems requires actions from both individuals and businesses. For example, air pollution is not only caused by traffic but emission from factories and even the farming of cattle, and it is through the synergy among all these involved parties that an effective measure can be taken.

Synergy

240 words in total

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Scenario 1
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3/22/2022

People live in twenty-first century have a better quality of life than people who lived in previous centuries. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

8/21/2021

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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?

9/25/2021

People who **decide on a career path early in their lives and keep to it** are more likely to have a satisfying working life than those who **change jobs frequently**. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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Whether the government should place a higher tax on junk food to reduce consumption is an issue that has been debated for an extended period of time among citizens. However, such ideas have to be scrutinized meticulously before a conclusion can be reached. In my opinion, a relatively developed society benefits from the act, while a poor one might suffer.

Paraphrasing
of topic

First and foremost, in a developed society, people typically have sufficient fund to choose from a variety of food options.

To be more specific, citizens have the liberty to make their decisions on everyday food consumption, including but not limited to Chinese, French, and American cuisines, or even junk food such as pizza and burgers, greatly enhancing their life quality. Therefore, a higher tax on junk food will naturally drive them to other healthier food options, cutting consumption on substances (saturated fat, excessive salt, and other harmful preservatives) that damages both their physical and even mental health (some scientific study has shown that high-calory food has an addictive effect on people, which could cause distraction in study and work). Eventually, the aggregated effect of the act is a higher level of health in the whole society, promoting both public health and social productivity.

Developed

On the other hand, the fact that people in certain poor regions of the world do not have the right to choose what to eat indicates that they might suffer from higher tax on junk food.

Take the case of the slums in Manilla, the capital city of the Philippines, for example: residents are left with no option but junk food as it is usually highly-processed, cheap, and easy to preserve under the humid and hot climate of the area; the high-calory nature of junk food also helps the locals to endure the hard labor that they need to handle on a daily basis. Manilla is, most unfortunately, simply the representation of the difficulties in survival among tons of poorly-developed regions of the world. Had it not been for the low price and easy access of junk food, the residents would not have been able to survive.

Poor

While one sees a zero and another sees a circle, I firmly believe that a higher tax on junk food is only beneficial for a society with adequate economic development.

3/26/2022

The shortage of housing in big cities can cause severe consequences, and only government action can solve the problem. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

1/22/2022

In many countries, children are becoming overweight and unhealthy. Some people think that the government should have the responsibility to solve the problem. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

7/29/2023

In many different countries, most shops and products become the same. Some people think it is a positive development, while others think it is a negative development. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

8/26/2023

Some people think that the government should provide free housing, while others think that it is not the government's responsibility. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Agenda

- Grading bands & Targets
- Education
- Reasoning development

Band	TA	C&C	LR	GR
9	Fully addressed & developed	Fluid	Wide & natural	Wide & natural
7	Addressed but not always developed	Clearly progressive	Sufficient & accurate, with a few issues	Various & accurate, with a few issues
6	Addressed but vague	Progressive	Adequate & appropriate, with some errors	Various, with some errors
5	Incomplete & vague	With some organization	Limited & difficult to read	Limited & difficult to read

What are the purposes of education for:

young kids? for college students? Micro



the whole society?

Macro

1. Academic development / Effectiveness of study
2. Personal development: enlightenment / career development
3. Social relationship / communication skills
4. Physical and mental health
5. Moral development & forming of values

Externality:

Higher productivity

Active economy

Better governance

Cultural development

Social Atmosphere



Is a gap year before
university good or bad?

Common Structure in the Building of Argument

Point & Elaboration

Further Elaboration, Comparison, Example,
Concession

Conclusion



Tech & Info

2/19/2022

More and more people no longer read newspapers or watch TV programs to get news.

They get news about the world through the Internet.

Is this a positive or negative development?

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

Inadequate social skills in life & work

Industrial reorganization / structural unemployment

Social inequality

Lack of accuracy / Manipulation

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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?

2/11/2023

Large companies should pay higher salaries to CEOs and executives compared with other workers.

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.

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11/26/2022

Some people think products should be made to last as long as possible, while others think making products cheap is more important.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.



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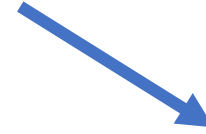
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Group 3 - Argument

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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Point & Elaboration

Structural Language – Opinion expression

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As far as I am concerned, ... / It is obvious that ...*

正述观点后置论据

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2. The overuse of technology will have a positive / negative impact on our personal development since it will hinder our independent thinking. (29)
3. We shall definitely prioritize economic development over environmental protection due to the fact that a stable economy is the very foundation of social, scientific, and industrial development. (31)

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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.



An Effective TOEFL Discussion



The beginning

Point 1 - Why

Point 2 – Why 2

Point 3 with concession – Good / Bad

The end

In education and employment, some people work harder than others. Why do people work harder than others? Is it always a good thing to work hard?

Sample on
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6/3/2023

Doctors encourage older people to take regular exercise, but there are fewer of them taking enough physical exercise. What are the causes and what solutions could be taken to solve the problem?

OR

4/8/2023

Many people think hosting international sporting event brings a lot of benefits to a country, while others believe that it has more disadvantages. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.