

WRITING TASK 2

You should spend no more than 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Families who do not send their children to government-financed schools should not be required to pay taxes that support universal education.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

SPEAKING

Examiner Questions:

Part 1

Do you have a job? Do you like it? Why or why not?

Why did you choose this job?

What kind of education or training did you need to get this job?

Describe an activity you enjoy doing in your free time.

How long have you been doing this activity? How did you learn it?

In your free time, do you prefer activities you can do with other people, or activities you can do alone? Why?

Is having a lot of free time important to you? Why or why not?

Part 2

Describe a holiday¹ that you have celebrated recently.

You should say:

what the purpose of the holiday is

who you celebrated with

why this holiday is important to you

and describe some activities that you did as part of the celebration

You will have one to two minutes to talk about this topic.

You will have one minute to prepare what you are going to say.

Part 3

What are some important holidays in your country?

Why do people celebrate holidays?

Do you think holiday celebrations have changed over the years? Why or why not?

Do you think the importance of holiday celebrations has changed over the years? Why or why not?

How will holidays be different in the future?

¹AMERICAN and BRITISH: A special day commemorating a religious, historical, social, or political event.