1. Creative artists should be given freedom to express their ideas through words, pictures, music or films. Some people nevertheless think that the government should restrict artists' freedom of expression. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
2. Some people hold that we should spend money and time on the protection of wild animals while others suggest that the money should be spent on populations living in the poorest areas of the world. What is your opinion?
3. Food can be produced much more cheaply today because of improved fertilisers and better machinery. However, some of the methods used to do this may be dangerous to human health and may have negative effects on local communities. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
4. Many people believe that the human society has developed into a throw-away society, which is filled with plastic bags and rubbish. What are the causes and solutions?
5. Water resources around the world are falling deficient. Analyse the possible reasons and provide your suggestions.
6. Some people believe that air travel should be restricted because it causes serious pollution and will use up the world's resources. Do you agree or disagree?
7. Some industrialised countries have serious environmental problems. The damage to the environment is an inevitable result when a country tends to improve the standard of living. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
8. Advertising encourages customers to buy in quantity not in quality. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
9. The high sales of popular consumer goods reflect the power of advertising but not the real need of the society where such products are sold. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
10. There are many advertisements directed at children. Parents argue that children are misled, while advertisers consider advertising a source of useful information. What is your opinion?
11. We can get knowledge from news, but some people think we cannot trust journalists. What do you think? What qualities do you think a successful journalist should have?
12. The advance of science and technology has a significant impact on people, but the role of artists is also important, such as musicians, painters and writers. What can the arts tell us about life that science cannot?
13. Schools should focus more teaching students how to be successful in the workforce and less on helping them to achieve academic success. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT**]
14. Some people think international car-free days are an effective way of reducing air pollution; others think that there are some other ways. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. [**ENVIRONMENT, CAR**]
15. Some people think that public transport should be funded by the government so that it can be free to the people who use it. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? [**TRANSPORT, GOVERNMENT**]
16. Some people say that universities should only accept the young people with high marks. However, others think that universities should accept people of all ages that may not do well in school. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. [**EDUCATION**]
17. These days people in some countries are living in a “throwaway” society which means people use things in a short time then throw them away. What are its causes and what impacts can it have? [**ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY**]
18. Some people claim that many things that children were taught at school are a waste of time, while others argue that everything learned at school is useful at some time. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. [**EDUCATION, SUBJECTS**]
19. Many developing countries are currently expanding their tourism industry. Why is it the case? Is it a positive development? [**TOURISM, TRAVEL**]
20. Some people think news have no connection to people’s lives, so it is a waste of time to read the news in the newspapers and watch news on television programmes. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**MEDIA, NEWS**]
21. Some school leavers go travelling or work for a period of time instead of going directly to university. Do you think this has more advantages or disadvantages to their study? [**TRAVEL, EDUCATION**]
22. Some people think that it is more beneficial to take part in sports which are played in teams, like football. While other people think that taking part in individual sports is better, like tennis or swimming. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. [**SPORTS**, **HEALTH**]
23. When designing a building, the most important factor is intended use of the building rather than its outward appearance. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**BUILDING**, **HOUSE**]
24. Although more and more people read news on the internet, newspapers will remain the main source of news for the majority of people. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**NEWSPAPERS, MEDIA**]
25. In developing countries, children in rural communities have less access to education. Some people believe that the best way to solve the problem is by providing schools and teachers. Some others think that it is better to provide computers and Internet access. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
26. It is suggested that everyone should have a car, a TV, and a fridge. Do the disadvantages of this development for society outweigh the disadvantages?
27. Scientists say that in the future humanity will speak the same language. Do you think this is a positive or a negative development? [**LANGUAGE, CULTURE**]
28. As countries develop, their populations tend to live individually or in small family units. In your opinion, what does this cause to and what are its effects on society? [**FAMILY, SOCIAL ISSUE**]
29. Some countries achieve international sporting success by building specialized facilities to train top athletes instead of providing sports facilities that everyone can use. Do you think this is a positive or negative development? [**SPORTS, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT SPENDING**]
30. Some people think the main benefit of international cooperation is in the protection of the environment, while others think that the main benefits are in the world business. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. [**ENVIRONMENT, GLOBALIZATION**]
31. Some countries have an ever-increasing proportion of population who are aged 15 and younger. What is your opinion of the current and future effects it may have in those countries? [**SOCIAL ISSUES**]
32. Some people think advertising may have positive economic effects. Others think it has social effects because individuals are not satisfied with who they are and what they have. Discuss both views and give your opinion. [**ADVERTISING**]
33. Many museums and historical sites are mainly visited by tourists but not local people. Why is this the case and what can be done to attract more local people to visit these places? [**HISTORY, CULTURE**]
34. When a new town is planned, it is more important to develop public parks and sports facilities than shopping centers for people to spend their free time in. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**HEALTH, RECREATION**]
35. Some people think that a huge amount of time and money is spent on the protection of wild animals, and that this money could be better spent on human population. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? [**ANIMAL HUMAN**]
36. Some people believe charity organization should only offer help to people of their own country; Others claim that these organization should give aid to people in great need wherever they live. Discuss both opinions and tell which side do you agree? [**ALTRUISM**]
37. Nowadays, international tourism is the biggest industry in the world. Unfortunately, international tourism creates tension rather than understanding between people from different cultures. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
38. Most large companies nowadays operate multi-nationally. To what extent multinational companies have responsibility toward local communities in which they operate? [**CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**]
39. It is more important for government to spend public funds on promoting a healthy lifestyle than treatment. Do you agree or disagree? [**HEALTH DISEASE**]
40. Today, majority of children are raised by their grandparents due to the fact that their parents are busy working. To what extent do you think it affects the whole family? [**PARENTING CHILDREN**]
41. Some people think environmental problems are too big for individuals to solve. Others, however, think that those problems cannot be solved unless individuals take some action. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. [**ENVIRONMENT**]
42. Some people believe that air travel should be restricted because it causes serious pollution and uses up the world’s fuel resources. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**ENVIRONMENT**]
43. Multicultural societies, in which there is a mixture of different ethnic people, bring more benefits than drawbacks to a country. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**CULTURE**]
44. Some people think younger people are not suitable for important positions in the government. Some think that it will be a good idea for younger people to take on these positions. Discuss both views and give your opinion. [**GOVERNMENT**]
45. Some people think job satisfaction is more important than job security, while others believe that having a permanent job is better than enjoying the job. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. [**EMPLOYMENT**]
46. The world’s natural resources such as oil, forests and fresh water are being consumed at an ever-increasing rate. What are the dangers of the situation? What can be done to solve the problem? [**ENVIRONMENT**]
47. More and more companies are allowing employees to work at home/allowing students to study at home. Do you think this is a positive or negative development? [**TECHNOLOGY**]
48. Some people think that employers should give its staff at least four week holiday a year to make employees better at their jobs. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**EMPLOYMENT**]
49. Some scientists believe that studying the behaviour of 3 year old children can tell which children would grow up to be criminals. To what extent in your opinion is crime a product of human nature or is it possible to stop children from growing up to be criminals? [**CRIMES**]
50. In many parts of the world, children and teenagers are committing more crimes. What are the causes? How should these young criminals be prepared? [**CRIME**]
51. Most of the world’s problems are caused by over-population. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**POPULATION**]
52. Students from rural areas often find it difficult to access university education. Some people think that it should become easier for them to access higher education. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? [**EDUCATION GOVERNMENT**]
53. With the increase in the use of mobile phones and computers, fewer people are writing letters. Some people think that the traditional skill of writing letters will disappear completely. To what extent do you agree or disagree? How important do you think is letter-writing?/ Some people think that with the increasing use of mobile phones and computers, people lose the ability to communicate face to face. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
54. In many countries women are allowed to take maternity leave from their jobs during the first month after the birth of their baby. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages? [**WORK, EQUALITY**]
55. The society would benefit from a ban on all forms of advertising because it serves no useful purpose, and can even be damaging. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? [**ADVERTISING**]
56. Some people think that people moving to a new country should accept new culture in the foreign country. Others think that they should live as a separate minority group with different lifestyle. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
57. Sending criminals to prison is not the best method of dealing with them. Education and job training are better ways to help them. Do you agree or disagree? [**CRIME** **EDUCATION**]
58. Some people think that social networking sites have a huge negative impact on both individual and society. To what extent do you agree or disagree? [**TECHNOLOGY**]
59. Many people today prefer socializing online to that in the local community. Do you think the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?
60. These days, an increasing number of people in many cities know little about their neighbors and do not have a sense of community. What do you think are the cause and what solutions can you suggest?

## High-Scoring IELTS Speaking Answer: Freedom of Artistic Expression

**Introduction**

Absolutely, artistic freedom is incredibly important. It allows artists to push boundaries, challenge the status quo, and ultimately, create works that are more powerful and thought-provoking. (This establishes your position and introduces the value of artistic freedom.)

**Body Paragraph 1: Benefits of Artistic Freedom**

Imagine a world where every song sounded the same, every painting depicted a field of daisies, and every movie followed a predictable storyline. It would be a pretty dull place, wouldn't it? Artistic freedom allows artists to explore new ideas and take creative risks. This can lead to groundbreaking works that can spark important conversations, inspire social change, and even leave a lasting impact on society.

For instance, think about the music of Nina Simone during the Civil Rights Movement in the US. Her powerful songs used her artistic voice to challenge racial injustice and inspire a generation. (This provides a specific example to illustrate the positive impact of artistic freedom.)

**Body Paragraph 2: Addressing Concerns**

Of course, there are some concerns about complete artistic freedom. Some people worry that it could lead to the creation of offensive or harmful content. However, I believe that open discourse and critical thinking are better solutions than censorship.

When art is freely expressed, it can be debated, analyzed, and even criticized. This can lead to a deeper understanding of the issues the art explores. Furthermore, audiences are ultimately free to choose what art they consume.

**(This acknowledges the opposing viewpoint and presents a counter-argument)**

**Conclusion**

On balance, I strongly believe that the benefits of artistic freedom outweigh the potential drawbacks. It's the very freedom to explore uncomfortable ideas and challenge norms that can lead to powerful and progressive art. After all, some of the most beautiful and impactful works of art throughout history would likely never have existed without this freedom. (This restates your position and emphasizes the long-term value of artistic freedom.)