**OTHER PART 1 (2.5%)**

**PART 1 - ACADEMIC WRITING PRACTICE**

1. **Change the underlined sentences/verbs to nouns, making any other changes as necessary.**  
   1. This essay will discuss the pricing of the option.   
   2. It was challenging to understand what he was meaning.  
   3. This essay will discuss the reasons for the accident.   
   4. This essay will discuss about the fast growth of the internet.  
   5. The size of the population was examined in the report.  
   6. The treatment for women was done differently.  
   7. After meeting with the director, the issues were resolved.  
   8. After looking at the final product, their mind was changed.   
   9. It is difficult to follow the problem without a clear explanation.  
   10. It is stressful for students when they experience too much coursework.
2. **Rewrite the sentences below following the prompts in brackets, but remember that there might be several possible answers, and you will need to rewrite most of them completely, not just substitute a few words.**1. It is obvious that you need good teachers to improve.  
   *(Change this to the 3rd person; maybe use a passive; maybe use a noun.)*

* **It is obvious that good teachers are needed for improvement.**

1. Interest rates have risen. This could be a problem for house buyers. Many people  
   with savings welcome the increase.  
   *(Join sentences; maybe add some linking words, e.g. to show contrast.)*

* Interest rates have risen, which could be a problem for house buyers; however, many people with savings welcome the increase.

1. You need to study for at least three years for a degree.  
   *(Change this to the 3rd person; maybe use a noun; maybe use a passive.)*

* One needs to study for at least three years to obtain a degree.

1. Should businesses run schools, or should it be the government’s responsibility?  
   *(Get rid of the question)*

* It is a matter of debate when it comes to whether schools should be run by businesses or the government.

1. The college is doing well. There had been difficulties at the beginning. It now has  
   over 1000 students. They often continue onto university.  
   *(Join sentences; maybe add some linking words, e.g. to show contrast.)*

* Despite the difficulties at the beginning, the college is doing well and now has over 1000 students who often continue onto university.

1. The company started in 1992. It sold office equipment, for example mobile phones,  
   photocopiers and fax machines. It also sold computers. Computers were just  
   becoming affordable. They cost around £500. More people started buying them.  
   *(Join sentences; maybe add some linking words.)*

-> The company started in 1992, selling office equipment such as mobile phones, photocopiers, and fax machines, as well as computers, which were just becoming affordable, costing around £500. As a result, more people started buying them.

1. I would argue that increasing student numbers can cause problems. For example,  
   do we have the resources to teach them? Do most young people want to study at  
   16 rather than work? How do we pay for it? These are all issues that I will discuss  
   in my essay.  
   *(Join sentences; get rid of questions; change to 3rd person, maybe by using passives.*

-> It can be argued that increasing student numbers can lead to various problems. For example, consideration should be given to the availability of resources for teaching them and whether most young people prefer studying at 16 over working. Moreover, the financial aspect also needs to be addressed. These issues will be discussed in the essay.

1. The writer points to the main problem. This is the lack of skilled workers. This has  
   meant that businesses spend more time and money on recruitment. This has led to  
   higher costs. These have been passed onto the consumer. Is there a solution?  
   *(Join sentences; get rid of question.)*

*The writer points to the main problem, which is the lack of skilled workers. In the same way, businesses spend more time and money on recruitment, leading to higher costs that are eventually passed onto the consumer. Therefore, finding a solution becomes imperative in this scenario.*

1. They discovered a link between cancer and certain genes, and this changed medical  
   care completely.  
   *(Use more nouns)*

* The discovery of a link between cancer and specific genes brought about a complete transformation in medical care.

1. She responded to being promoted by thanking all staff by email.  
   *(Use more nouns)*

* *Her response to the promotion that she received was an email of gratitude to all the staff.*

1. ***CHOOSE 4 QUESTIONS TO ANSWER IN PARAGRAPH FORM: (6 TO 8 LINES EACH)***

1. **Some people believe that a healthy diet is the most important way to stay healthy. Others maintain that exercise is more important. Which opinion do you most agree with? Explain why.**

* **I agree with the first statement that the most important way to stay healthy is by having a healthy diet. Proper nutrition provides essential nutrients, which support the immune system and protect us from chronic diseases. Similarly, it promotes healthy organs, bones, muscles, and higher strength, enhancing overall physical well-being. In contrast, exercise may have its benefits; however, its potential advantages are limited without a nutritious diet. Furthermore, a healthy diet can positively impact mental well-being and promote a sense of overall vitality. In conclusion, a healthier diet serves as the foundation for a healthier lifestyle.**

1. **Some people believe that competing against themselves and reaching personal goals while practicing physical activities is beneficial. Others prefer to enjoy and have fun while doing exercises. Which behavior do you think is better?**

* **I am inclined towards people who believe that competing against ourselves and reaching personal goals while practicing physical activities is crucial. Having competition against ourselves fosters self-improvement, motivates, and gives a sense of accomplishment. Moreover, adapting physical activities to suit an individual’s specific needs, preferences, and abilities makes the experience more fulfilling. While enjoying exercise is important, relying solely on fun may lead to a lack of commitment. However, setting personal goals provides commitment to long-term fitness. Overall, striving for personal growth enhances physical and mental well-being.**

1. **Some people think that price is the most important thing to consider when buying something. Others think that quality is more important. Which do you think is more important?**
2. **Some people like to spend time with their colleagues outside of work and often form friendships, whilst others choose to keep their social life totally separate. Which do you think is better? Include details and examples to support your explanation.**
3. **Some people consider that never failing is the only way to be successful. Others think that failing at things is the most important factor in success. Which idea do you think is better and why?**

* **In my view, the idea that failing at things is the most important factor in success is more compelling. Failure also provides invaluable learning experiences, allowing individuals to identify weaknesses, learn from mistakes, and develop resilience. Moreover, it acts as a powerful motivator, driving people to work harder. Similarly, embracing failure fosters a growth mindset, where setbacks are viewed as steppingstones toward eventual success. On the other hand, the idea of never failing may lead to fear of taking risks and may hinder personal growth. Therefore, by acknowledging and learning from failure, individuals can refine their approaches and eventually achieve success.**

1. **Some people think that couples should live together before getting married to start knowing each other better and see if they are compatible. Others say that because of this tendency, people become immoral and only deep emotional attachment makes a durable alliance. Which of the two viewpoints do you support and why?**

* **In my view, the idea of couples living together before getting married to better understand each other and assess compatibility holds greater merit. It is because living together before marriage allows couples to experience the daily realities of life together. They can navigate challenges, learn to resolve conflicts, and understand each other’s habits and preferences. Moreover, it also allows couples to make informed decisions about their future together. This also ensures that both parties are on the same page and have shared values and goals. On the other hand, only deep emotional attachment may not be sufficient to address practical aspects of daily life; it might lead to unrealistic expectations and potential disappointments. Therefore, living together before marriage can potentially lead to a more robust and fulfilling relationship in the long run.**

1. **Some people hesitate between getting a job and starting their own business. While the idea of not having a boss and working on one's own schedule may sound tempting, financial risks and stress sometimes outweigh these advantages. Where do you stand on this topic?**