

Cubic Education

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## **IELTS WRITING TASK II**

**1. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Write about the following topic:**

**Nowadays food has become easier to prepare. Has this change improved the way people live?**

**Give reasons for your answer using your own ideas and experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Food is one of the fundamental needs of human lives, and from the ancient period till this ultra-modern tech-time people have invented different ways to prepare and customize foods. The customs and ways people prepare foods and present to others vary depending on the race, culture and country. But the most fundamental need of preparing foods is to fulfill the very basic human need: hunger. Preparing foods was very cumbersome in earlier ages but with the advancement of human knowledge and technology, men have created many devices and made many new ways of easily making foods. The number of restaurants and fast-food shops are ever increasing and that have omitted the need to prepare the food at all. The advanced technology like rice cooker, meal cooker and easy availability of ingredients nowadays help people to prepare food in no time and that has improved the way of people's lifestyle.

People now spend less time preparing foods and can utilize this time in other tasks like professional tasks, reading, entertainment and spending time with family and friends. Thus people get more productive and social because of the increased time they have.

Quick food has become very popular which omits the needs of cooking and professionals, students and business person are having those foods in their lunch time. This is a significance improvement of saving time and using it more productively. Though the fast foods have some health issues, the ever increasing popularity of it shows the needs to have more time in our busy life and saving this time from the allotted time from cooking. The cooking machines help the housewives to prepare the foods easily and they do not have to spend time in a hot kitchen to prepare food. This is leap towards a modern life where foods can be prepared virtually anywhere and in few minutes.

In summary, the improved way of cooking helps people nowadays to save time and

cook in a more convenient place. This helps them to spend time in more important things and lead a life without much hassle.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Discussion Essay.**

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

**A. Has the easier food preparation process nowadays improved the way people live?**

**Discussion Points: How the easier food preparation process nowadays improved the way people live.**

**Ways how the easy food preparation has improved the way people live nowadays:**

- Having more spare-time for other activities, like entertainment.
- Control their diet by the calculation of calorie being used by appliances.
- Decreasing the rate of danger. The rate of explosion has been decreased by using of new appliances.
- People are able to prepare their food at their workplace or study by using appliances like microwave oven, rice cooker, coffee-maker etc.
- Fresher products are more available thanks to new technology of freezing.
- It saves time and people can get involved in more important tasks.
- Dependency on fast food shops and restaurant could be avoided.
- Saves the logs and woods needed to cook in the past time.
- It has reduces the work load for housewives and cooks.
- It is possible to cook variety of foods with the help of latest technological devices.

**Cases where this has failed to improve the way people live:**

- Higher fat, salt, and less fiber applied on processed foods or fast foods have increased risk of obesity, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases.
- Probable hazardous consequences of microwave radiation on humans' health.
- Eating more meat products has increased risk of cancer.
- Meals have become less tasteless compared to the traditional ones (GM foods).
- These latest home appliances for cooking consume electricity.
- Using of juice instead of fruit has led people to intake less vitamins and minerals.

**Model Answer 2:**

Most of the food items that were hard to prepare and restricted to experienced chefs are now easily available off the shelf or are made easy to prepare with modern recipes. But like any other thing, this also has its advantages and disadvantages.

Firstly, most of these foods are high in saturated fats and eventually leads to obesity. They cannot become substitute to our staple diet that is still not so easy to prepare due to nature of its cooking methods. For example, for most of the Indians, the staple diet includes combination of Indian breads, pulses and curries. It is not possible to make it much easier even using modern equipment or methods. Secondly, most of the easy to prepare food items either have very little shelf life or they need to be kept frozen (or both). Thus they cannot match the nutrition of freshly prepared traditional home food.

Having said that, these easy to prepare food items are a boon to students or other people, who stay away from home. They are definitely better than eating in restaurants or street food. Although not as good as home food, they definitely purpose the purpose to get “home like” food. Also, most of these food items come with handy instructions and pre-mixed ingredients. With simple instructions, anybody can cook most of the recipes now. This has life easier for many across the globe.

With advent of easy availability of raw ingredients, it has not become much easier to cook recipes at home that was previous possible to cherish in high end restaurants. For instance, the Italian pastas, which requires many types of sauces, is now easy to prepare at home and all these sauces are now just a call away from a local grocery shop.

In conclusion, this is a much welcomed and positive change and it has definitely improved our lives.

**2. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Write about the following topic:**

**People attend colleges or universities for many different reasons (for example: new experiences, career preparation, increased knowledge etc.). Why do you think people attend colleges or universities?**

**You should give reasons for your answer using your own ideas and experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

People mainly get enrolled in a college or university to achieve the necessary education and degree they require to get a job or to build a career. Having a good career is one of the main reasons people spending their time in colleges or universities but there are other reasons as well. The current society and educational structure is far different than it had been a century back when a self-educated person could gain a good career and parents could arrange private tutors to ensure their children's education. But in today's world colleges and universities are the authority to declare a person to have necessary education to be ready for the job sector and without the certification from colleges and universities it is almost impossible for someone to claim a good job.

People are going to colleges and universities because this is the most common way of getting education and they have no alternatives like the people of past century had. Most people are learning in colleges and universities and getting themselves ready for the future. The sole purpose of a college or university is to ensure the proper theoretical and moral education to build the ideal citizens the country needs and this is system which is unquestionably accepted by the society and people. People who do not have plan to use their certificate to get a job either because they have other career plans or may be blessed with inherited fortune. They go to these educational institutes to learn the values, ideas, knowledge and education they require to be good human. In fact education is a border line between a savage and a good man and this is another reason the society has adopted the idea of education for all and the colleges and universities are the places to get this education in the current age.

Some people go to universities to get further education to enhance their horizon or to improve their job position & salary. Others go to the colleges and universities to let the world know that they are educated. Funny this may seem, but many people simply consider the higher education as the status they require to get higher in the society. Colleges and Universities nowadays offer specialized courses like technical courses or creative courses and many people attend those courses simply because of their pure interests on these subjects or to gain the knowledge they need.

In my opinion, getting education, learning new things, experiencing diverse cultures and customs, getting prepared for the future career, improving job position, subject matter interests and social status are the main reasons for people to attend colleges and universities.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Opinion Essay (Give reasons).**

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

**A. Why people attend colleges or universities?**

**Reasons: Why people attend colleges or universities?**

- University degree nowadays is mandatory to apply for a good job.
- To find better job opportunity after graduation and having higher salary.
- This is the most common way of getting education and enhancing knowledge.
- Becoming familiar with the latest technology, including computer, digital systems, or medicine.
- Better social status. After graduation, socially they have higher prestige among their family, friends, or other people.
- More probable to be able to apply and become prosperous a highly qualified graduate abroad.
- To improve their social skills by meeting more educated people.
- To gain training and practical education.
- To learn the values, ideas, knowledge and skills.
- Sometimes promotion and increments are the reasons many professionals get enrolled in further studies in universities.

**Model Answer 2:**

The University is a citadel of learning. It is a place where people of diverse culture,

ethnicity, background and religion come together with the major purpose of knowledge acquisition. However, it is not out of place to suggest that some people come to school in other to gain information that will better equip them for their future ambition, while others still attend higher education in other to have the feeling of the tertiary education. But no matter what the reasons might be, I strongly believe that the main reason why people attend colleges and universities is to increase their knowledge.

Let consider one who comes to school for the just experience. I believe his or her intention is not just to meet new friends because this can be done anywhere else. He or she wants to understand different behaviors and interact with persons from different areas, and various levels of intelligence. By so doing, he or she gradually imbibes knowledge at different levels and at different points. Take for instance, I know of a very good friend who always wanted to attend higher institution. When I enquired as to the particular school he wanted, her reply was simple; “ I do not have any school in mind, all I want is to go get new experience and change my environment”. However, after four years in the university, I observed that her attitude, intelligence, abilities and sagacity has increased greatly. This shows me that the ultimate end of going to the university is to acquire knowledge.

Also, for those who think that their reason for going to school is for career preparation. Statistics suggests that over 70% of the persons who studied a particular course or discipline in Nigeria, do not end up practicing the same course, and are never found along the career line throughout their lifetime. Evidences abound of various micro biologists who are chief editors in news paper agencies across the nation. My best Ifeanyi, he studied petroleum engineering but he is currently working with First Bank Nigeria.

In conclusion, a university for me is like a crucible, a furnace where minds are molded with the fire of knowledge in other to adapt to the outside world. We may have different reasons why we enter the colleges and universities, but one thing and only but one thing is for sure, the core reason why people attend the university and college is to increase knowledge.

### 3. 'Parents are the best teachers.'

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. You should give reasons for your answer using your own ideas and experience.

Write at least 250 words.

#### Model Answer 1:

##### (Agreement: Parents are the best teachers)

'Whether parents are our best teachers or not' is a never-ending debate and people are divided both in favour and against this argument. Both have a very strong contribution and influence on a child's learning but in my opinion parents overtake the teachers in terms of teaching their children.

First of all I would like to point out that a teacher is not merely a person who takes a text book and read texts from there to a student. Rather a teacher is someone who devotes his/her times to teach someone everything that someone needs to know to advance to next step. Morality, intricacies of life, subject matter knowledge, art, science, history, value of time etc. are something that can't be taught through academic books and a good teacher is someone who teaches someone these all.

Now that we know the true responsibility of a teacher, we can easily compare our parents and teachers. The things that we learn from our parents are far more important than what we learn from our teachers. I am not denying the invaluable knowledge we learn from our teachers through our academic years, but what we learn from our parents are incomparable. We learn to survive, talk, and distinguish well from bad, values of life, morality and such important other things from our parents. We are the true reflection of our parents and our characters are shaped from their personality and behaviours. Later the teachers help us to enhance our knowledge, horizon and our view of life but the very foundation and ground are made by our parents.

The parents sacrifice so many things of their life just to ensure a better life for us and nothing in this whole world could even be compared with their sacrifice for us. Think of student who is unable to pay his/her monthly school fees would be cast away from the school and the beloved teachers would scarcely be there to help him/her. On the other hand the parents would always be there with their every possible effort to help the



child.

In summary, the things we learn from our teachers are important for our lives and with those valuable lessons and knowledge we prepare for the future but the things we learn from our parents shapes who we are, who we become and their contribution is much more important compared to the contribution of the traditional academic teachers and that's why in my opinion parents are best teachers.

**Model Answer 2:**

**(Agreement: Parents are the best teachers)**

Parents can be the best teacher for every child coming on this earth. I agree with this statement as no learning institution can be compared with the parents as they are role model for their children since they open their eyes in this world till they are fully grown up and matured.

To start with when the child is born he sees his parents as his guide, mentor & teacher who will teach him how to speak, eat, drink, live, wear, interact etc. No one will be with him when he is crying for anything it will be the parents who will be with him for every problem and his / her every need. Even during his education days he will observe and learn that the school although is the learning institution but the moral & ethical values learned from parents are far greater than any learning center and parents will be the one who want their children to be the best in this world and they want their children not to repeat the mistakes that they have done in their lives which any learning institution won't care for as they can't give individual attention to every student.

On the other hand we see that generally the children who are orphans or could not get the attention from their parents don't have that foundation of ethical, moral and social values as compared to the ones who have been trained by their parents despite all of them have gone to schools, colleges etc. The only difference between them is parents.

If the parents are not well educated they could still prove be good teacher for their children but that will be of less fruitful from the highly educated parents as educated and learned parents will have more vision and more horizon as compared to the unlearned.

I would like to conclude with the statement that parents can be a turning point for his child if he tries to teach every step of living this life.

**4. To solve the ever-increasing environmental hazards throughout the world, the best way is to increase the price of fuel.**

**What is your opinion on the above assumption?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1: (Agreement)**

Environmental or natural hazards are the result of physical processes that affect humans and environment every day and harmful for both in short and long run. As the use of fuel increases to keep up with modern demands and increased population, the world is becoming more vulnerable to environmental hazards and disasters. Floods, earthquakes, severe thunderstorms, toxic or oil spills immediately come to mind when comprehending this issue, implying that all these things are inherently hazardous.

One of the most effective solutions to these environmental hazards is to raise the price of fuel. The use of petroleum and gasoline can release toxic chemicals into our atmosphere. These chemicals escape into the air during refilling, from the gasoline tank and carburetor during normal operation, and from engine exhaust. Transportation sources account for about 30-50% of all harmful emissions into the atmosphere. The industrialization is another reason for the omission of harmful chemicals too.

“Smog” is another environmental hazard. It causes human respiratory stress, and damages many plants, significantly reducing farm crop yields and the “health” of trees and other vegetation. Burning gasoline emits significant quantities of a wide range of harmful gases into the atmosphere. For example, carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas produced by incomplete combustion. Carbon dioxide, a normal product of burning fuel,

is non-toxic, but contributes to the greenhouse effect, which is also known as global warming and it is probably the most dangerous threat for the human existence.

Raising the price of fuel would mean that people would use less petroleum and gasoline. They would find other alternative means of transport to save money, which would mean using less high-priced fuel for everyday purposes. For example, cycling is a healthy activity and it saves the earth too. Also, for a long journey, people could try to find friends together for car-pooling. Car-pooling saves a lot of fuel and would save a lot of money too. But other things should be considered to reduce the use of these dangerous fuels. Government should implement strict rules of using car, for instance no less than 4 persons should be allowed to drive a single car. The price should be increased in a thoughtful way because if the price is so high it will hamper the average people's life leading. There are so many people yet use public transportation for movement and the increased price will make their life miserable. The prices of many necessary daily ingredients also increase with the price of fuel.

Many environmental hazards like “smog” and global warming are increasing around the world due to the excessive use of petroleum and gasoline in our daily lives. Raising the price of fuel could make all the difference to the environment. It would force people to use petrol in a more responsible way and use it less, and therefore be the most effective solution to the problem of ever-increasing environmental hazards though it might have some side effects but those can be controlled by the proper initiatives by the Government.

### **Model Answer 2: (Disagreement)**

There are several reasons that are causing the environmental harms and this has become an urgent issue to discuss and bring a solution about. The number of ever increasing cars is one of the reasons that leads to affect the environment negatively and there are some assumptions that increasing the fuel price would solve this problem. But the reality would be different, and increased fuel price will cause lots of other problems while it would contribute very little to reduce the environmental pollutions and hazards. So this can't be the best solution in any way.

First of all, the maximum numbers of cars are owned by the rich people and fuel price would not restrain them from using the cars. The price of fuel in fact increased significantly over the past 12 years and that has done nothing to reduce the car usages. On the contrary the number of cars running in the roads has increased more than expected. Besides, the fuel price determines the market prices of other daily necessary products and increasing the price would only bring misery to the low and medium earning class population. Electronic wastages, industries, household electrical devices, deforestation, chemical wastages, unconscious activity of people are causing more damage to the mother earth than the gas omission by the cars. We should focus on those aspects as well before increasing the price of fuel just based on an assumption.

The main idea of increasing the fuel price is to reduce the number of cars running in the street and to restrain the car owners from using the cars less. But that would prove to be a ridiculous solution specially when car owners are mostly high earning class and they would not bother about the fuel price.

The best solution to address this utmost concerning issue is to introduce an environment friendly energy source like solar energy system, to improve the public transportation system & train system so that people mostly use these systems instead of always using their own cars, increasing the awareness of the people so that they do not directly contribute to harm the environment, and making strict rules so that deforestation, chemical wastages and other harmful ways of environmental pollutions get reduced.

**5. Nowadays, more and more foreign students are going to English-Speaking countries to learn the "international language - English". It is undoubtedly true that studying English in an English-speaking country is the best way, but it is not the only way to learn it.**

**Do you agree or disagree with the above statement.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Use your own knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**Model Answer 1:**

**(Agreement: It is NOT the ONLY way to learn it)**

There is no debate that being in a real English language environment will help any one to master the language in the fastest and most effective way and many international students prefer to go to English speaking countries to study and learn the international language. I agree that this is the good way, yet students can learn English in other useful ways and those can be even better than the first approach.

Being in an English speaking country helps students learn English in many ways. Firstly, the surroundings and environment influence our learning. We are forced to speak, read write, and slowly we start even thinking in English since we have to. Secondly, quick learning of the language can become a strong motivation because in turn, we will get quick feedback that lets us find what we learn really benefits us in life and education. This inspires us to continue to learn more. It's a positive reinforcement Learning builds on progressively. The initial learning serves as the basis for further learning. Thirdly, in an English-speaking country, you will be learning from the life and culture which is not present outside that land.

However, in this age of cross-culture communication and Internet, learning English in an English-speaking country is not the only way. The English language learning opportunities are available in many countries. Now-a-days people are able to find various ways of learning English language in their home country that are highly effective and productive. Watching English movies, television, listening to English music and browsing Internet can open up vast plethora of English materials. For instance, one can make use of the vast storage of materials (video, sound, graphics, etc.) on the Internet to facilitate language study. Sometimes non-English speaking students may need different approach in learning English. The principle of "different students, different teaching", by the famous saying by Chinese guru Confucius, maintains that different teaching approaches are useful for different segment of students. The way a foreign student learns a language is quite different from those of an English native speaker. For example, a foreign student higher level; however, it is unnecessary for a native speaker. Last but not the least, on some occasions, students may find teachers in their own countries do a better job in figuring out their exact weak points and the remedies for them. A teacher of a non- English country understand the basic of a student and can combine both the native language and English to make the study plan and this

might be more helpful than a native English teacher's approach of studying.

In conclusion, I believe studying English in English-speaking country is a good way but in many cases the other ways can be proven to be more efficient than being in an English speaking country.

### **Model Answer 2:**

#### **(Disagreement: It is the only best way to learn it)**

Language is a skill and like any other skill it can be best achieved through practicing. Being in an English speaking country gives a competitive advantages of learning it faster and in a more efficient way than other ways and that why I consider learning English can be best achieved by being in an English speaking countries.

Many people would argue that, if learning English is only possible by living in an English country, how come people with really good English can exist when they have never been to an English speaking country. Yes it is true that proper study and determination to grasp the language can bring success to a person without living in a non-English-speaking country but there are some gaps yet. The amount of effort someone needs to put in learning the language would be much more compared to someone living in an English speaking country.

Firstly, being in an English speaking country would make the learner to communicate in this language all the time and being in such a situation helps learning faster and more competently. They would learn the language through practical experiences and that is more important than reading tomes of grammatical rules from text books.

Second, the language is not merely how it is defined in the grammar books and how the words are spelled. Rather it is a natural ability to express the feelings and thought to someone else in an effective way and it is quite impossible to become a natural thinker of a language without actually being in an environment where this is the only language.

Learning from experience is better than learning from text and that makes an English

speaking country living person more competent than a non English speaking country living person in terms of the command of the language. When the first person communicates naturally and without any brainstorming, the later one would do that as less accurately. Pronunciation and language style is very important in terms of communicating English and that can be best learned from the native speakers of this language and that's why being in an English speaking county to learn the language is the best way. Because of this realization, thousands of people from different parts of the world are coming to English Speaking countries to learn the language.

In conclusion, though a language can be learned through reading, practice and other good ways, being in a country where this language is the native language is the best way to learn it.

**6. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Do you support that the nuclear technology should be used for constructive purposes?**

**Use your own knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**Give reasons for your viewpoint.  
You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1: (View point: Use of nuclear technology for constructive purposes can bring human benefit)**

Many people are afraid of nuclear technology because of the dangers associated with its use. And belligerent leaders and terrorists may cause great human disaster by the use of nuclear weapons of mass-destruction. Though it is true that nuclear weapons pose the greatest threat to life, I personally support the use of nuclear technology for constructive purposes can bring human benefit.

The most worrying aspect of nuclear technology is its use for military purposes by many high and mighty countries. Enough atomic bombs have already been made which are capable of completely destroying the planet. An increasing number of countries now have nuclear weapon or have the technology required to make such bombs, and there is

an ongoing debate about how to control the threat of nuclear weapon. After the fall of Russia, many Russian scientists have found their nuclear technology expertise is in high demand in countries that have an ambition with nuclear technology. Many believe that, at that time, technology has been secretly made available to many aspiring countries like, Iraq, North Korea, India, Pakistan and others. Experts believe that now a days, many confrontational countries and terrorist organizations have nuclear know how which they could use for terrorism and mass destruction. However, it would have been better if it had never been used to create nuclear weapons. If life on earth is to continue, we must control nuclear weapons of mass destruction. To eliminate the threat of nuclear war, all the nuclear power nations of the world should agree to disarm as soon as possible.

Nuclear power stations provide an important source of cheap power in many industrialized nations and some developing countries. However, like most sophisticated technology, there are dangers associated with it. Even though very high safety precautions are taken, there have been few cases of disasters; two or three were major human disasters. Yet many experts believe that in the coming days, nuclear power will be the most efficient source of energy for the mankind.

Nuclear technology has been widely used in medical science. X-rays are widely used technology that medical diagnosis. Radiotherapy is widely used to help cure some diseases such as cancer. Controlled and measured radiation is applied on malignant cancerous cells to kill them or stop their spreading.

In conclusion, nuclear technology certainly has many positive uses and offers lots of promise. But we have to bear in mind that it is dangerous if not handled properly or goes in the wrong hands. Nuclear technology should be only used for the true benefit of the mankind. If we forget this, we have to take the responsibility of our own destiny.

**Alternative answer 2: (View point: Nuclear technology should be used positively for the benefit of the human)**



Like any other technological invention, the nuclear power has a great potential to be used positively for the betterment of the people and at the same time it can cause disaster if used negatively. So the use of nuclear technology and its possible destructive power is an issue which is much debated and in my opinion we should use this power positively for the benefit of the human.

First of all, the technology contains power and this power can both be positively and harmfully used. Nothing is wrong with the technology or tool but with the people who actually command it. We can't think of the modern life without the use of cell phone, TV, refrigerator etc. and are not they causing harm to the environment? Yes they are, and a single gas cylinder can be used to cook foods and then feed people or run vehicles and on the contrary can be used to blow up a house. Only because the gas has the power to blow a house does not abstain us from using it for our benefits.

Second, most of the countries in the world, except few rich countries, struggle for the electricity and similar energy powers and can't improve because of the scarcity of it. The nuclear power can be a great source for energy for these countries and can be a very effective solution for them to improve their life standard and overall economic status.

In every sphere of life, we need energy: from irrigation to hospital operation and the use of nuclear energy can ensure better lives for us. Obviously the nuclear power possesses a great power that can destroy a city or even a country if not properly handles, but this is not the reason we should completely forget about a power that can change the world.

In conclusion, we should learn from our past mistakes about the explosions of the nuclear centers and then come with better solutions to use this power towards the betterment of mass people.

**7. Men do most of the high level jobs. Should the government encourage a certain percentage of these jobs to be reserved for women?**

**What is your opinion on that?**

**Use your own knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**You should write at least 250 words**

**Model Answer 1: (Agreement):**

Though some people would argue that women are working in high-level job positions in many renowned organization, the reality is that the number of such women employees are very ignorable compared to their male counterpart. As a result, the issue appears that the Government should reserve certain percentage of such jobs for women and this is supported by a group of people while being criticized by other group. In my opinion the Government actually should encourage a percentage of such jobs to maintain the equal opportunity, to maintain a balanced work space and overall economy.

First of all, the high level jobs occupied by the male diminish the balances of power between the male and female in such organizations. Since we are living in a century where we are most sincere to establish the equal power of men and female, this is very reasonable that women should actually work on such high level positions.

Second, the consumers, end users and service receivers of a company and organization are both male and female and female decision making employees for such companies are equally important compared to the male.

Third, the society would like to make a balance between the contribution of male and female and again the power between them, without letting women work in high-level job position, it would not be possible. The women are needed to be participating in every sphere of society for a better world and without letting them use their ability we can't actually expect that.

Fourth, the women are improving in terms of education, power, contribution in the current era than before and such a scheme taken by government would inspire them more to run ahead. In third world countries, the fate of girl is determined when her parents decide if the girl should go to school or should learn to cook and get prepared for marriage. The privilege provided by the government in case of jobs for female would encourage such parents to equally treat their boys and girls.

In conclusion, a certain reserved position for women in high-level job is actually a good idea to empower the women towards the overall betterment of the organization and society.

### **Model Answer 2: (Disagreement)**

Equality for both man and women is the accepted underpinning philosophy of modern society that we live in. Most constitutions maintain equal right for men and women. Most public institutions and formal organizations hold equal view in treating either sex. Despite the fact that male high officials outnumber female high officials by a great margin, in most countries there is no legal or statutory bar against women going up in the ladder. I am against any kind of positive bias towards women in the form of reserving percentage of higher positions for women. That will only encourage anomaly, imperfection in practices and most importantly it is not going to serve the ultimate goal of escalating women's positions in society of economy, unless they earn that by themselves rightfully.

In the bygone days women were primarily engaged in household responsibilities. Women's involvement in economic, organizational and public activities is not a very old practice. But in the recent decades things have changed dramatically and many women in the west are going to the top in career and profession. Even in the third world countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, presence of working women are every where, competing with the male counterparts and even surpassing them in many aspects. They are acquiring the necessary education, gaining proper knowledge about their rights and are in the process of being recognized as organizationally as valuable contributors. In Bangladesh, in many instances girls topped in open public examinations, and their success rate is generally higher than man. Women are earning professional reputation in their job places as well.

Against this backdrop, there is no reason that government should go for reserving positions for women. Instead government should take initiatives to eradicate any bias against women and make favorable work environment for women. Firstly, governments can ensure women's access to education and thus empower them and make them prepared for life as in many societies women lack education and empowerment.

Secondly, women suffer from gender discrimination, chauvinistic behavior and worse even, sexual harassment in work places. Governments should have clear and strict

policies to ensure an environment where workers from both sexes coexist with ease. Thirdly, women should be entitled to have special conduct during motherhood. Due to the very role of a woman in family, supports from the workplace are important for working women.

Women and man both should be viewed as equally capable. If we look over our shoulder, we can see that the number of eligible, skilled and executive-class working women is actually increasing quickly in recent years. Govt. should not go for reserving a certain percentage of high level jobs to be for women. That will only undermine women's ability and women will grossly find that their self-respect is on decline. They can find their own way towards the prosperous carriers by the dint of their own virtue and efforts.

### **Model Answer 3: (Disagreement)**

The high level jobs have always been held by men. Whether it is the head of the state or the CEO of a multinational company historically it's men who have conquered most of the peaks. Although, history has seen women at the peak heights as well, the numbers of such cases have been relatively small. The question whether there should be reservation for women in the top positions has increasingly been contemplated by the governments around the world. While, such a step would definitely see an increase in the number of peak positions being held by women, it does have its disadvantages.

Proponents of the idea of reservation for women cite their under representation as one of the causes. Women have traditionally been under-represented in the male dominated society. This has taken a toll on the causes related to women, such as domestic violence. Offering leading positions to women will significantly help such causes. Other people cite equality of both genders as one of the reasons for reservation. In many parts of the world, specifically in developing nations in Asia and Middle East, women are not treated equally to men. This has led several people to demand reservation for women. They suggest reserving top positions for women would bring a sense of equality among both genders and harmony in society.

However, reservation would lead to several problems which are often overlooked. Bringing in reservation would lead to "lowering the bar" for women. It will lead to many of the positions being filled by women who do not have the required talent and

experience, only due the fact that the positions were reserved for women. This will eventually lead to a fall in productivity and growth of the company or the nation. Such a move would also bring a sense of inequality among men and women, since women would not have to work as hard as men to get the top positions.

Rather than bringing in reservation for women for top positions, governments should encourage and support women so they reach these heights rightfully. Support could be in the form of financial aid, or free coaching. This would enable women to learn the skills needed to get the top positions and get the top positions without compromising productivity and growth.

**8. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic: The 21st century has begun. What changes do you think this new century will bring?**

**Use examples and details in your answer.**

**You should write at least 250 words**

**Model Answer 1:**

The new century comes with a different technology, inventions, political and social changes and also brings the new brutality in human history and the 21st century has already brought many changes in the world and human lives and certainly there are yet more changes to come.

First of all, the technological changes and updates would become more frequent and the use of internet, cell phone and computers would become widespread. Even in very remote areas people would use these technological advances and that would both positively and negatively affect their lifestyle. Second, the religious fanaticism would

diminish and except few fanatic people, most other would live a life where religion would bring little conflicts. Third, the improvements in genetic engineering and medical science would improve the way of people live as it would eradicate many deadly diseases. However, the history suggests that new devastating diseases would emerge without any cure. Fourth, the conflict among nations would become more economic than the doctrine and politics. The world would be divided in terms of capitalism and socialism and new political dogma would appear in many countries.

Fifth, People would learn more about the outer space as the experiment and scientific research in outer space is going on more steadily than ever. Sixth, the nuclear power would replace the traditional power sources and at the same time many countries would possess the nuclear power and that would always be a tread for the world. I would not be surprised if nuclear war takes place in this century and destroy a great number of countries. Then people would explore the sea resources as the land resources would be less in number and that would be a great new source for people.

In conclusion, the world would have newer technologies and a better life expectation in this century while the political conflict would arise and that might lead to destruction. In the same time people would learn more about the outer space and sea resources more than ever.

### **Model Answer 2:**

There is no doubt that 21st century will bring extremely advance changes, related to almost every field and it will help the human beings to raise the standard of their lives.

What kind of changes are expected, it will be discussed in following paragraphs.

To begin with, one must acknowledge that 21st century is technologically advance century. Inventors are doing extremely tremendous research work to make the new inventions come into existence, which ultimately lead to make the life of human being more sophisticated.

Advancement in the things, which one can use in their daily life ,can be seen ,for instance ,gadgets and equipments ,to make our work more reliable and accurate .Apart from this ,exploration in the space related programs is also possible ,which will ultimately help the human to protect the mankind as well as earth as such discoveries will be helpful to explore more about the universe and they may be able to predict about the upcoming danger or helps us to prevent them. Furthermore, in future, adequate medical facilities will be there as day by day new inventions related to medical field are

coming into existence, remedies for diseases, which are incurable in present scenario, might be possible in future.

To recapitulate it can be stated that in upcoming few years human will be blessed with adequate facilities, which definitely will make their lives quite easier, due to advanced technology.

### **Model Answer 3:**

Man, through the ages, has undergone many changes from the time when he depicted a herd of mammoths on the walls of his cave to these days when he can create beautiful pictures and even make coffee by use of computer technologies without leaving his favorite chair. The 20th century made huge steps in developing computer technologies and reached many goals that made our life much easier. What should we expect in the 21st century?

First of all, I think that the pace of our life will speed up: we will move faster from one place to another, from one continent to another using high speed jet airplanes. Second of all, I believe that we will be able to do many things that take much time now without leaving our house. Computers will be everywhere including our clothes. Many people will have chips and mini computers inserted in their heads to hold huge amount of information and have a quick access to it.

But what will be the most amazing thing in the 21st century are the flights to the outer space and Mars that will be available to all people. Scientists say that Mars has many things similar to the Earth's. Moreover, they say that with the help of modern technology people can artificially create conditions that will allow people to live there on the constant basis.

Apart from that, Computers would become more powerful and they will have superior artificial intelligence. We will have robots to do the hazardous works like mining and outer space research. Surprisingly, e-commerce would be in more convenient form and most of the people will purchase online rather than going to shops in person. In the field of education and jobs dramatic changes would happen. Online learning and freelancing would be very popular and people would be able to earn almost all of their desired degree and diploma staying at home. Finally, cure for many deadly diseases would be invented and yet new diseases may spread to cause some deadly catastrophe.

To sum up, I am sure that many amazing changes will be brought by the 21st century. Furthermore, I think that with the help of the contemporary technologies people can do many things that were even difficult to imagine a century ago. So, nowadays it is rather difficult and even impossible to imagine all changes that will happen in the next decades.

**9. A zoo has no useful purpose.**

**Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1: (Agreement: A Zoo has no useful purpose)**

Keeping wild animals in cages for public exhibition is a tradition that people are performing for a long and for majority people this is an amusement and educational purpose for kids while others think it to be a very inhuman act. This is a much debated issue and I personally find no usefulness of a zoological garden where these animals and birds of different kinds are kept for public entertainment.

First of all, the idea of keeping wild animals in cages is really a brutal one and human should not be proud of act like this. Who has given us the power and authority to forcefully bring animals to zoos and then being hilarious watching their activities? Is our weapon and brain makes us superior and powerful enough to decide the lives of other species? No, if we are superior to those wild animals, it is our humanity and superiority of thinking power and where would that humanity is when we encage other species? There are thousands of amusement parks and children parks and we should not make a zoo that would only represent our brutality and the outcry of the animals.

Have we ever though if a more intelligent species arrives in our territory and encases us like we do to other animals, how pathetic that would be for us? Many people would say that those are educational purposes and to let the kids know about those animals. But in a zoo what we see are encages animals with their dismay and helplessness. Children would never learn the true nature of those animals when they would learn it from a zoo. Animal Planet and Discovery channels are two better alternatives for children to learn about those wild animals than the zoo.



Zoo in many countries are used for commercial purposes and no matter what the authorities do; they can't ensure a free life for a bird which should be flying in the sky rather than trying to escape from the cage.

In conclusion, the zoo serves no useful purpose and there is no good reason to put the animals and birds in cages.

### **Model Answer 2: (Agreement)**

Some people believe that zoo has no useful purpose while others argue that zoo is used for recreational purposes. This is an issue which is greatly debated and controversial but I strongly believe that zoo interrupt our ecological system. There are several reasons for my standing on the side why the zoo is worthless.

Firstly, animals always look beautiful in the forest which is their natural inhabitant. Whenever we put animals in cages from forest, we interrupt the natural law. Thus forests lose their beautiful natural environment. It is also inhuman to put the free animals in cages. Because day-by-day animals which are used for human entertainment purposes get deteriorated in their physical growth as well as get interrupted their normal proliferation. Thus many animals have become extinct. Besides without interruption an animal wandering in a natural forest keep our natural environment safe.

Secondly, sometime many animals can't to cope with the cages. Moreover, many zoo authorities don't provide necessary foods and proper accommodation and right treatment which are required for the survival and production of the animals. Furthermore, zoo authorities earn a lot of money to display these wild animals among the general peoples but this money is not properly utilized among this wild animals. As a result, these animals suffer from various kinds of diseases and scarcity of foods.

Thirdly, another important point is that Zoo is destroying our food chain system. It is actually destroying the food ecosystem nature preserves. At least not at least, Kids who captive animals for their fun and entertainment, get bad impression and this is not good for their mental growth. Safari park, which is an alternative system of a zoo, where animals get large places and greener trees and foods at the same time, can be a better alternative than a zoo. General people can learn about the animals from these short of natural parks and this way we can cause less harm to the wild animals and to the nature.

In conclusion we can say that zoo is inhuman and serves almost nothing for us while it destroys the natural equilibrium.

**10. We are becoming increasingly dependent on computers. They are used in business, hospitals, crime detection and even to fly planes. What things will they be used in the future? Is this dependence on computers a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Today, computer has become an indispensable tool in the day-to-day activities. In fact, we find it very difficult to get through a working day without it. In this essay, we will discuss the usage of computers in the foreseeable future. Also, we will analyze how this dependency will have negative impact on the society.

To begin with, computer can be used in performing daily chores at the house. For instance, cleaning of the home can be done with the minimum effort and time with the advent of robot maids. In addition, teachers can use computers for teaching their students by staying at their own place. In other words, tutors can arrange multiple classes in different cities at the same time by the help of this tool. Thus, it is obvious that the computer can be used in household work as well as for teaching purpose in the coming future.

However, inordinate usage of this tool has many disadvantages. First of all, human beings will be replaced by this machine leading to the increase in the unemployment which is intrinsically tied to the rate of the crime within the nation. Furthermore, absence of physical presence of teachers in the classroom can raise the problems of discipline within the students. In other words, social development of these pupils will be harmed and thereby, will cause a hindrance in the nation's social growth.

From above, it can be seen that computers will be used for various activities at home as well as at educational institutions in the future. But, excessive utilization of this machine

can boost the issues related to job causing rise in the crime and afflict the young people's development. It is thus hoped that people will be made aware of the harmfulness of relying too much on computers.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Discussion + Argumentative.**

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

**A. What things computers will be used in the future?**

**B. Is this dependence on computers a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits?**

**Discussion: What things computers will be used in the future?**

- In space exploration, breakthrough in robots will lead humans to have access farthest planets and stars. While robots have been sent to Mars, they could be sent to farther stars.
- In medicine, digitalization will revolutionize distant microsurgery, procedures which are controlled from distance, helping people all over the world to be cured far better than being expected.
- Criminals and crimes will be detected far easier ways than now. More highly-tech satellites will be used to track fugitives escaping from jail or criminals escaping from crime scene by using of more developed digital sensors.
- Present communication systems like fax, mail or telegram will be just history for the next coming generation.
- Customers will be able to find, select, and purchase their favorite item through the web far simpler. For example, digital scent technology will help people to smell the items via online shopping.
- Pilot less passenger planes will be used by aviation companies as aviation digitalization will develop more.
- Undersea exploration and reaching in the deeper sea level would be possible. That would enhance our knowledge about the creatures of the sea and would help us to find more resources for our foods and other needs.
- Computer would replace many manual labors in most of the manufacturing companies.
- Traffic controls both in the highways and air would be fully automated and any violation of traffic rules would be detected and fined instantly.

- Weather forecasts would be pretty accurate and reliable forecasts of natural calamities would be easier to predict.
- Devastating weapons would be designed and used with the help of computer technology in the near future.
- Mathematics, statistics, chemistry and Physics would enhance further with the high speed and unimaginable calculating power of the computers.
- Teachers would be able to arrange multiple classes in different locations at the same time by the help of computer based education tools and internet.

#### **Arguments:**

##### **Why the dependency on computers is a good thing:**

- In many cases where calculation and long hour works are required, computers are more reliable than humans. The amount of calculation a super computer can do in few seconds would take life time for a human.
- We can save our time. Computers assist us to upload data faster than any other devices. They can also contain massive data in a tiny storage device.
- They are more economical. By spending few hundred dollars of money to buy a laptop, we can improve many other abilities. For instance, online courses are less expensive than the regular training, so we have to have a computer and Internet for connection.
- To save information and files, less space is needed when it comes to using of computer.
- They can be used in work places which are hazardous for human.
- Humans are biologically unable to reach certain places like far away in the space or bottom of the sea where computer driven robots could be sent.
- Computers follow our instructions and always act as they were made. Their usages are controlled by human. So negative aspects of computers are not their fault, the fault is ours.

#### **Arguments:**

##### **Why we should be more suspicious of the benefits computers offer?**

- Cyber-addiction has led humans to become more isolated, inactive, and depressed.
- Our data might be hacked by the professional hackers. Using of highly-tech softwares, our information can be stolen easily.
- Accessing to some important data is costly, and users might be targeted by cyber crime and lose all of their saved data. For example, a user's bank password might be hacked by a professional hacker and thousands of dollars might be stolen by him.

- Human workers and employees will be replaced by this machine leading to the increase in the unemployment which is intrinsically tied to the rate of the crime.
- Addiction to computer has increased the prevalence of obesity. The more people use their computer, the more they will become inactive and overweight.
- Any error with the computers can affect lots of human lives and can create chaos.

**Model Answer 2:** (According to Cambridge IELTS Book 1)

Computers are relatively new invention. The first computers were built fifty years ago and it is the last thirty years or so that their influences has affected our everyday life. Personal computers were introduced as recently as the early eighties. In this short time they have made a tremendous impact on our lives. We are now so dependent on computers that it is hard to imagine what things would be without them. You have only got to go into a bank when their main computer is broken to appreciate the chaos that would occur if computers were suddenly removed world-wide.

In the future computers will be used to create bigger and even more sophisticated computers. The prospects for this are quite alarming. They will be so complex that no individual could hope to understand how they work. They will bring a lot of benefits but they will also increase the potential for unimaginable chaos. They will, for example, be able to fly planes and they will be able to co-ordinate the movements of several planes in the vicinity of an airport. Providing all the computers are working correctly nothing can go wrong, but if one small program fails--disaster.

There is a certain inevitability that technology will progress and become increasingly complex. We should, however, ensure that we are still in a position where we are able control technology. It will be too easy to suddenly discover that technology is controlling us. By then it might be too late. I believe that it is very important to be suspicious of the benefits that computers will bring and to make sure that we never become totally dependent on a completely technological world.

**11. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Compare the advantages and disadvantages of three of the following as media for communicating information. State which three you consider the most effective.**

- Comic
- Books
- Radio
- Television
- Film
- Theater

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

In our daily life, we communicate information through lots of different media like: internet, television, radio, books, cell phone, film etc. We are living in such a time when information is one of the most important issues and the information technologies as well as the communication media greatly influence our lives. The rapid-growing websites and TV channels are many of few little examples how media are spreading to make information easily accessible. All the media for information interchange have advantages and disadvantages and not all can attract all types of audiences. Comics, books, radios, televisions, film and theater are all very powerful media for communicating information. In my opinion books, televisions and film among those aforementioned six media are most effective.

Books are the witness of history and the main source from which we gain knowledge. From very ancient period till now books are working as the light-house for our society. In our early age, we gather most of our knowledge, skills from books. It opens new horizons in front of us. The writer writes down their experiences, imaginations,

knowledge, explanation etc. about each and every issue of our lives. Books are the long lasting protocol to make a bridge among writers and readers.

However, all are not happy to read books. They expect something easier and more vivid. Music, radios, films etc. are more appealing to them. Television is another powerful media. Watching television is a part of our daily lives. Most of the people who have a TV set, watch programs, news etc. with apt attention. It is a strong medium for Government and other organizations to send their messages to the mass population. Program representatives also broadcast the people's view and opinions about different controversial issues in TV programs. However, this medium has lots of demerits and bad impacts. Government and politically biased organizations often send negative and misleading news. Again young people watch different satellite channels and try to adopt the alien culture which is really harmful for the culture and tradition of a country.

Films are audio-visual representation and can catch the attention of people from different geographical locations, races and cultures. A good film can shape someone's morality and doctrine and the film-makers with their huge amount of money, are so careful to make their films realistic and eye-absorbing. Every film has a direct or potential message or moral. On the contrary, some films also bring a wrong message to us. For example, protagonists are always smoking in the films and it seems that smoking is a good and smart habit. It causes many younger people imitate them smoking.

In conclusion, I would like to sum up that books, televisions and films are the most powerful and effective medias for communicating information.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Comparing the advantages & disadvantages + Discussion.**

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

- A. Pick three most effective media for communicating information.**
- B. Compare advantages & disadvantages of these three media for communicating information.**
- C. Explain why these three media are most effective for communicating information.**

## **Comic:**

### **Advantages: 'Comic' as a media for communicating information.**

- Comic books provide information in the most interesting and interactive way to the readers.
- It is more efficient for kids who are yet to start reading big books.
- Comics are often very effective to convey information and to produce an aesthetic response to the readers.
- Readers of comic books find it very easy to remember the information delivered by stories and cartoons in comics. It is less time consuming to read a comic.
- Comic books provide information to the reader in the most interesting and interactive way.
- Comics represent the oldest continuous form of communication in history and a much revered form of communication between generations.
- Comics can transcend language and cultural boundaries.
- Comics and comics' techniques could be used in various types of business and technical communications. When Google launched its Chrome Web Browser the accompanying technical documentation was a widely distributed comic book. The visitors guide for the European Organization for Nuclear research is also a comic and that proves the efficiency of comics to educate people.
- Comic readers do not have to spend a lot of time on reading. This is preferred by many readers who do not like reading pages after pages.

### **Disadvantages: 'Comic' as a media for communicating information.**

- While reading comics readers often do not pay attention on the main information due to irrelevant cartoon or story.
- It can be a waste of time for reader who wanted to receive useful information from comics.
- Comic books are often published based on pure fiction and imagination and might have negative effects on the psychology of young kids.
- However, because of the simplicity of comic books, they can only communicate short information.
- Not as much informative as books are.

## **Books:**

### **Advantages: 'Books' as a media for communicating information.**

- Books are very instructive and effective in conveying information as they comprise the writer's thought and life experience and are usually written over a longer period of time.



- Book is a significant media to receive information ranging from basic skills to professional knowledge.
- Reading books helps us to nourish our mind and keep us moving forward in a positive direction.
- A reader always has a wide range of choices to pick a book based on his/ her interest.
- Books are ever lasting while the basic formation of other media changes a lot over the time.
- Readers pay more attentions while reading a book and that is why they can learn better from reading.
- Books are the accumulated version of history, knowledge, experience and wisdom. Books have endless offerings and stories to bring out the best of creative readers.
- Reading books can give us an insight into many different cultures, and civilizations.
- The secret to a successful life is knowledge and information. The answers to nearly all our problems and query are documented in text somewhere.
- Books can stimulate and excite a reader's imagination as well as arouse his curiosity, thus bringing out the creative oneself.
- Books help to articulate our thoughts and reading books improve our vocabulary and communication skill.
- Reading books is like peeking into the minds of the greatest people - A book is like a conversation with the writer and reading many books gives us an insight into the thinking process of different writers.
- Intercultural understanding will be developed by reading more related books. Humans will become more familiar with demographic of nations as they read more books about them.
- Individuals will have a better comprehension, grammar, communication skill, and more variety of vocabularies.
- Readers always have a wide range of options to read books that would entertain and interest them.
- Books are portable and people can access it from almost anywhere.

**Disadvantages: 'Books' as a media for communicating information.**

- Books are not always attractive to many people. For those people books are not the greatest source of information and knowledge.
- It required more patience and time to read books.

- Book production requires cutting down trees which has a negative impact on our environment.
- Information presented on books could be outdated in many cases.
- Sometimes a writer can instill an ideology to a reader and can influence his thinking in a negative way.
- People have to have high level of literacy to read some specific and advanced books.

#### **Radio:**

##### **Advantages: 'Radio' as a media for communicating information.**

- Accessible in anywhere and anytime, during driving or traveling.
- Radio is less costly than the other media devices, like TV. Unlike TV, which users have to pay a monthly payment for cable, Radio does not need this cost.
- It is available in the rural areas as well.
- Have less detrimental issues.

##### **Disadvantages: 'Radio' as a media for communicating information.**

- No access to any visual features which TV has.
- Less being developed compared to TV or other media devices. Every year, new versions of TV, like introducing of smart TVs, have led users to be satisfied more, while there are no any significant changes in the technology of Radio.
- Less accepted by the new generation.

#### **Film:**

##### **Advantages: 'Film' as a media for communicating information.**

- Becoming familiar with other cultures by watching movies.
- Watching films is a kind of entertainment. People have less stressful lifestyle by watching more films.
- Some films improve viewers' relationships. Family films are the best ones helping families to have a better communication.

##### **Disadvantages: 'Film' as a media for communicating information.**

- Cultural invasion can happen. Young's minds are more affected by watching other countries' films.
- Addiction to watching film may be costly and time-consuming. We have to pay fees for Netflix or cinema, and have less enough time to concentrate on our work.
- It can reduce juveniles' study performance. Instead of studying, they spend their precious time on watching plenty of films each month.
- Violence and sex scenes shown on movies can phenomenally increase the rate of crime among viewers.

[The above mentioned points should be helpful for you to generate your own ideas and then turning them in to a nicely written IELTS Essay. Add any point you think we have missed in the comment section at the end of this article.]

### **Model Answer 2:**

Communication media plays a vital role in today's world. It enables us to stay informed of the happenings in the entire world, provides access to real time information, and entertains us. There are different kinds of media in use today, namely comics, books, radio, television, film, theatre etc. Of these the most effective are television, radio and books.

Television, or TV for short, is an electronic device that enables us to see and listen at the same time to an act that has been recorded. These can be replayed any number of times. News on a TV enables us to view the current events occurring in different parts of the world. Video of an event can be telecasted live as it happens through remote satellite links. A TV can also be a source of education and entertainment. Educational channels, such as Discovery channel, telecast several interesting programs on topics such as wildlife or solar system. Other channels, such as Star movies, telecast movies throughout the day.

A radio is an electronic device that uses microwave communication to send and receive information. Unlike a TV, a radio cannot display an image or a video, and the communication is limited to voice only. Typically, a radio is used for access information such as news and live traffic updates. The information is conveyed on fixed bands of microwave frequency called channels. A user can set the frequency of the radio to access a particular channel.

Books are the one of the oldest kind of communication medium. A book typically consists of several page made from wood pulp bound together. A book is typically identified by a title and an author, and optionally an ISBN number which identifies a book uniquely. A book usually contains a material on a given topic, divided by sub-topics in form of chapters. Books are often classified by genre, which is a theme in which

the topic can be classified. Examples of genres include fiction, non-fiction, science fiction, mystery etc.

Of all the communication media available today, television, radio and books are the most important and effective ones. These are also the most commonly used media in the world today, and are responsible for binding the world together.

**12. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Some people claim that there are more disadvantages of the car than its advantages. Do you agree or disagree? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of having a car.**

**Give reasons for your answer.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

In our lives, we travel from one place to another for a great variety of reasons and while traveling we greatly depend on cars, whether it is a private car or a public bus. The number of car-owners increasing everyday because every person expects the freedom to travel and comfort while traveling. And that is why most of us want to own a car.

However, owning a car has many advantages and disadvantages as well.

The main advantage of owning a car is it gives the freedom to travel. If you have a car then you don't need to be limited to fixed routes and timetables. Moreover, a car-owner can take his/her family members with him/her and other necessary goods whenever he/she wish which might have been impossible otherwise. In addition personal cars give comfort while traveling on the contrary to the public buses which are so crowded and disgusting. You can read books, listen to music or even can play with kids while you are in your own car but those all seems to be impossible in a public transport. On the contrary, owning a car is very expensive. The price of the car, the cost of the tax, insurance cost, fuel-cost, driver's salary, car repairing etc. all must be considered before buying a car and that is why it is out of reach of the middle class people.

Moreover, private cars can not carry many passengers at a time yet occupy spaces in the street. As the number of car is increasing in the road so does the traffic jam? Perhaps the major disadvantage of cars in general is the huge damage they do to the human health and to the environment. More cars mean more pollution. The environment pollution is a

serious issue today and in any cost we must reduce the amount of pollution. And if we consider it then owning a car is never a good idea.

To sum up, having a car gives someone freedom but if public transportation system is easily accessible, safe and efficient, then the idea of buying and owning a car should be abandoned.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Agree / Disagree as well as Advantages & Disadvantages.**

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

**A. Do you agree that there are more disadvantages of the car than its advantages?**

**B. Advantages of having a car.**

**C. Disadvantages of having a car.**

**Note:** This essay topic is bit tricky. It is a combination of both "Agree/ Disagree" and "Advantages & Disadvantages" type essay. First you need to write whether you agree or disagree that cars have more disadvantages than the advantages they offer. Again you need to write down the advantages and disadvantages of owning a car. In the introduction part of the essay you need to mention whether you agree or disagree. Then in the following paragraphs you can write the advantages and disadvantages of cars and at the end of the each paragraph you can summarize why having a car has more advantages than disadvantages and vice versa.

**Disadvantages of having a car:**

- Owning a car is expensive and requires additional costs to maintain and repair it. Not all families can afford it.
- Cars have increased the level of air and noise pollution in cities, causing more humans to suffer from respiratory, heart diseases, or cancers.
- City travelers have to spend longer hours on traffic jams. Using more private car, the density of traffic has been increased phenomenally and citizens have had to stay longer time on traffic load.
- As the number of private cars increased, more car passengers have been injured or died by severe accidents.
- More pedestrians' accidents have been reported annually. As the usage of private cars increases, it is more probable that people walking through the street die by them.
- Private car is more expensive than the public transportation. Paying huge money for tax, renewing of license, or air care, people have to pay more for using of car.

- More fossil fuels are consumed as more cars are used by people, leading other generations to face shortage of these fuels.
- Governmental expense will be raised far dramatically. To build and maintenance of more highways for more cars, hire more police force, the local government have to consider a larger budget.
- The use of cars to commute has decreased the average health of car users as they do not need to do any physical movement.
- The consumption of fuels to run the car is contributing to the rise if global warming and affecting the ozone layer.
- The car owners need to worry about the safety and parking places for cars wherever s/he travels.
- It saves time as the commuter can reach his destination quickly than it would be required in a public bus.

**Agreement:** Why cars have more disadvantages than advantages? Considering all the disadvantages the cars have to the health, environment, government budget and the hassle and expenses the car owners have to bear, it is quite clear that having a car has more demerits and the advantages it offers.

**Advantages of having a car:**

- Private vehicle is more convenient mode of transportation. Having more comfortable seat, ventilation or other novel technologies help people to feel better than using of other methods, like bicycle or public bus.
- Users have a more secure privacy compared to using public transportation.
- This will increase more job opportunities because more workers will be involved in working in car companies or as drivers, reducing the unemployment rate.
- The local state will have more budgets, paid by car owners' taxes, to renew the roads. Annually, car drivers have to pay hundreds of dollars for renewing of their car insurance, license, tickets, or air care.
- Other industries have been developed as car industries developed. The more humans use more private cars, the more car companies have to raise their technology, leading other mother industries to be developed too.
- People can have absolute freedom on deciding the schedule and roads to reach their destination.
- In a private car a person can utilize his time but it is very tough to do so in a public bus.

- In a car a person does not have to worry about the dusts, noise and fumes present in the road while in public transportation it is not always possible to avoid those.

**Disagreement:** Why cars have more advantages than disadvantages?

Considering the advantages the car ownership offers, I would say that it is more beneficial to own a car than using public transportation. Many people might argue against owning a car but I think most of them would buy a car if their financial condition allows them to do so.

### **Alternative Answer 2:**

Owning a car is a birth-right for some people while other people try their life-long to purchase one. Apart from these two groups, there are certain people who do not dare to even think about purchasing a car because of their miserable economic conditions. However, for all those people the four wheel car is a fancy machine with advantages and utility. Owning a car can also might bring some drawback.

Among the advantages of owning a car, in my opinion, freedom of traveling is the most important one. Someone who owns a car can plan his route, timing and destination. He won't have to wait for the schedule of a public bus, stand in a long cue, wait for hour for the bus to arrive, and sit in the public bus uncomfortably. A person car gives the freedom, saves time and the owner can utilize the time while he travels. Apart from that, he can carry the grocery, goods and other valuables in the car at his discretion. Owning a car also offers the flexibility of visiting a relatives and friends who stay far away without much hassle of a public bus. Taking a child or an old person in a public bus is quite impossible and owning a car would facilitates someone to take his kid, old relatives with him if needed. The comfort and safety in a private car can't be achieved in a public car. In terms of expense, sometimes personal car saves monthly expenses that would otherwise be required for a person if he travel frequently.

On the other hand owning a car has some disadvantages as well. First of all, private cars require the garage place and parking hassle. Sometimes the expenses on hiring a driver and purchasing fuel might exceed the expense budgeted in case of people who could have

easily avail a public bus for infrequent journey. The traffic issue, paper renewal issue, tax, police cases are sometimes too much to handle for the personal car owners. For example, if a public bus gets busted in the middle of a road, the passenger can easily leave it a look for another one. But in this same situation, a private car owner who was riding in his car would have to take the burden of taking care of the busted car and reach to the automobile repairing centers.

**13. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task**

**It is said that, "Not everything that is learned is contained in books". Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books. In your opinion, which source is more important? Why? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1: (Notion: the knowledge we gather from our experience is far more important)**

Books are our best companions and source of knowledge from our infant time till the end of life. Our learning begins by reading books. Books open new horizons in front of us. But sometimes the hardest and most important lessons we learn in life come from our participation in situation. The things we learn in real-life can never be learned through anything else. We can't learn everything from books and in my opinion, the knowledge we gather from our experience is far more important, than anything else.

Of course, learning from books in a formal educational institutions and learning from books for someone's own interest are highly important. Books are like open doors. Whenever someone read books, it helps the readers to broaden their power of imagination, to introduce them new ideas. In facts, books are fine collection of ideas, experiences, imaginations and innovations of writers for the readers. But everyone's life is much more different than all of others. So we sometimes face a whole new situation. I believe, most important lessons cannot be taught. It must be faced and learned all by ourselves. The experiences we gather from our daily life help us to rectify our future act. We learn from watching a situation even if we are not the part of it. We even learn from



the stories we hear from our friends or family members about some strange situations that have occurred.

No one can teach us how to live alone, how to share our feelings, how to create self-respects. Those all must be learned from our experiences. Experiencing our own triumphs and disasters is really the only way to learn how to deal with life. Books, teachers, parents give us guide-lines and our experiences gives the perfection of it.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Compare & Contrast + Your opinion.**

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

**A. Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books.**

**B. Which one is more important and why?**

**Compare: Comparing the knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books.**

- Books presents us true facts, history, subject matter expertise, story and knowledge that we need to evolve as a true human. Our life experience also gives us wisdom, knowledge and teaches us lessons to become the better persons we are.
- Books are the primary source of knowledge and enhance our horizon. Experience gathered in life also provides us guideline and wisdom to broaden our horizon.
- Both are excellent source of knowledge and unparalleled sources of great wisdom.
- Without reading we cannot hone our brain. Without experiencing things we cannot learn how to deal with difficulties.
- Without reading books we can't become wise enough to gather the right experience and lessons in our life.
- Books give us knowledge and our experience and practice hones it.

**Contrast: Contrasting the knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books.**

- Books provide us theoretical knowledge while our experiences give us firsthand knowledge.
- Theories learned from books are often pointless if you cannot use it in our life.

- Lessons learned from books are often forgotten but we never forget our first hand experience.
- Lessons learned from an experience could never be learned from reading.
- Most important lessons in life can't be taught, but experienced.
- Books contain the experience gathered by many generations and their observation. Experience is limited to a person only.
- Some knowledge could only be learned from books like the atmosphere of Mars but can never be experienced by a person.

**In favour of Books:**

- Books are important to raise our concept about important subjects affecting our life, like science, nature, or health.
- The materials we learn from books can help us to become more competitive in our real life, at our job or study.
- Books increase our abstract thinking. We will be able to have a better conceptual thoughts if we analysis them before by reading more books.
- Reading more books, we will have better basics to create better frames in practice. Those only trusting on their sole experience may make more mistakes.
- Books improve our self-confidence. Reading about experts' opinions, we will able to rely more on performance in practice.
- Books can help us to become successful businesspersons than those one just relying on their experience.
- Humans can save their money as they read more due to using other professionals' knowledge and experience written in books.

**In favour of Practical Experience:**

- Practical lessons help us to have more deeply understanding, while theory learned from books will be forgotten far easier.
- Having a better experience, we can save our time. We may have to review several times a book to learn about its subjects, while by having enough experience it is not necessary we review them.
- By having more practice, we will become more flexible to critical conditions.
- Experience assists us to become more socially active. Instead of studying materials in an isolated condition, for example in a library, we can meet more people by practicing more.

**Sample Opinion 1:**

I personally agree with those studying more books than those just relying on experience.

They will have a better performance in their work and education, more competitive, better confidence, and more rich by saving more time than those just use their experience.

**Alternative Answer 2: (Notion: Knowledge gained from books plays a very important role in the modern life)**

People are learning and practicing through their entire life. I believe that life experience and practice are the basic reasons of the humankind's evolution. However, in my opinion, knowledge gained from books plays a very important role in the modern life.

The most obviously important advantage of books is that they hold all knowledge gained by previous generations. People write books about their discoveries and inventions, which are gained through practice and experience. This knowledge is accumulated in books that are passed from generation to generation. So, basically, people get all knowledge about the previous achievements from books, analyze it and then, according to their experience and new data, write new books. In this case, books are the holders of humankind's experience.

For example, at old times people thought that the Earth was flat. It was concluded from observations and studying. However, the next generations, using the experience of their ancestors, proved that the Earth was round. Personally, I think that books are very important because they are able to give people the basic and fundamental knowledge. Books store history, the important events and discoveries. Without them it is difficult and sometimes impossible to move forward, make new discoveries and inventions.

To summarize, I think a person should take basic knowledge from books because it will help him to make his own inventions, conclusions and discoveries. Only using both books and one's experience one can move forward.

**14. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case study to an educational reader with no specialized knowledge of the following topic:**

**The overuse of natural resources causes an ultimate exhaust of them. People have been using them to be in swim of new styles such as making new furniture of recent design. This causes a huge harm to the environment. Therefore, government should discourage people the overuse of these resources.**

**To what extent do you support or oppose the idea?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

In our life, we use the natural resources in many different ways and in fact natural resources are vital for our existences. Our lives will simply stick if we stop using natural resources. But it is a matter of pity that the way we overuse those resources. The existing natural resources are limited and the demand and consumption are increasing day by day as the world population is increasing. As a result natural resources are rather being reduced with the increased and imprudent uses. We must control the overuse of these priceless resources for our own survival

The population and their demand are increasing and with technological improvements the natural resources are being used more than any other time of the human history. We use those to meet our daily and vital needs. For instance, we use natural gas to cook food. But the natural resources like fuels and gas are also used to fulfill our luxury. In fact the mass people will try to use natural resources to adopt new fashions and changing demands. People changes their furniture-model, car-model so frequently and it has become a symbol of their prominence. Thus they use natural resources like wood and fuels so unwisely and in my opinion this is quite unnecessary.

Government of a country is involved to look after the betterment of countrymen. People are unaware about the aftereffects of this over use. So the Government has to play a vital role by sending the message to the mass population and by taking necessary initiatives to prevent this overuse of the natural resources. However we all should understand the issue and should take part to prevent the overuse of our natural resources. Government can not stop such a bad trend all alone. Making new furniture is a right to a citizen and Government can not stop this by enforcing laws only. The citizen must be conscious about the devastating aftereffects.

In conclusion, I personally believe that the Government should be strict and discourage the mass people overusing natural resources. In addition, a comprehensive effort by all is needed to make the steps taken by the Government successful.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Argumentative (Support or oppose an idea).**

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

**A. Should government discourage people from overusing the natural resources as this overuse causes harm to the environment.**

**Argument in support of this view point: Why government should discourage people the overuse of natural resources.**

- The use of natural resources must be controlled for our own survival.
- The existence of natural resources is limited and that is why we should prudently use those resources. Otherwise we will endanger the environment and the natural ecosystem.
- Scarce of raw materials for other generations. For instance, shortage of fossil fuels, which are the leading source of energy for heating and transportation.
- This has widened the gap between rich and poor countries. Western countries have moved their industries to developing ones, consuming more their natural resources. So, the latter will face more environmental challenges and become poorer.
- We will have more starved humans. Eroding of soil and contamination of freshwater will damage farming products, leading the world to have more malnourished humans.
- War might happen. Now, in many countries shortage of freshwater has led a tremendous conflict between them, and this will become worse if uncontrollable usage continue.
- The alternative sources of energy are yet to be fully accepted throughout the world. So we should preserve as much natural resources as we can.
- Ultimate exhaust of natural resources would create a chaos and many wild lives would be endangered as well.
- There is no easy and usable artificial technique to reproduce the natural resources again.
- It is too selfish not to think about the next generation and by consuming natural resources we will give them a worse world than the one we live in.

**Opposing the view point: Why government should NOT discourage people the use of natural resources.**

- Raw materials would be restored by novel technologies. As technology develops, factories will be able to find better ways to restore the wasted resources being used before.
- This strategy will have huge drawbacks on economy of countries. Accessing less to natural resources, their production will fall and a considerable economy recession will occur.
- This will raise the rate of unemployment. Consideration of more restrictions on industries will cause them to become less profitable, so they will lay out more employees.
- Using of modernized filtering systems, disposals will be restored and recycled far more quickly than now, so consideration of more constrains is not necessary.
- Having more different variation in life, variety of goods and manufactures, people's living condition has improved fundamentally.

#### **Model Answer 2:**

Nowadays many people express a contention that natural resources will have been used up by the end of the century. However, others do not share this concern and keep buying luxurious items which are far from being environmentally friendly. There is no doubt that some measures have to be taken to save the environment. Some people think that government is capable of solving this problem by discouraging the over consumption of the natural resources. I strongly believe that to be effective this measure should be accompanied by developing new technologies.

Undoubtedly, government should make effort to save as many resources as possible, which can be realized by introducing various laws. Many countries have already witnessed traffic congestion schemes and improvement in public transportation. Quite often people are encouraged to cycle in order to reduce the consumption of petroleum. Nevertheless, much more can be done on the governmental level. For instance, it might be effective to the introduce a special tax on luxurious items such as powerful sport cars which consume a lot of fuel or elaborate furniture which is made of rare kinds of trees. This way, people will think twice before getting something which cannot be described as environmentally friendly. Therefore, government has the authority to make natural resources last longer.

Furthermore, government has to invest a substantial amount of money in the research and development of new sources of energy. Although many nations have been working on solar and wind power for a considerable period of time, the results are not impressive enough. The process of developing unconventional sources of energy must be sped up, which can only be done by extensive cooperation. Scientists in all developed countries should be willing to unite their efforts for the common good. Such cooperation can be achieved by creation of the governmental incentives or any kind of financial support. If more countries will be interested in finding alternative sources of energy, natural resources will no longer be at risk.

As it can be seen, the issue of the natural resources overuse can be resolved. Implementation of particular laws coupled with the development of the environmentally friendly technologies is bound to give a positive result and let future generations live a better life having no concerns about the exhaust of vital substances.

**15. A University should accept male and female students equally in every subject.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the above statement?**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

**(Agreement: A University should accept male and female students equally)**

There is an old cliché "Give an educated mother and I will give you an educated nation". This proverb alone emphasizes the issue of women education. Throughout the history men and women both worked hand by hand to build a perfect world and whatever the current world is, has been contributed both by male and female but not one specific gender. As University education is so important for the full bloom of one person's merit skill and knowledge, there must raise the equal opportunity for both male and female students. They work side by side as friends but not like competitors. If only men go ahead in education, research, arts, history and women remains backward then no goods can be done. So I strongly support the idea of taking same number of male and female students in every level of education as well as in the university level.

The history suggests that men are dominant in numbers in science, arts, engineering, creativity and business sectors. But we cannot deny the contribution of Mother Teresa or madam Merry Currie who has devoted their whole life for the betterment of the world. It is true that if the competition is arranged regardless of gender more male student will be ahead of women. But still Universities should accept equal number of students. If fewer females hold the important sectors of a country naturally women will feel deprived and this will lead them to compete with men.

It is a mother who is much more emotionally attached with their kids and friendlier to kids than fathers. So they help the kids about their study. So the importance of female education in higher level gets priority considering this single issue.

In conclusion Universities should get admitted same number of students from both sex and give the equal opportunity in every level.

Idea Generation for this IELTS Essay:

Essay Type: **Argumentative (Agreement or Disagreement)**..

**Main question of this IELTS Essay:**

**A. Whether a university should admit equal number of male and female students in each subject?**

**Agreement: Why universities should accept male and female students equally in every subject.**

1. According to human rights, both genders must be permitted to study in their favorite subject. In Islamic countries, male doctors are not allowed to become Gynecologists, and this has increased the rate of mortality and morbidity of cases.
2. Males and females pay the same rate of taxes, so they must be given similar opportunity.
3. Students will have higher level of competition. To achieve higher encouragements from opposite gender, students will have tougher competition than when they compete with the same gender.
4. This can help both sexes to increase their communication skills when it comes to having closer relationships with the opposite sex. Definitely, students of these schools



will most probably have less matrimonial problems in the future.

5. This will ensure the women empowerment and the society would benefit from this arrangement.
6. Women in most of the society are underprivileged and this arrangement would ensure their better education and thus contribution to the family, society and country.
7. If equal number of male and female students get admitted in every subjects offered in a university, more areas of research and employment would be explored by women and that would benefit the country as they would contribute more.
8. Chances of gender discrimination in the classrooms would greatly reduce.
9. If fewer females hold the important sectors of a country naturally women will feel deprived and this will lead them to compete with men.

**Disagreement: Why universities should NOT accept male and female students equally in every subject.**

1. Physically some areas of work and related study fields are not appropriate for the women and that's why they would naturally show less interest in those areas of study. For example, a female construction engineer working in outdoor may become frustrated by heavy physical activities that are normal for men.
2. Sensationally, women are more fitted to some areas of study than men. Nursing is a good example in this case. So women in such subjects should get priority.
3. It can be costly. Governments have to consider larger budgets for admitting equal number of males and females.
4. The level of sexual violence can be increased fundamentally.
5. Reserved quota for female would be discriminating for some talented male students.

6. University education should be based on talent and performance, not based on equal gender opportunity.
7. In reality the identical number of male and female students in every subject in a university is a fanciful idea that would deprive many talented male students from getting university education.
8. A form of natural selection will take place: survival of the fittest; and the end result would benefit us all.

**Model Answer 2:**

**(Disagreement: A University should NOT accept male and female students equally)**

The society and educational system have changed significantly from the old era when it was almost impossible for a girl to study in a university while only boys were allowed to do so. Now a girl can get admitted in a college or university at her wish and merit. A boy has to fight with the girl applicants to get admitted in the university level and in most of the countries the equal opportunity in case of education has been established. There are many cases in a university that women students exceed the male students in many subjects. I oppose the idea of admitting same number of male and female students in every subject offered in a university bypassing the merit list.

First of all, university aims to educate people and prepare them for the future and those students would lead the country in the future. If the admission process prioritize sentiment and tries to admit equal number of female students in each subject, it would not be a good idea for the country. Rather they should focus on merit and there is no harm if more female students can get admitted in the university level than male. The point is merit and qualification not the gender and if a university is trying to feed the sentiment, it would harm the future.

Second, the qualification is result, talent and merit. Here male & female issue should not be considered. The equal number of male and female students in every subject is a whimsical idea that would deprive many talented male students. Third, since there is no restriction on the number of female students allowed for a subject, they can naturally compete in a fair fight and show they competence rather than being pitied by a policy. Again, not all male and female are equally interested in studying in every subject, they have their own choices. Implementing the equal number of male & female students in

each subject would take away the freedom from students to study in their favorite subject. Girl would naturally prefer to study in particular subjects while more boys would want to study in other subjects and the proposed idea would destroy this facility.

In conclusion, the idea of admitting same number of male and female students in university level in each subjects is not a good idea and the admission should strictly base on choice and merit rather than emotion.

**16. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Some people say that television is a very useful tool when it comes to education. Others argue that television is a much overused, ineffective teacher.**

**Discuss both of these views and give your opinion as to the usefulness of television as an educational tool.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

There is a lot of controversy on the topic whether TV can play a role of a teacher. Some people hold a viewpoint that it can never be educational at all. Others, although, disagree, referring to TV's high potential of teaching through amusement.

As a matter of fact, television nowadays can hardly be called educational. All those talk shows and soap operas we can see every day are completely waste of time and can even have negative effects by distracting young and undisciplined people from their studies. Moreover, the most of so called educational programs like National Geographic can not replace books and academic lectures because they tend to entertain people and have not an aim to give deep and concentrated knowledge.

However, TV can be a powerful mean of delivering information and a nice part of learning process. Educational Methodists have proved that the more senses are involved at the time of studying; the more effective result can be achieved. Television produces both picture and sound, so its usefulness is obvious. Many teachers already use this advantage actively by showing students videocassettes which go as supplementary

material to many language courses. So why not to broadcast such movies through television?

The problem of ineffectiveness of television as educational tool is in fact not a problem of television itself, but of people who decide the content of particular channel. It is hardly unlikely that content directors would abandon their high profits and change talk shows to lectures and video-lessons. Therefore, those, who insist on the uselessness of TV, maybe right, but let us not forget that as technology improves new cheap ways of broadcasting appear, for instance video broad casts. They can prove exclusive power of such learning tool as television.

### **Alternative Answer 2:**

People are divided in opinion if television is a great source of education and knowledge or not. Both of these two groups have their reasoning and logics. In this essay I will discuss both the viewpoint to represent the effectiveness and drawbacks of TV as the source of education.

To mention the disadvantages, television channels are too much commercial nowadays and they would produce any program to attract people no matter if they are authentic or not. There are plenty of choices for channels and people tend to use their TV as an entertainment media than an educational source. The biased news, politically influenced talk show etc. often mislead people and that has a very negative impact on the society. Programs that contain violence, negative impression often distracts young people and the addiction on TV programs often restrain people from doing other important activities. TV is a great source of knowledge sharing but the programs choice must be prudent to learn something from it and most of the people fail to do so.

On the other hand, there are lots of advantages of TV according to a group and these advantages supersede the disadvantages as they opine. There are always options for a TV viewer and if s/he takes it as a medium of educational sources, the can always do so. It is an effective medium for updating people about the current news, different viewpoints and current affairs. People no longer need to travel a great deal to learn about other countries and it is TV that actually made it possible. Channels like Discovery, National Geography have been successfully broadcasting education channels and they are hugely popular around the globe. This is a strong tool for a government to communicate with mass people to deliver a message. After a stressful day at work

people often find it refreshing to watch music, movies, soap opera, reality shows, travel shows at their homes and there is no argument that those things have their educational references well rooted into.

In conclusion, TV can be a great source for education if properly and prudently watched and also can be a negative factor for some people if their program choice is somehow negative.

**17. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**News editors decide what to broadcast on television and what to print in newspapers. What factors do you think influence these decisions? Do we become used to bad news? Would it be better if more good news was reported?**

**Use your own ideas knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

#### **Model Answer 1:**

In today's modern world, a growing amount of news and information on television or newspapers have considerably influenced the public. Besides, what factors are impacted on reporting information on news media is an issue many people feel strongly about.

This essay will discuss various influences as well as associated with phenomenon above.

As far as I am concerned, there is a wide range of factor accounting for publishing news and broadcasts. The most noticeable, I believe, is that aiming at a high audience rating so as to maximize profits. This leads to pursuing the increasingly diverse needs of viewers from all walks of life in order to satisfy and cater for them. Another contributory factor is that for many countries, news editors have to succumb to political pressure, distorting facts and misleading the public. To put it another way, they are controlled entirely by powerful political parties and enjoined to disregard the truth. This is particularly true in many undemocratic countries like Chinese, North Korea, and Vietnams where information is seriously censored and even disseminated political ideals to guide public opinions.

Moreover, living in the information era, people are bombarded with daily amount of news, including good and bad news, from multiple media. Today's coverage and press might sometimes be less trustworthy mainly because it often exaggerates the level of the real information, in order to boost the attention of the desired audiences. Furthermore, some media companies use the stories of people's private life, seductive images and violent or obscene contents to appeal viewers, especially teenagers. It means that their thoughts and behaviours might be changed and shows a tendency to hatred, violence, jealousy, and even copycat phenomenon. However, the role of news media in reporting good news, such as someone's achievement and humane stories, should be acknowledged. That will make quicker progress toward society better.

In conclusion, what today's news and information on media we receive is influenced by some main factors as hooking viewers, increasing profits, and obeying political regulations. Besides, the news media can have a double-edged impact on society by good and bad news. By doing so, we can ensure that choosing information carefully before reading and watching is indispensable to us.

### **Model Answer 2:**

It has often been said that "Good news is bad news" because it does not sell newspapers. A radio station that once decided to present only good news soon found that it had gone out of business for lack of listeners. Bad news on the other hand is so common that in order to cope with it, we often simply ignore it. We have become immune to bad news and the newspapers and radio stations are aware of this.

While newspapers and TV stations may aim to report world events accurately, be they natural or human disasters, political events or the horrors of war, it is also true that their main objective is to sell newspapers and attract listeners and viewers to their stations. For this reason TV and radio stations attempt to reflect the flavor of their station by providing news broadcasts tailor-made to suit their listeners' preferences. Program specializing in pop music or TV soap operas focus more on local news, home issues and up-to-date traffic reports. The more serious stations and newspapers like to provide "so called" objective news reports with editorial comment aimed at analyzing the situation.

If it is true, then, that newspapers and TV stations are tailoring their news to their readers' and viewers' requirements how can they possibly be reporting real world events in an honest and objective light? Many radio and TV stations do; in fact, report items of good news but they no longer call this news. They refer to these as human interest

stories and package them in program specializing, for instance, in consumer affairs or local issues. Good news now comes to us in the form of documentaries the fight against children cancer or AIDS, or the latest developments in the fight to save the planet from environmental pollution.

**Alternative answer 3:**

News both in print media and in television should reflect the authentic, unbiased and important news for the audiences and those news play an important role in terms of educating people, informing people about the current world and giving them insight of political and social view. But sadly this is always not the case and news editors are often broadcast and publish biased and politically influenced news that do more harm than good to the society.

There are various reasons for that. First of all the personal views and political prejudiced are two important factors that cause this problem. Newspapers and TV news should ideally be two great media to reach the people with the real and authentic news. People greatly rely on these media to get updates of events and current affairs and the impartial and biased news mislead them often. Often political views of editors and their link to a particular political party lead to this problem. It is not uncommon that a chief editor gets appointed to the position by the powerful political party and he is expected to present news in favour of this party. Second, in many countries government impose strict rules on what type of news can be presented to the public and that also causes problems in terms of fair and accurate news presenting. In many cases money and corruption is involved for such heinous act. Again, many newspapers heavily rely on other renowned newspapers and internet for current news and if the source is corrupted, that leads to the case of printing and broadcasting impartial and misleading news. Personal threat, political reasons, power, greed, pressure and personal gains, business are the main reasons editors sometimes decide what to broadcast and what to print.

I would not agree with the notion that we are used to bad news as I have witnessed many cases when a good news get more attention and audience than bad news. It's true that bad news is by their nature is appealing to people, but as a whole we want to know about the true happening. Good or bad, people want to learn the truth. Often people's attention can be achieved by publishing and broadcasting bad and negative news, but this is now always the truth as events like peace treaty, world war, noble contributions, achievements, good deeds and political positive decision gets more readers and viewers than bad news.

In conclusion, we are not used to bad news and editors do decide which news to be reached to public or not based on their personal, business and political reasons.

**18. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**Fatherhood ought to be emphasized as much as motherhood. The idea that women are solely responsible for deciding whether or not to have babies leads on to the idea that they are also responsible for bringing the children up.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement?**

**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your answer with examples and relevant evidence.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

### **Model Answer 1: (Neutral Notion)**

I believe that child-rearing should be the responsibility of both parents and that, whilst the roles within that partnership may be different, they are nevertheless equal in importance. In some societies, it has been made easier over the years for single parents to raise children on their own. However, this does not mean that the traditional family, with both parents providing emotional support and role-models for their children, is not the most satisfactory way of bringing up children.

Of crucial importance, in my opinion, is how we define 'responsible for bringing the children up'. At its simplest, it could mean giving the financial support necessary to provide a home, food and clothes and making sure the child is safe and receives an adequate education. This would be the basic definition.

There is, however, another possible way of defining that part of the quotation. That would say it is not just the fathers responsibility to provide the basics for his children, while his wife involves herself in the everyday activity of bringing them up. Rather, he should share those daily duties, spend as much time as his job allows with his children, play with them, read to them, help directly with their education, participate very fully in their lives and encourage them to share his.



It is this second, fuller, concept of 'fatherhood' that I am in favor of, although I also realize how difficult it is to achieve sometimes. The economic and employment situation in many countries means that jobs are getting more, not less, stressful, requiring long hours and perhaps long journeys to work as well. Therefore it may remain for many a desirable ideal rather than an achievable reality.

**Answer 2: (Agreement: Fatherhood ought to be emphasized as much as motherhood)**

Traditionally, gender role issue has always discriminated women and it is considered woman to be responsible for upbringing of children. Now-a-days, these traditions are changing gradually. It is agreed that both parents should share these responsibilities and at the same time should support each other. This can be proved by looking at how fathers who spend whole day with their children can be a good motivator for them and mothers are becoming the bread-earners for the family. Also, it is agreed that fathers motivate their children more than mothers do. For example, males are more interested towards sports activities.

Firstly, some people argue that mother should take care of the Family, especially the kids; however these thoughts have changed over the time and now-a-days fathers have started sharing parental and domestic responsibilities. So, by taking their children to sports events such as football matches, swimming, etc. will develop an interest for sports in them. This shows that fathers can motivate a child to become a sports person.

Secondly, the tradition of women is to staying at home and bringing up children have changed and women have started taking work from all fields, along with this they also take care for their children. For instance, it has been seen that many working women take maternity leave during and after their pregnancy period and continue to work after these leaves. Some women prefer to do work from home if provided by their employer. In some cases, women may have better career prospects than their husbands. So, the father had to take paternity leave and become a househusband, which is becoming more common nowadays. Thus, it is clear from the above discussion women can be a bread earning person for a family.

Following this look at how, both parents share responsibility for caring their children. Thus, it has been proven that fathers are equally responsible for upbringing of their children.

**Answer 3: (Agreement: Fatherhood ought to be emphasized as much as motherhood)**

In the past, it was a common custom that the one who was responsible to bring up children - was the mother only; the fathers' responsibility was to earn the livings and provide a good life. However, a change in the belief took place in the previous few years; nowadays, some people claim that fatherhood should be emphasized much more. Although some people see that fathers must contribute in the bringing up of children and it's not only mother's responsibility, other people still see that it's only mother's responsibility.

"Of course me and my husband, George!" said Miss Karmen when she was asked who was in charge of bringing up her child, she added "Oh, I really cannot do this alone; my child needs both of us". If the child use to live interact and play with his mother only, that will lead to improper dealing with other people including his dad. The fact that father for money and mother for upbringing is absolutely out dated.

A kid needs both the father and mother's care but father would be mostly busy at works so ultimately the mother would have to spend more time with the kind. But the father should spend as much time as possible with his kids after getting back from the work.

Actually, some people still adhere to their point of view regardless the prior information claiming that parents must contribute, yet in their way; each one is responsible for only one thing. We have an example, Robert Frans, a teacher in a high school in Australia; he said "Why I have to tire myself more, it's my wife's own business". For me I actually think that fatherhood ought to be emphasized, but not as much as motherhood. I think mothers' share in upbringing should be more than that of fathers.

**19. You should finish the task within 40 minutes.**

**Without capital punishment (the death penalty) our lives are less secure and crimes of violence increase. Capital punishment is essential to control violence in society.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**Model Answer 1: (Agreement: Capital punishment is essential to control violence in society.)**

Before talking about the essential role of death penalty, you have to think about the meaning, and the purpose, of any kind of punishment. If you consider that the purpose is to prevent the guilty from being nasty again, you can be seduced by an argumentation in favor of the suppression of capital punishment.

But you have to think about another aspect of the problem: a punishment is also useful to impress people, to make them fear the law. In fact, let's take the example of a young misfit, which has grown in a violent atmosphere, influenced by older delinquents, etc. He lives in the streets; he's got no aim but to survive. This is the kind of person who could possibly kill someone for money, or even for fun. Why would he fear prison? Life would be easier for him there. In addition, in many cases, when you behave normally, you can benefit from penalty reductions. This young misfit needs to be impressed; he needs to know that the law is a frontier. When you cross it, you can lose your life. That is why capital punishment helps keeping a distance between robbery and murder. If you abolish it, you suppress the difference between these two types of crime, which are completely different.

But there is also a limit to define: even if death penalty is unavoidable, it would be a crime to apply it to inadequate cases. If there is no premeditation or past facts which can justify such a punishment, it is far too strict to apply death penalty. That is why the lawmakers have to establish precisely the context in which capital punishment can be pronounced. That is the price to pay to limit violence without using excessive violence.

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**Model Answer 2: (Agreement: Capital punishment is essential to control violence in society.)**

Nowadays, crime rates is accelerating day-by-day according to many surveys. To rein this situation, there should be a mechanism in place like jail for lifetime and death penalty based upon the crime severity. Government should enforce such laws to create a high alert around the society and endorse a secure ruling to its people.

Many incidents are the best example for imbalanced society values in the recent days. Those are like killing own mother or planned to murder best friend due to immaturity. If there is no mechanism to stop such kind of incidents would severely impact the society livelihood. Hence, capital punishment is mandatory to implicate a fear among the people who create such violence and which ensures the peaceful life among communities.

In fact, I believe death penalty is the only way to punish the criminals as they commit serious crimes which directly aid in controlling the violence at least to some extent. For instance, recently group of five men brutally raped and murdered a woman in the broad daylight. Due to that, high court had punished death penalty to that group which has created a sensation as the capital punishment is very rare in my country and social volunteers said crime rate is gradually decreasing after that incident. Thus, violence is effectively controlled if the capital punishment is endorsed within a society.

In some society, the crime is so violent and severer that the government and the law enforcing authority have to handle that strictly. As a result they do not have any alternative other than imposing capital punishment. Capital punishment gives a message that, you won't be given any second chance if you commit a serious crime like murdering someone. This message is strongly needed in some society to control the crime rate. Without capital punishment, you can't ensure that the same criminal won't commit the crime again. You can't actually control the crime and severe law breaking with the minor punishment in all of the countries. The theme that someone who murdered another human will regret someday and after few years would lead a dignified and free life when the relatives and family members of the victim would remorse forever. What punishment you have in plan if someone is a psychopathic killer

and is out of redemption? Minor punishments and reformation facility? This does not just make sense.

To summarize, capital punishment is important to bring down the crime ratio and to also provide the secured life. Otherwise, ambience in the society will disturb which is not recommended for the common man. Hence, it is advisable to imply such punishment which leads peaceful life with less violence in these days and also in the future.

**20. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic.**

**When a country develops its technology, the traditional skills and ways of life die out. It is pointless to try and keep them alive.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

#### **Alternative Answer 1: (Disagreement)**

The issue 'with the development of the technology traditional skills and the conventional life style die' is a controversial one and needs deeper argument before supporting or opposing the issue. Overall, I disagree with the opinion expressed; I would like to begin by pointing out that 'traditional skills and ways of life' are not totally vanished from one country, culture or community because of the introduction of technology.

In many ways, the history of civilization is the history of technology: from the discovery of fire to the invention of the wheel to the development of the Internet we have been moving on from previous ways of doing things. Some technologies, such as weapons of mass destruction, are of negative impact. Others, such as medical advances, positively help people to live better or longer, and so very much help traditional ways of life. Surely, few people would seek to preserve such traditions as living in caves. Technology will always follow its own footsteps no matter what we, some people think about it. Technology advances because we need it. So there is no way to prevent the advancement of the technology but we should embrace it positively. The generation of a country is responsible to preserve their own custom and tradition and if people feel eager to save a tradition then there is no way technological advancement will destroy it.

There are many cases where technology replaces human labor to create certain things for example: handmade sari, which are still popular in many countries. Technology in this case has not destroyed the old tradition but has introduced a faster and less expensive ways to create the same thing.

Interestingly, technology can positively contribute to the keeping alive of traditional skills and ways of life. For example, the populations of some islands are too small to have normal schools. Rather than breaking up families by sending children to the mainland, education authorities have been able to use the Internet to deliver schooling online. In addition, the Internet, and modern refrigeration techniques, is being used to keep alive the traditional skills of producing salmon; it can now be ordered from, and delivered to, anywhere in the world.

In conclusion, without suggesting that all technology is necessarily good, I think it is by no means 'pointless', in any way, to try to keep traditions alive with technology. We should not ignore technology, because it can be our friend and support our way of life.

#### **Alternative Answer 2:**

The technological revolution affects all countries around the world in many ways significantly. It seems that the traditional skills and the ways life used to be preset have disappeared. This essay will discuss how the technology has led to this case and whether it is worth attempting to save people's traditional life or not.

To begin with, there are various reasons why traditional skills no longer exist as it was many years ago. One major reason is the development in technology. For illustrations, modern technology has been used for many tasks such as agriculture, industries, and the machines have replaced people's manual tasks in most cases. Moreover, the internet alters the way of communication dramatically; instead of visiting family these days, for example, people speak with each other over the phone or chat using social media like Facebook or Twitter. Perhaps, that is why the traditional skills are expiring with the demand if time and modernization.

Let's move to another point in the statement: some people argue that the traditional experience shouldn't be saved. The principal reason for their opinion is that global advertising encourages everyone to buy the same products. For instance, people wear similar clothes, rather than traditional costumes, and eat from the same types of

restaurants such as KFC and Mac Donald and their branches are present all over the world. This shows that it does not make sense to keep the traditional skills alive.

To conclude, this essay has looked at the possible reasons of die out of traditional life, such as the revolution in technology and popularity of the internet, and also the reason why it is aimless to keep them alive.

**21. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**The position of women in society has changed markedly in the last twenty years. Many of the problems young people now experience, such as juvenile delinquency, arise from the fact that many married women now work and are not at home to care for their children.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

### **Model Answer 1: (Agreement)**

Over the last twenty years the women empowerment and employment have gone through rapid changes and more women are working in different sphere of society than ever. This is in fact advantageous for the overall growth a county and at the same time this is one of the main reasons the juvenile delinquency has increased nowadays.

First of all, a child needs the tenderness and guidance of parents and if both parents are working they have very little time to spend with the children. The trends of both working parents is leading depression, lack of morality and lose family tie which have severe psychological damage among the teenagers. This is directly leading to issues like crime, drug and immoral activities conducted by the adolescents.

Again, this is a long time trend that a father would bring the daily breads for the family while mother would foster and take care of the children in most of the society and with the women empowerment, this harmony has been changed. There is no harm in women employment and in fact this is positive from many perspectives and yet we can see an immense competition among the married couple especially regarding their career while they totally overlook their needs for their children. Fatherhood is important and he has many roles to play for the children but a mother, as we have seen throughout the century, makes the major share of contribution towards upbringing the children. When a mother has very little time to share with her kids, the problem related to juvenile crime

increases.

The teenage time is a very sensitive time in every one's life and if parents can't contribute their duties at that time, the children have a chance to go astray. With working mothers this is happening more than ever.

**Model Answer 2: (Disagreement)**

It is certainly true that the position of women in society has undergone a dramatic change in the past twenty years but I do not feel that this is a direct cause of the indisputable increase in juvenile-related problems during this period.

It is now accepted that young women should find work on leaving school; indeed to rely totally on their parents' financial support is no longer an option in many families. Likewise, once they get married, the majority of women continue working since the financial pressures of setting up a house and establishing a reasonable standard of living often require two incomes.

Twenty years ago it was common for women to give up work once they had children and devote their time to caring for their children. This is no longer the general rule and the provision of professionally-run child care facilities and day nurseries have removed much of the responsibility for child rearing that used to fall to mothers. However, these facilities come at a cost and often require two salaries coming into a family to be afforded.

I do not believe that the increase in the number of working mothers has resulted in children being brought up less well than previously. Indeed it could be argued that by giving mothers the opportunity to work and earn extra money children can be better provided for than previously. There is more money for luxuries and holidays and a more secure family life is possible. Of course there are limits as to the amount of time that ideally should be spent away from home and the ideal scenario would be for one of the parents (often the wife) to have a part-time job and thus be available for their children before and after school. It is important to establish the correct balance between family life and working life.



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

**As part of a class assignment you have to write about the following topic.**

**Some Governments say how many children a family can have in their country should be strictly controlled. They may control the number of children someone has through taxes. It is sometimes necessary and right for a government to control the population in this way?**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

**Give reasons for your answer.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1: (Disagreement)**

Over population is a great concern for many under-developed countries and the government takes many steps to control the uncontrolled increase of population. In many countries government impose rules to restrict the number of children a family can have and also restricts many facilities in case a family has too many children. But imposing tax to restrict the number of children in family is not a feasible solution. In my opinion other ways of controlling the population in a country should be considered rather than imposing tax.

First of all, the population is the main problem in most of the third world countries whereas the developed countries mostly have control over that issue. In countries like china, population is not a burden rather they have been able to use the large population as the main work force for the steady improvement of the country. Over population in an under-developed country directly related to poverty, illiteracy, unhygienic lifestyle and crime. So controlling the population in these countries is a must and imposing tax to the poor people would not be a good idea. The trends show that, educated upper class and middle class do not take more than two children in these countries where the poor people seems like have no control on that. If the government imposes tax to those poor people, their life would become more miserable.

I completely agree that each government should maintain some policies and should impose strict rules to control the population a country has but increasing awareness and implementing other policies than tax imposing would be better solutions.

In conclusion, I completely agree that the government of a country should take any initiative to control the over population growth but tax imposing to poor people is the least effective solution since there are many alternatives.

### **Model Answer 2: (Agreement)**

Population is one of the biggest problems for some of the countries today. The population distribution is every uneven across different countries and while some countries have very less population, some other countries suffer from a large number of over population. There are certain countries like India and China which are highly populated area where as countries like Ireland, Russia and Switzerland are thinly populated. So I agree that the countries that are suffering from the huge population should take steps like imposing tax on the number of children a family has.

There are various problems that appear due to huge population, like poverty, unemployment, crime and illiteracy. Every country has limited resources and if the population rises beyond permissible limit, it results in rapid exhaustion of these resources. Therefore, I agree, sometime it is necessary for government to take harsh action to control population. And one of these harsh actions can be to limiting the available facility to the persons who have more than an approved number of children and to impose large amount of taxation due to the large number of children s/he has.

India and China are the world's most populated countries. During '70s, population of both countries' population was growing at rapid rate and in order to curb its population, china imposed 1-child policy and strictly implemented it. As a result, we can see their population growth rate has reduced drastically to 0.6 % per annum, whereas though India promoted 2-children policy but didn't enforce any policy. It tried educating people about benefits of small families, give benefits to small families.

Though, there growth rate decreased but wasn't significant as china. India's growth rate is still hovering around 1.2% per annum and it is believed that they will surpass China's population in next decade or so. Problems associated with population are quite evident in India. Healthcare system is abysmal; unemployment, illiteracy, and poverty are rampant.

On the contrarily, certain European countries have less population and encourages to have more children. Citizens in certain countries are also given extra grants if they have more than two children. Average age of Japan is over 70 years and Japanese government encourages people to have more children in order to have more young population. So

countries who have decent population and are forecasting to decrease the population in the coming ages, should not adopt this taxation strategy.

To conclude, I think it is of utmost importance that country's population is proportional to its resources and total area and to strike that perfect balance, sometimes it is mandatory for government to intervene and impose rules to control population like taxing the individuals who contribute to increasing the population even more.

**23. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**In many countries children are engaged in some kind of paid work. Some people regard this as completely wrong, while others consider it as valuable work experience, important for learning and taking responsibility.**

**What are your opinions in this issue?**

**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

The issue of children doing paid work is a complex and sensitive one. It is difficult to say who has the right to judge whether children working is 'wrong' or 'valuable'. Opinions will also differ as to 'learning' benefits: no doubt teachers and factory owners, for example, would have varying concerns.

An important consideration is the kind of work undertaken. Young children doing arduous and repetitive tasks on a factory production line, for example, are less likely to be 'learning' than older children helping in an old people's home. There are health and safety issues to be considered as well. It is an unfortunate fact that many employers may prefer to use the services of children simply to save money by paying them less than adults and it is this type of exploitation that should be discouraged. There is a big possibility that those working kids are influenced by different types of people they are working with and some lead them to a malevolent ways. For example: most of the working kids in the factory start smoking and even abuse drugs at a very early age.

Some kids are engaged in full-time jobs to support their family and thus how completely destroying their education.

However, in many countries children work because their families need the additional income, no matter how small. This was certainly the case in the past in many industrialized countries, and it is very difficult to judge that it is wrong for children today to contribute to the family income in this way. A working child in many cases is the only earning member for many families. So their support is invaluable and they can't leave the jobs no matter how hazardous the job is.

Nevertheless, in better economic circumstances, few parents would choose to send their children out to full-time paid work. If learning responsibilities and work experience are considered to be important, then children can acquire these by having light, part-time jobs or even doing tasks such as helping their parents around the family home, which are unpaid, but undoubtedly of value in children development.

#### **Model Answer 2:**

In the last few years life has become really tough for many people and because of the ever increasing living expenses some people send their children to earn to lessen the load. In some cases, children of fatherless families have no other choice but to start working for living and supporting the family.

In fact, children's going to work has become a very common issue that has been discussed by many human rights organizations. In my opinion, the young children must be brought up on to be responsible and be able to face the difficulties of life and hence they should start working from the early ages.

I strongly recommend the tradition of working of children who are not intending to participate in academic institutions, those who want to work in trade and business, carpentry, blacksmithing or any other craft related jobs. It's very useful to be engaged in paid work from the early age as it would increase the skill and experience they need to run a successful business. Imagine that a young child whose parents want him to the run the family business as a blacksmith and send him to school to have good education, and

can't support the expense, would actually do more harm than good to the children. Eventually he would become more frustrated and won't be able to run the business the way he should have been.

So why go to school and university if your parents can't afford it? In my belief, it's less expensive and more effective to learn this craft works from the young age by going to learn and work practically, and that of course will give him valuable experience. On the other hand, working from the early age teaches people to become more responsible and practical. We might go against the idea of child labour in first world country but the scenarios in a third world country is completely different. In those countries there are thousands of families where children are the primary earner. The country can't ensure the education and living of these families and hence they do not have the right to abolish the early childhood working trends.

However, I am not with the idea of children's work in all the circumstances, but in certain situations as I have illustrated. If the child is looking forward to having a good profession in a large organization, I don't think that going to early work is a good idea.

**24. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**Improvements in health, education and trade are essential for the development of poorer nations. However, the governments of richer nations should take more responsibility for helping the poorer nations in such areas.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

#### **Model Answer 1:**

In balancing the world economic growth, the underdevelopment of the third world nations have been drawn to the attention of the developed countries of the Western.

Thus, governmental policies and interference in the agricultural business of the poorer nations were made to secure their dominant source of the economy. Many discussions among economists and politicians also put their focus on the other aspects. That is, to improve the health, education and trade for the developing countries. However, the improvements cannot be made by these countries, but more external assistance and aids should be done.

Because of the shortage of food supply, the people in poorer nations (i.e. Africa) are easily prone to disease, hunger and death. When natural or environmental disasters happen, they are threatening with their lives. Education cannot be well developed as a result of frequent droughts, famines and disease spreading. The other countries, while emphasizing on the development of agriculture in the Third World, cannot really give the solution to the cyclical problem which has been existing for a long time. It is time to consider the consequences of all the waste of efforts in trying to help the economic growth of the Third World and to think from the other perspectives. The richer countries have the power to rebuild the Third World by taking care of the essentials - health, education and trade. More aids for providing the medicine, educational needs and materials can be done by the richer countries. The assistance of trade and developing business in the poorer countries also can be of a great help to the poorer nations.

If the richer countries can be more serious about the essential issues of how a nation develops, and well consider the special situations and circumstances those poorer nations are facing, the improvements will be more efficiently made. The governments of developed countries are, in some ways, responsible - though not obliged - for the future of those developing countries.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Education and health are fundamental factors for any nation. Many researches show that the gaps that exist between the level of education in rich and poor countries has a tendency to increase with the time. I completely agree that the governments of richer nations should step forward to help the poor nations to overcome the obstacles they face in areas like healthcare, education and trade.

Education, health and trade are interconnected with each other and that is why an increase in educational level will very likely to affect both health and trade. Many industrialized rich countries have enough resources at their disposal in order to

help poorer countries. Nowadays there are plenty organizations funded by prosperous countries, which focus on helping third world countries by sending workers and volunteers to the poor nations in order to help the development. Many even grant medical equipment and other necessary goods. Another way how rich countries help is by giving loans for development. However many governments refuse to give a financial aid due to the high risk involved.

But there is always a flip side of the coin and the government of such rich countries who help the poor nations should make sure that the fund they provide is utilized properly. Alternatively they should take schemes like establishing schools, commercial places and hospitals in their authority rather than providing the fund to these poor nations.

In conclusion governments should unite and take more responsibility for providing help to poor countries. Otherwise the gap between poor and rich countries will continue to grow exponentially.

**25. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**  
**Some people think children are more successful in foreign language studies than adults.**  
**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**  
**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**  
**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Sample Answer 1:**

Learning at least one foreign language has become a necessity in the modern world. Although some people believe that one can easily acquire a new language after extensive learning, others claim that age also plays a considerable role in foreign language acquisition. Indeed, it is much easier for children and teenagers to master a new language than it is for adults, and especially elderly people.

To begin with, younger individuals tend to be fast learners due to their developing acquisition skills. Most children and teenagers are used to learning new things, which make mastering a new language as easy as a piece of pie. For instance, toddlers are able to pick up a new language if their parents interact with them using this particular language. However, adults are unlikely to learn a foreign language in the same way. Then again, adults are too busy at work and have to worry about supporting their

family, which certainly distracts them from the process of learning. A good illustration of this case will be evening language courses. Tired after work, adults are not able to make the most of their lessons and thus, cannot learn effectively. Younger people, in their turn, spend a lot of time studying and possess a range of skills to help them improve their foreign language.

Undoubtedly, there are individuals who are so talented that they can learn a new language at any age. However, one has to remember that such people are often a rare exception rather than a common fact.

Researches show that the brain pattern of a child is in better condition to accept new things than the brain pattern of an average adult. This gives a competitive advantage to the curious young people to learn new things easily than the adults. The trends of quickly learning how to operate a computer by younger people is much more efficient than the learning process of an elderly people and this is true for learning a new language as well.

To conclude, learning a foreign language is a challenge for most people. However, younger people have better chances to speak a new language faster compared to those who are over thirty.

### **Model Answer 2:**

The viewpoint that children are better learners became almost a common sense, although it is not always true in terms of learning foreign languages. When it comes to make an approach to, for example, Japanese or French, adults have proven themselves superior learners because of their experience of getting knowledge of their own language and their performance is generally better motivated.

Every adult has some amount of education in their past and it means he has already received general understanding of the structure of native language. Thus, this more or less categorized base usually serves as a template for foreign grammar or vocabulary. A person only has to place new material on certain shelves in his memory and operate them like it is their own language. Children, in contrast, are usually confused by any grammar, even of their country. Bringing foreign language to curriculum adds embarrassment because they do not have sufficient understanding of grammatical or semantic categories and cannot bring to order such huge amounts of information.



Grown-ups also appear to be more enthusiastic about language studies. As a matter of fact, this skill for them is a tool that can be used to achieve career goals. Obviously, more motivated individual do better, and even if his abilities are modest, through practice success can come very fast and lot of success stories can prove it. Kids, though, usually consider second language lessons as a fun or, otherwise, something boring and, even if they tend to absorb knowledge like sponges, without use it rapidly disappears. With no proper encouragement youngsters just do not know they have to practice new words and grammar in order not to forget them.

Thus, while it would not be mistake to suggest children are naturally better learners, let us not forget that adults are usually better suited to language studies.

**26. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or a case to an educated reader with no specialized knowledge of the following topic:**

**Some people think that cities are the best places to live. Others prefer to live in a rural area. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of living in the city to living in the country side.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

### **Model Answer 1:**

The places where people live affects greatly in their lifestyles and living places is one of the very basic needs for people. People opine differently while choosing the living places. Some prefer and argue that city is the best place to live at since it provides so many advantages over the rural area, but other think that villages are the best places to live a good life. Both places have advantages and disadvantages.

It is true that a city offers so many opportunities and advantages those are absent in a country side. For instance, the modern transportation and communication systems are better in any city compared to a village. In a city people have access to many different transportation systems and have latest technologies to communicate; like cellular phones, internet, fax etc. Moreover when a new technology arrives at the country it is

first introduced in the city area and usually 2/3 years later to the village. Secondly, cities provide better security to its inhabitants like the mobile police patrols, special forces, community polices, security guards, traffic-polices etc. But in the village the number of security force persons are too low compared to the over all population. Moreover, cities provide better treatment, hospitals, qualified doctors, better educational institutes, and amusement parks etc which are really inevitable to lead a better life. In many cases those facilities are absent or rare in a village. In my opinion the reason for why most people trend to live in a city is the vast opportunities of jobs. Most of the corporate offices, industries, factories, government offices, garments and manufacturing industries are either situated in a city or close to the city. People have much more employment opportunities in a city than a village. On the contrary, people living in a village, are often forced to do a job that is not suitable at all for him since the job opportunity is so narrow there. Again, schools or colleges are not equipped with better environment, labs, teachers and that's why students in a village might not get better education he/she deserves. If we consider the entertainment facilities in a city then citizens of a city have so many options like theater, park, art gallery, museum, amusement parks, libraries etc. But people in the villages have only TV or books and very little facilities to spend leisure time.

On the other hand, Villages offer many invaluable advantages those are completely absent in the cities. First of all, someone living in a village can get fresh air and water. There is no intense pollution with smoke, Carbon-DI-oxide, Carbon-mono-oxide, Nitrous-Oxide and people living in a village are less prone to suffer diseases like asthma, bronchitis etc. City can provide security against visible foes but it causes people to face some invisible and dangerous enemies like toxic and polluted air, water and environment. Secondly, people of villages live much nearer to the nature and breathe in the fresh air, as well as eat fresh foods, vegetables, fruits collected directly from the garden. On the contrary vegetables, foods, fruits in the cities are normally stored and mixed with preservatives and can cause serious harms to the health. The living cost in a country side is much lesser than that of a city. The density of population in a village is much less than a city and village people are naturally grow up their personal relationship among all people and live like a real community and take care of each other. While in the city people do not know even who live in the next door and personal relationship in community is rare.

In my case, I prefer to live in the city. I feel relaxed and comfortable staying at my own city. There are lots of facilities I can't deny are presented in my city and those are the invaluable part of my lifestyle. Moreover I like to lead a busy and challenging life and want to be connected with the world. I enjoy visiting country side but get bored there if I stay more than 2/3 days because all of my necessary stuffs to lead my as usual life are absent there.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Whether cities are better than rural area or visa-versa is a contentious question, it depends on one's choice, as to, what they prefer. Both cities and rural areas have their pros and cons. Rural area have quaint environment whereas there is always something fascinating about big cities.

Cities generally have better infrastructure, education system and advance health care facilities. You get to meet people from all walks of life, learn to coexist with people from different ethnicity, race, caste and culture; hence you become more tolerant, open minded and start respecting each other differences. Whereas, country side people are less tolerant, caste system still prevails and the powers lies with certain group of people. If you see, today in India, Love marriages /inter caste marriages are very common in cities, whereas people are being murdered in the name of honors in rural areas. Gender inequality is very evident in rural area, where women are being restricted only to household chores, and do not have much say in decision making, but in cities both are treated equally. It is not uncommon to see people migrating to cities for better jobs, better education.

People in the cities are always under tremendous pressure and stress, they always have to be up to date with technologies and hence there is no time to relax. Recently studies have shown surge in number of cases of heart attacks, which is due to increase in stress level. People in cities are constantly exposed to high level of pollution, adulterated food and chemically grown vegetables, which adversely affects their health, owing to which the average life of people living in cities is less than people living in rural area. Increased cases of obesity, suicides, diabetes is also resulting of stress and unhealthy living. Rural areas on other hand have no or very less pollution, pure food item and less stress, people have more time for themselves and their families.

To sum up, I think both cities and rural areas have their own charm. Cities have more

busy and hectic life but have better facilities, rural area on the contrary have more relaxed, laid back lifestyle but lacks in up to date technologies like computers and international standard of healthcare and education system.

**27. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or a case to an educated reader with no specialized knowledge of the following topic:**

**Tobacco should be treated as illegal like other drugs. Smoking has not a single positive issue but lots of negative effects and therefore, it should be banned.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the above statement. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your experience. You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

The drugs those are strong and cause harm to human are considered illegal and are prohibited in almost all the countries considering the bad effects. Those drugs are very much addicted and the people who take it regularly destroy his life and can not lead a normal life. Likewise tobacco is another phenomenon that has a strong beckoning towards people of all ages. Considering the bad effects therefore, it should be considered unlawful and prohibited.

There are lots of substances presented in the tobacco and people become much more addictive to the tobacco because it is easily accessible and does not cost that much at a time compared to other illegal drugs. There are enough scientific reasons to believe that once a person become addictive towards tobacco can't leave it easily like other strong drugs. Many people even exhaust more than 20 cigarettes daily and eventually increase the possibility to be infected in lung cancer or many other serious diseased. The person who smokes or takes tobacco in other ways harms himself as well as the people surrounding them. Because it is proven in medical science that second hand smoking causes the same physical problems as the first hand smoking does. So considering the issue I strongly opine that all tobacco should be banned like other harmful drugs.

Many people think that tobacco creates some opportunities. For instance they mention the number of people involved in these industries from farmer to manufacturing

workers. They also think that tobacco companies often help people by sponsoring big sports events, initiating some social works like tree-plantation, star search programs etc. By in my opinion all those are eye wash for people. The companies are uplifting their fortunes by destroying innocent peoples' lives. Think about a family that has lost their only earning member because he was a chain smoker for 20 years and recently died in lung-cancer. The effects are overwhelming compared to what tobacco companies do for us. I believe there are lots of organizations who are happy to initiate the same social programs for the betterment of people. Science has proven that the amount of nicotine contained in a cigarette is pushed directly into someone's body, he will die at once. So tobacco business is a social crime at large. Furthermore, those who cultivate tobacco, process it prepare cigarette and smokes ultimately become the victims of many serious diseases like cancer, heart diseases and bronchitis. In addition buying tobacco costs money which could have been used for some good thing. Teenagers addicted to tobacco involve themselves to some other drugs and tobacco is always the gateway to other drugs.

I don't think there is any one benefit we get from tobacco rather it harms us in so many ways. There are huge scarcities of food in the world right now and a huge amount of fields and many farmers are engaged to produce tobacco. So I strongly give my opinion to declare the cultivation, production, manufacturing and selling of tobacco should be strictly prohibited for all our betterment.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Health is considered the most precious gift that we all have so it is essential to think carefully about things that may have a harmful effect on individuals. Many people argue that tobacco smoking should be considered illegal as other drugs because it has more detriments than benefits. However, this is refuted by others. Both sides will be critiqued before a reasoned conclusion is formed.

It is felt by many that cigarette smoking has deleterious effect on person's life. For example, it has been shown in many research studies that tobacco is one of the risk factors to many diseases including cancer, particularly lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases and others. This example clearly shows that smoking can be very harmful and

has a tremendous financial burden on not only personal budget but also health sector.

On the other side, many people think that smoking is a personal decision. In addition, it cannot be compared to drugs as it provides health benefits like memory and attention enhancing and preventing ulcerative colitis. Moreover it is used in some medications. After analyzing these two points of view, I believe that the cons of smoking outweigh the pros and the usage of tobacco should be limited for medical treatments authorized by governments. Without a doubt, I think that smoking is an important topic that has effects on various aspects of human's life and other people's life as no one focus on passive smoking issue and the government should pay more attention and invent new policies regarding smoking.

**28. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or a case to an educated reader with no specialized knowledge of the following topic:**

**Some people prefer to eat at restaurants while others prefer to prepare and eat at home. Which one do you prefer?**

**Give reasons for your answer.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Food is a vital need for our living and people from different geographic location are habituated to eat foods differently and the menu differs so greatly. Many people are happy to eat food outside the home and they think that preparing foods is a waste of time but to others out side food are like toxin and they always avoid outside foods and prepare foods at home. In my opinion both way of taking foods have some advantages and disadvantages.

If someone takes foods from a restaurant or fast food shop, he can save a great deal of time as food preparing is a cumbersome and time-consuming process. For those people there is no monotony of flaming the burner, washing the dishes, preparing the ingredients. They simply order the dishes and everything is ready for them. Moreover restaurants offer a sound environment with variety of menus. They don't have to

maintain a time schedule to eat and mostly they spend time at restaurant while they are not busy. Thus they can do lots of work with out thinking the cooking issue. Cooking involved going to grocery and buying vegetable, spices, rice, meat or fishes and it is really a difficult thing to do if some one is very busy with work. Restaurants offers overwhelming environment to attract the people. They offer music, calm environment and better services.

But eating in a restaurant is not always pleasant. It costs a great deal of money. Almost all of the dishes cost at least 3-4 times higher than those of home-made foods. Foods cooked in restaurants are not hygienic always and as the restaurant owners want more profit, they don't hesitate to cook low cost vapid foods. Almost all the items prepared at home are cooked with great care and as it's a matter of our health issue, we choose the fresh and best ingredients while shopping. On the other hand restaurant owners always buy low quality ingredients. This causes some serious health issues. Those who eat at restaurants are more likely to suffer from different diseases.

Again, home-made foods are easy to digest and can be taken any time staying at home with out thinking ' what the overall bill are going to be'. Foods prepared at home can save a lot of money and considering the nutrition facts I prefer to prepare ant eat foods at home.

### **Model Essay 2:**

Many people go to the restaurants for a meal whereas the others cook and eat meal at home. In my opinion, I opt to cook, and eat meal at home because I would argue that it is healthier than to eat at restaurants.

Firstly, many restaurants do not purchase fresh foods since they would like to decrease the cost of meals. They do not attend to the cleanliness and hygiene of foods. Hence, some people get poisoned from eating in restaurants. It is particularly dangerous for children because they are more vulnerable and can be easily ill from the poor quality of foods. As it is known, many people eat using the same dishes and drink from the same cups and bottles which are not even properly cleaned. If these things are not cleaned properly, they can be extremely dangerous for human health.

Secondly, to prepare and eat foods at home can be more economic especially for family. Because to eat at a restaurant frequently would cost a large amount and that would be pretty tough for low wage earners. The good restaurants that maintain the quality and

hygiene of foods cost a lot that average people won't be able to accommodate.

On the other hand, restaurants can offer some advantages. For instance, if you eat at a restaurant, you can save your time. Because to prepare and eat at home one needs to spend a considerable amount of time and effort which could have been used in other constructive works. In addition some restaurants offer delicious and variety of meals including foreign menus that we could not make at home on our own. You can eat there awesome meals and drink wines in fascinating atmosphere. Moreover, to prepare and eat at home is tough task for single and busy people who have very less spare time. So restaurants can be a better alternative for those people.

In conclusion, it is considered by many that health is more important than money and delicious meals. I believe that if we prepare meals at home, we can prepare foods and dishes properly and we can use healthy ingredients. However, if you eat at restaurant, you can not to be sure that the meals and dishes are clean and healthy.

**29. The threat of nuclear weapons maintains the world peace. Nuclear power provides cheap and clean energy. The benefits of nuclear technology far out-weight the disadvantages.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

**You should write at least 250 words**

**Use your own knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

### **Sample Essay 1:**

Some countries are developing their nuclear weapons these days, and it become a serious threat to the world peace. But it is undeniable that nuclear technology is clean for the environment and offers low cost energy source. Therefore a lot of people believe that nuclear technology has more positive sides than its negatives. I personally disagree with the statement and the following essay will discuss in details about it.

To begin with, even though nuclear power could be used as an alternative source of energy, but some parties could misuse the technology. Nuclear power plants can be used as propaganda by some countries, where as they will tell the public that they only use the technology for power generation purposes. But, the public would never know what lies behind their plants, as they might be developing an advance and sophisticated nuclear weapons.



And then, although nuclear power plants are safe to the environment and cheaper in cost, many people still believe that they are a serious threat to the surrounding areas. Some countries have tried to manage their nuclear power plants cautiously, but sometimes unexpected events happen and cause a serious effect to the surrounding areas. For example, it is undeniable that Japan is well known for its advanced, effective and modern nuclear technology. But in year 2010, a tsunami had struck one of the country's power plants, and as a consequence, it caused a leakage in the plants and many casualties were found.

I believe that that weapon of much destruction is always a threat to the world and it is hard to believe that a weapon can maintain world peace. The history tells us how the weapons have destroyed millions of lives and have caused severe damage to our environment.

In conclusion, although nuclear technology could be used as a clean and cheap source of energy, I strongly disagree with it. Even though strict monitoring is made sure for those nuclear plant and research centers, some countries might secretly use it as a weapon. And then, no matter how well the power plants are built, they could still be a threat for our civilizations, as we could never predict that any natural disaster could hit these power plants any time.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Nuclear power is an innovation of the modern science. It is the key source of nuclear weapons. Nuclear technology can be used for our benefits as the natural resources are limited and being exhausted every second. It can be the most efficient alternative of fuel, electricity, and other types of energy. But yet nuclear weapons are threat to our existence and single misuse of this giant power can destroy our civilization.

Many of the first world countries have achieved the nuclear power and has become superpower. It can initially be seemed that mono-polarization of nuclear power preserves world peace but the idea is not agreeable always. The present world is not in a position where powerful countries will shout at weaker and the peace will be prevailed. The reality is we notice lots of suicide bombing attack and the hatred; the rage of people is so acute that they won't even think about the existence of our civilization. To maintain peace there must be peace-full way. Anger, Power threat and domination can't keep the peace in the worlds. So I disagree with the statement that nuclear weapon can maintain

the world peace and far-weight the disadvantages but I do agree with the idea that nuclear power can be a great source of cheap energy.

It is very much true that nuclear power is an alternative and perhaps the most efficient source of energy during these days of energy crisis. Unlike other natural resources such as petroleum or gas, it is highly effective for industrial, transportation and other purposes and it is pollution free. As it is limitless, there is no question of its being used up like other natural resources like natural gas. Moreover, to control the over-increasing environmental pollution we have to use this technology in every applicable field. One day we all will be bound to use nuclear power to continue our life when there won't be any natural gas, fuels at all.

However this power is not available to all walks of life. Even it is absent in many countries who are searching for an alternative energy source. Only a few countries can produce it and unfortunately they are very strict to conceal their technology. Without having easy-access, a source of energy can not be a good one. Besides nuclear power needs the utmost and very careful handling, in case of any indulgence, or any misuse can cause a huge loss of life and property. For instance Chernobyl Nuclear Plant hazard affected a huge loss of lives. The balance of ecosystem was completely disturbed and even now, after this long time, people are affected by the nuclear side-effects. This is one but not the only incidence of radioactivity and we must be cautious about what might happen in future.

In addition nuclear power tends superpower to dominate others. It has become general that a superpower can easily attack a weak nation with any lame cause but negotiate with superpowers. But this is not going to be the common scenario always.

In conclusion, the nuclear power can be used for our benefit or even for destruction. This totally depends on the ideology, humanity and our well-thinking. So we must use it for our betterment not for our destruction.

**30. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case study to an educational reader with no specialized knowledge of the following topic:**

**The first car appeared on British roads in 1888. By the year 2000, there may be as many as 29 million vehicles on the British roads. Alternative forms of transport should be encouraged and international laws introduced to control car ownership and use.**

**What are your views on this issue?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Modern life is almost impossible without motorized transportation and people are to move so frequently that they always want to own cars. In fact transportation has become one of the most important parts and parcels of our lives. As the number of total population is increasing day by day so do their demands and needs for modern transportation facilities and that is why the number of vehicles has increased rapidly all over the world. However for the last few years, the air pollution has reached in an intolerable position and it is the motorized vehicles have been creating this acute problem with other factors. Currently almost 58 million vehicles are running alone on the roads of Britain and day by day this number will increase geometrically. In fact the problem began with the rapid development and growth of the cities and because of increasing demand of people and it's badly needed to control it for our own benefits.

It is true that with the development of the civilization , the number of cars has increased on the streets and resulting air pollution, accident scarcity of fuels, sound pollution, . But we can not avoid or cut off cars from our life overnight because life today becomes hasty enough with routine work, office jobs, traveling, holiday activities, amusement etc. Therefore I believe that it is important to control the use of car and to introduce alternative form of transportation system as well. Increasing the price of the fuel might be a potential solution as it will discourage people not to drive cars so frequently and for those who are settling their mind to buy a new car. The cars omit Carbon-Di-Oxide, Carbon-Mono-Oxide and other harmful chemicals which are dangerous for the environment as well as for public health.

To reduce the use of car, there can be introduced some alternative transportation systems like underground railway, city coach service, train service, subtle train etc. If the

transports are quite available and comfortable, people will ultimately be encouraged to use them to reduce the cost of private cars. Some non-motorized vehicles such as bicycles and rickshaws can be the substitute for the motorized vehicles. Once people are aware about the effects of global warming and air pollution they will definitely use those form of transportation for their own betterment. Those vehicles are environment-friendly and in some countries people have already started using bi-cycles instead of cars, for example China. If we can introduce river-based cheap and user friendly transports and try to make them favorite among people then it will be definitely helpful for the environment. This type of river-based transportation system has been already introduced in countries like Brazil.

On the other hand, introducing new law to regulate car ownership and use is also important. If there were an existing rule that any family can not buy more than one car, rapid increase of the car could be controlled. Besides, Government should introduce a heavy tax on purchasing cars.

In summery, increased use of cars and fuels is an acute problem for all of us. This problem can only be solved by introducing new form of cheap and comfortable transport and by enforcing and introducing new strict laws. Otherwise, life will become under treat with traffic jam and serious air pollution.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Transportation is one of the human tools of development. That is why all countries are concern about that topic and support researches and initiatives in this field. Quality of transportation of individuals and goods affects strongly on economic growth. That article focuses on individual transportation and how transportation modes have been changing trough years from 1888 to 2000.

At the end of 19th century there were few transport forms and all of them were simple with very slow speed except cars. Number of cars in that time period was not so high to extend that caused traffic, fuel or environmental problems. Therefore there was no motivation to invent of create innovative transport systems and modes.

With the passage of time from 19thcentury till now transportation demands and needs have been greatly increased. Dramatic increase of numbers of cars especially in last three or four decades forces all states to establish bridges, tunnels, highways etc. These different kinds of infrastructures and superstructures have extremely high costs. Such

costs affect on state budget and leads to undesirable cuts of education, health and other services' share in the annual budget. As those sectors are so vital, essential and cannot be cut for the sake of transportation sector, stakeholders started thinking about new transport planning concepts and strategies which contribute in solving all transportation-related problems.

Those problems are economical, environmental and social problems. Most of the experts in field of 'Urban Planning and Transportation' admit that decreasing number of private cars is the best effective way to solve all the previously mentioned problems. There are many ideas which can help reduce private cars in the streets like public transportation, car pooling, and encouraging bicycles as transport modes. It requires many actions and promotion to convince people to leave their own cars and use such alternative modes. These actions can be: improving public transportation, providing discount on bicycles, giving priority to public transportation through special bus lanes and raising fuel prices etc.

In summary, the whole world should encourage alternative modes and forms of transportation to compete the traditional mode which is private cars. That will make our mother Earth greener and a better place to live in.

**31. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**The government has announced that it plans to build a new university. Some people think that your community would be a good place to locate the university.**

**Compare the advantages & disadvantages of establishing a new university in your community.**

**Use specific details in your discussion.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

#### **Sample Essay 1:**

Universities provide high standard of education to their students and there is always a demand of new university to cater the need of growing population. Some people argue that having a university in the community has numerous benefits. It helps peoples to save time and cost of transportation to university and provides easy access to state of the

art library and computer lab facilities. Despite of this, educational institution within community could have detrimental effects on people lives. Congestion, traffic problems and increased housing rents are few issues mainly caused by it.

Firstly, local people can save handsome amount and time while having university in their surroundings, which was earlier utilized for transportation. Secondly, students have freedom of using laboratory and other services longer hours without having feeling of being too distant from their homes. Thirdly, it also provide business to local peoples as many students come from other nearest cities and need basic amenities such as food, accommodation and others daily use of items.

However, university in community could have dire consequences on the area it is located. It will cause congestion that will affect the privacy of the people and also create traffic problems and make people I badly suffer in reaching their offices and jobs on time. In addition to this, it is often seen that there is dramatic rise in rents as a new institute established in any community. We have a university near our community and a new university establishment would create a great debate among the people on our community.

To sum up I would like to say that university in a communal place is not a pragmatic approach and will increase people woes. Therefore, education institution should be on the suburbs of cities to cater large numbers of student efficiently and effectively. It will also ensure smooth working of traffic and others services. Considering all these, I would oppose the establishment of a new university in my community.

### **Model Answer 2:**

I think it is a great idea to build a new university in my community. However, I think it is a controversial question whether the building of a new university will bring only benefits to our community. In this essay I will analyze advantages and disadvantages of this issue and present my view in favor of establishing a new university in my community.

From the one side, establishing a new university in my community brings many benefits. First of all, a new construction means more job opportunities. I think it would be good for my community because many people have to spend much time driving to their work day in and day out because they could not find a job in our neighborhood. Second of all, a new university is a good chance to meet new people and I like this

opportunity. Many students will live in our community. Finally, if a new university is built in my community there is a big chance that I will be willing to enroll in it. I think it is great because it is not far from my place and I do not have to move to another part of the city. Another important aspect of this is that people from my community will have a chance to use new libraries and facilities of a new university. For example some people can take courses and classes there.

From the other side, building a new university can bring some disadvantages. A new construction means noise, traffic jams and different kinds of pollution. In addition to these disadvantages, many young people in our community can cause more noise especially in the evenings.

To sum up, I think that I would support the decision of the government of establishing a new university in my community despite a few disadvantages that could follow this construction. I believe that a new university will increase a chance of many young people to get a higher education, gain more knowledge and experience, which will help them to succeed in today's world.

(Approximately 341 words)

**32. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Nowadays we are producing more and more rubbish.**

**Why do you think this is happening?**

**What can governments do to help reduce the amount of rubbish produced?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

In our highly industrialized era there is a growing awareness about the excessive amounts of trash people producing. We are about to be flooded by different types of garbage if certain measures will not be taken. This essay will explore some causes of this and propose ways to solve the problem.

To begin with, different food producers decided that their products will be selling better if they will pack them in small-sized boxes and packets. These colorful and attractive

packs go straight to the trashcan; the number of packs is growing along with the consuming growth.

More consuming produces more waste. Government and businesses encourage consuming because it leads to high profits and development of state economy. They are not interested in the situation there a person is going to use something for a long time. Society is being bombarded with commercials, pleading to buy, for instance, a new mobile phone; buying new things because throwing away old but good things.

The problem of garbage is very complicated. As we can see, government is not interested of reducing consuming. Thus, the responsibility has to be taken by individuals and non-governmental organizations. Certain laws, regulating the percentage of packaging material per ton of product should be established. Moreover, interesting programs, involving people to participate can be developed. For example, a bonus for not asking for a plastic bag in supermarkets or for buying extra large packs of food.

In addition, everyone should become concerned about the future of human beings and our planet. If we do not wish to be buried in rubbish, we should think twice before buying things we do not need.

**Model Answer 2:**

Nowadays human are producing more and more rubbish. Scientists argue why this problem appears in human life. The role of governments in reducing the amount of rubbish should be more or less.

The amount of waste we produce has increased. This problem is a result of our consumer culture. Advertisers encourage us to buy the newest fashions. If something breaks, we throw it away and buy a new one. Products are not made to last. The amount of household waste is growing because most foods are sold non-biodegradable plastic packaging. This waste ends up in landfill sites. People do not think about the consequences of dropping rubbish. They assume that somebody is paid to clean streets. Most of the litter seen on street is fast-food packaging. Plastic packaging does not break down easily.

Companies should make goods that last longer. They should not use so much packaging. Governments should be stricter, about waste produced by companies. They should put legal limits on packaging. Consumers should avoid buying over-packaged



products. We should recycle and reuse useful materials. There are collection banks for paper, glass and plastic bottles. Households can use several rubbish bins to separate waste. Recycling saves energy and raw materials. Governments should invest on transforming human culture, away from consumerism towards a culture of sustainability. They could impose green tax on drivers and airline companies. Government campaigns should promote recycling. Individuals should also try to be greener. We should recycle as much as possible.

To summarize, it seems either governments or people should be responsible about the amount of rubbish is produced. Also all human being should learn to be more environmentally friendly.

**33. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Write about the following topic:**

**Successful sports professionals can earn a great deal more money than people in other important professions. Some people think this is fully justified while others think it is unfair.**

**Discuss both of these views and give your own opinion.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

Write at least **250** words.

**Model Answer 1:**

As a result of constant media attention, sports professionals in my country have become stars and celebrities, and those at the top are paid huge salaries. Just like movie stars, they live extravagant lifestyles with huge houses and cars.

Many people find their rewards unfair, especially when comparing these super salaries with those of top surgeons or research scientists, or even leading politicians who have the responsibility of governing the country. However, sports salaries are not determined by considering the contribution to society a person makes, or the level of responsibility

he or she holds. Instead, they reflect the public popularity of sport in general and the level of public support that successful stars can generate. So the notion of 'fairness' is not the issue.

Those who feel that sports stars' salaries are justified might argue that the numbers of professionals with real talent are very few, and the money is recognition of the skills and dedication a person needs to be successful. Competition is constant and a player is tested every time they perform in their relatively short career. The pressure from the media is intense and there is little privacy out of the spotlight. There are huge number of sports persons compared to those who have become successful and having a huge salary. It takes lots of practice, skills and time to become a sports icon. Again Sports personality like Sachin Tendulkar, Tiger Woods, and Shane Warne inspires the new generation to be attracted to the games they play. So all of these factors may justify the huge earnings of the sport personality.

The first reason why I think that such high salary is deserved by famous athletes and entertainers because we all need them. Entertainment plays an essential role in our every day's life. We need to relax, watching TV with our favorite TV stars or favorite football players. Entertainment is one of the best ways to eliminate stress and tension and leave all troubles behind. For example, I can not stay home all day long without watching TV. So, basically, I believe that famous athletes and entertainers have such high salaries because we need them. They like doctors for our minds and soles. Scientists say that people usually spend the same amount of money for their food and entertainment. I think this fact tells a lot.

The second reason for this is that famous athletes have to work hard in order to get good results. I am sure that achievements they make is the result of hard work, persistence and pain. They sometimes risk their lives and health. For example, I am a big fan of L. Armstrong, the most famous cyclist in world's history. He faced probably, the most challenging difficulty in his life, cancer. He was very young for this disease. Armstrong was in his early twenties when he found out about it. I read a book about his life, and what impressed me were his words after his victory in France. He said: "Cancer was the best thing that ever happened to me ". He defeated the disease only because he believed in himself and did not give up. I think such person deserves to have a high salary and be loved by many people through out the world.

Personally, I think that the amount of money such sports stars make is more justified

than the huge earnings of movie stars, but at the same time, it indicates that our society places more value on sport than on more essential professions and achievements.

**Model Answer 2:**

Cristiano Ronaldo, David Beckham, Tiger wood are some famous sports professionals who earns the great deal. The reason behind these great deals is the constant media attention on them. However it is true that they do not contribute too much in society like doctors and scientist.

Sports professionals who earn the great deal of money are the hard workers on their respective field. They use all their efforts for the success of their one and of their teams. The person with real talent in the field are very few that is why they worth the deal. Even more, a player has a short career and he is tested in that period with the massive competition on respective field. The pressure of media is intense and there is no privacy in their life. So, this can also justify the huge earnings.

However, Sports professional does not contribute more for the society. Other high profile professional like doctors provides great contribution to the society by treating sick and injured people. Furthermore, scientists who work for the new invention and climate change also contribute more for the society. If we favour these points then they must have the great deal of money. However, salary of sports professional is not determined by the percentage they contribute to society.

Personally, I think the mega deal of money sports professional received are more justified then the huge earning movie star. This also point out the importance and value of sports than on other professions and achievements.

**34. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Write about the following topic:**

**By punishing murderers with the death penalty, society is also guilt of committing murder. Therefore, life in prison is a better punishment for murderers.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Model Answer 1: (Mixed opinion)**

The issue whether the murderers should be punished with death penalty or not is a controversial one. Many people support the death penalty as a capital punishment and think that this is a vital way to establish peace and law in the world but there are lots of opinions against it. I support the death penalty for murderers if it's really necessary for prevailing peace but if there is any alternative way to give the criminals a chance to remorse and lead a civilized life again, and then they should be given it.

In today's society, life is very violent and if we read the newspapers and watch news, we find lots of murder crimes almost daily. There are many mentally-ill people committing crimes and almost nothing will stop them. These types of psychopathic murders commit murders even sometimes for personal pleasure. We have interviewed captured criminals who say, "I was going to kill him, but I knew that I could get the death penalty if I did. So I just left him there." Obviously, having the death penalty saves lives and that makes a positive difference to society. Death penalty is also useful to send the message to rest of the people that no matter who you are, if you commit a murder you are going to be hang till death or going to sit in an electric chair. This fear is helpful to reduce the homicide in many counties. If a criminal murder s someone, and then gets the death penalty, that isn't society's fault. Everyone knows about the death penalty as a punishment for murder. So, the person who murders is really killing himself at the same time he is killing his victim. The murderer has made the choice to die. It is important to remember that the death penalty is used only for people who have committed very serious crimes. For example, a woman shot a police officer when she was trying to escape from jail. She was already a convicted criminal when she committed murder, and she deserves the death penalty.

In many countries, crimes become so severe that the law enforcers can't control the situation and capital punishment becomes a part of the law practice but there are many cases where a man/woman kills another one to protect him or herself. It's not uncommon when a girl kills a rapist to save her dignity and before pronouncing the

death penalty the reason must be considered. Even if a single innocent person gets the death penalty that will make the judicial system questionable.

People need to accept responsibility for their actions. Punishing murderers with the death penalty is one way that society can help people to realize the consequences of their decisions.

**Model Answer 2: (Agreement)**

In the recent years, there has been a vast increase on the number of people committing manslaughter. It is a widespread belief that people who commit murders should only be punished by death penalty. However, some people are of the opinion that death penalty should be eradicated and life in prison should assume its place. Apropos of the statement, I am in part accordance with it.

It is inarguable that when someone commits an act of manslaughter, the said person must be punished at all costs. However, I believe death penalty is not a permanent solution because by condemning murderers to death, society is also taking part in murders. Despite the well-known saying that goes "an eye for an eye", punishing murder with another murder still remains by no means justifiable.

On the flip side, I also believe that prison does not serve as an appropriate solution as it is too lenient a punishment for murderers. Furthermore, when murderers are put in the same cells, studies show that it gives rise to more crimes, as they are likely to plot another murder together. Also taking into account that in this developing country, society is most certainly not going to employ people with the background of having been locked in a prison, people who commit murders will most likely commit other crimes owing to the unpalatable fact that they need money to survive in this world.

As such, I believe a more appropriate solution will be for government to utilize prison as a means of learning and honing skills which could be useful for life after prison. It goes without saying that murderers should without a doubt take responsibility for their crimes, and I believe that can be done by giving them some sort of voluntary works as a lifetime punishment.

To sum up, punishing murders with death penalty is unjustifiable and life in prison might not serve as a permanent solution. Instead, government should make prison a place to repent and a means of learning new skills for murderers that could be useful for life after prison.

**35. Some people say that computers have made life easier and more convenient. Other people say that computers have made life more complex and stressful.**

**What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Some people say that the invention of computers is one of the greatest humankind's inventions. However, other people think that computers make their life more stressful. I agree with those people who think that computers brought many benefits and play a very important role in our modern life.

First of all, every company nowadays uses a computer to store its data and make different kinds of operations. It is very difficult to imagine life without computers. A company would have to store millions of papers and documents. Moreover, a customer would have to wait hours to check his balance or get a piece of information about his transactions at his bank, while an employee was looking through those papers. Another important aspect of this is that people are able to type all their information, make corrections, print or send documents using computers. It makes life much easier. One can spend the rest of the time watching TV with his family or working on something new.

We use computers every day sometimes even not knowing it. When we go to a store and use our credit cards many computers process our information and perform transactions. When we need to get some cash we use money access machines that are computerized too.

Second of all, computers provided a great means of communication - the Internet. I think it is the easiest and cheapest way to get in touch with relatives, friends, business colleagues, etc. Nowadays the world becomes smaller and smaller. When I was a little girl, I could not imagine that it would be possible to communicate with people from all around the world in so easy way. A person can get latest news, become friends with someone from another country, find his old friends, ask for a piece of advice, etc.

Finally, in addition to these practical benefits people can shop without leaving their house. They just use an Internet access, a computer and their cards to make a payment.

It is kind of difficult to imagine that a few years ago people had to spend their time in lines buying tickets. Now, a person can choose a destination, company, date and time and get tickets delivered to his door. I think it is amazing.

To sum up, I believe that computers made our lives easier. They change our attitude towards life. I think with the invention of computers people became closer and friendlier.

**36. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**Modern technology is creating a single world culture.**

**Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Man, through the ages, has undergone many changes from the time when he depicted a herd of mammoths on the walls of the cave to these days when he can chat with someone on the other side of the globe. Modern technology is rapidly changing the world's living standards that results in creating a single world culture. New technologies including Internet, television, electronic media, means of transportation, etc has a great impact on creating a similar culture all around the globe. Bellow I will list my reasons to support my opinion.

First of all, Internet and e-mail have changed the way people communicate to each other. Internet brought many benefits. It is a new means of communication, a fast access to information and news. People communicate with each other, share their ideas, happiness and difficulties. We have a great opportunity to find out more about countries and their history.

Second of all, the modern means of transportation allows people to move from one place to another very quickly. A few centuries ago it was impossible to imagine waking up in one country and falling asleep in another.

Finally, as a result of all mentioned above the boundaries between countries, their traditions and customs are erased. Many people migrate during their lives. Some of them are looking for a better place to live; others want to get new experience and knowledge or just pleasure. So, many families are created between people from different countries. Traditions fuse and evolve into other ones or just vanish.

To sup up, modern technology has a great impact on the way people live now. It is creating a new single world culture where traditions and distances are no longer of that importance.

### **Model Answer 2:**

In today's world, the use of technology is ever increasing. People in all over the world share the same information. I totally agree that contemporary technology is creating a single world culture. It is now much easier to communicate with people who are far away. Modern transportation, TV and also internet are bringing to people closer together.

Firstly, almost every family has their private TV. It is connected with satellite. TV programs can be received anywhere in the world. Now people in every part of the world can watch all the same TV programs. When people see the same news and entertainment programs, they contribute for the development of a single world culture. Secondly, if we look at the internet, people have access to information and news from all over the world. They can communicate easily with people who are far away and exchange information each other. When people share the information on the internet, they become under the same cultural influence. They move toward the creation of a single world culture.

Thirdly, as regards modern transportation, a trip to a foreign country becomes easily. Now people from all different places are more together than before. They can see how people in other countries dress, eat and spend their free time. Moreover, they can adopt some of customs. This also causes for the developing of a single world culture.

In conclusion, these types of communication technology have brought people from all over the world closer together. People these days have more opportunities to share ideas and information. In this way they are coming under the same cultural influence. So, a single world culture is being created.



**37. You should spend more than 40 minutes on this task.**

**Children should never be educated at home by their parents.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

**Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this. You should write at least 250 words. Give reasons for your answer.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Nobody can say with confidence that children should be taught at home or at any children's institutions. There are many different children and every one demand of education suitable only for him.

But for most of children the best way of learning the life is being in the children's institutions. Nobody would argue that contacts between children of the same age are very important for bringing your child up. Such a contact is very important for playing, entertaining and learning living with other people. The harmonious living with other people, to my mind, is the first task for any man. Lack of this harmony sets problems and troubles.

The children need space to run and make noise, to jump and cry. Do you or your neighbors allow these actions for your child? If you live in town, it is difficult to find a safe place to play. Kindergartens give such a possibility. They give space, a lot of toys and constructions for physical exercises. So, if you have bad living conditions, the kindergarten is the best way for you. But if you have a large family with many children and enough space, you may keep your child at home. You should be sure that the child feels, dressed and comfortable. His brothers and sisters give him necessary contacts. It's noticed long ago that children in big families are much more easy-tempered and calm. They are located in more harmonic world than others.

Sometimes differences in age put troubles in contacts between children in large families. Then it is better for child to be sent to the kindergarten (school). But if quarrels don't last for a long time, everything is all right. In general, quarrels develop ability to cooperate

with people. They develop a personal initiative and force setting the balance. In such a way the child gets lessons of life. Oddly, the quarrels often take place in kindergartens and schools and we shouldn't fear it.

Side by side with quarrels parents often are afraid of colds which happen in kindergartens more frequently. Parents prefer keeping the child at home. But for a healthy child odd cold (if illness occurs, it goes its normal course) can't make big harm to the child. And if the child is adaptable to the conditions of public places earlier it would be better for him in future.

In general, I am a follower of the theory of keeping children in adapted places such as good kindergartens. But keeping children in such a place can't replace family and home. Only together they make harmonic and beautiful union.

#### **Model Answer 2:**

At the present time children have the choice where he wants to study at school or at home. Thus, a lot of children are taught at home and never go to the school. It's believed that parents should stop this kind of curriculum and give the children to the normal school. I strongly agree with the rubric above, because of parents won't be worried about the safety of their child and why don't study at home if it gives good results? Firstly, parent's in charge of their child and they know what is necessary for their kid. Therefore, some parents prefer to teach their kid themselves rather than giving them to the school. Parents always worried about surrounding of their child, because nowadays environment influencing on children very strongly. But when children at home, they will be sure that no one pressuring on their child.

Secondly, schools aren't always giving results that parents are expecting. Thus, parents decided take it on their hands and teach children by themselves. Parents always will control their "student" and I can't say that school can do it either. Due to constant supervision of parent's, child will study hard even if he doesn't want to.

To conclude, in my opinion, home education is good way to develop the knowledge of child. It also helps to parents to control their kid and keep him away from the bad influence of surrounding. In addition to this, only parents will be responsible for results of their child in entrance examination of universities.

**38. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city. Do you agree or disagree?**

**Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Some people believe that it is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city. However, other people think that a big city gives more opportunities and it is good for the long run. Personally, for several reasons I think that it is better for children's health to grow up in the country.

First of all, it is very important for a child to grow up in a healthy environment. Children need fresh air, not polluted by the huge amount of cars and factories of the modern city. In the country they can spend more time exercising and walking with their friends. Scientists say that now children spend the same amount of time watching TV as they do at school. Probably, the possibility to join their friends for a play will change this proportion. Another important aspect of this is that parents will have more time to spend with their children as a result of eliminating traffic jams and decreasing driving time as a whole.

From the other side, children have some advantages living in a big city. For example, they have more opportunities to choose from what they want to do. They can choose to attend ballet school, school of art, gymnastics, etc. For the long run, it is good for them. They will be better prepared for a live in a "real world" and they will have more chances to make a good career and succeed. Moreover, a big city usually has many entertaining centers with movie theatres and play stations. When I was a child I liked to go to the movie theatre with my parents to watch a premiere.

One more reason to choose a big city for a child is that a city provides better live conditions and services such as medical, dental, etc. My friend lived in the country for a while and one time he and his family had to drive a couple of hours to the nearest

medical center when his child got a heavy cough.

To summarize, I agree with those people who want to raise their children in a city. The plenty of opportunities offered by a city helps children to find what they really like and be the best at it. Moreover, despite the air pollution, children get a better medical service that is good for their health.

**39. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**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 with this opinion? You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Today the world is more connected than any time before and people from all over the countries can arrive to their destination within 24 hours. However, while this possibility permits to millions of individuals to encounter different cultures every year, the phenomenon of the international tourism brings also conflicts between people with different habits and costumes.

To begin, tourism creates isolation more than integration: in fact tourists prefer to look at different places, costumes and habits like sitting in front of the television screen, watching a documentary, more than sharing time with the indigenous population. Furthermore, tourists don't respect foreign habits and cultures, often because they don't understand it. For example they throw the litter on the ground, or even worse they don't respect their hosts' religion.

Nevertheless, the effects of international tourism are not all negative. Sometimes tourists fall in love with people and places they visit and decide to live in there, acting like mediators between cultures and enhancing integration. It's the case of lots of tourist guides that decided to move abroad and enjoy a different life style and culture, trying to share their feelings with visitors. Also speaking the language of the place we visit can help us understand people from different cultures.

In addition, the large amount of money around the tourism business contrasts the tendency of some countries to close their border to foreign people. This can lead to a better comprehension of these cultures and so to integration.

In conclusion, the biggest industry in the world have to feel the need of changes in the way tourism is structured, so it could become a mean of integration and reciprocal understanding more than create tensions between cultures.

### **Model Answer 2:**

The growth of tourism and the numbers of people traveling to other countries for their vacations has led to debate as to whether this is beneficial. I believe that there are many problems which arise out of the tourist industry, and will examine these in detail.

Many people argue that travel broadens the mind. However, this statement does not fully hold water. I would argue that spending a few weeks in another country is not long enough to gain a proper understanding of an alien culture. A foreigner visiting Britain might be met with the traditional British reserve, and mistakenly conclude that the British are unfriendly. Furthermore, some people are unwilling to open their minds. A Western traveler to an Arab country is unlikely to consider that the veiling of women is acceptable.

Being a tourist in a foreign country brings with it problems that can lead to dislike of the native people. Firstly, a foreigner is vulnerable, and is often ripped off by locals. Secondly, the language barrier can lead to misunderstandings. Thirdly, tourists are often hassled to buy goods, which can ruin a holiday. When I went to Bali, people tried to sell me something every five minutes, and this totally spoils my sunbathing.

Local people also often end up disliking foreigners. Visitors may mistakenly act contrary to local norms, or they may just be plain offensive, as many drunken British holidaymakers must seem to the Spanish. Global tourism can lead to hostility from the native people, who may feel their traditional way of life is under threat. Additionally, the relative wealth of the foreign visitors can cause envy and resentment.

In conclusion, I would say that I largely agree with the argument that global tourism

creates misunderstanding between people from different cultures, and that the differences are often a cause for conflict rather than celebration.

**40. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Companies should encourage employees who work in a high position to leave at the age of 55 in order to give opportunities to the new generation. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples.**

**Model Answer 1:**

I totally disagree with the idea of high-level employees leaving at the age of 55 to make room for the upcoming generation. While it is true that the energy level and fresh ideas of youth can rejuvenate a company, the steady hand of experience can still best guide a company in most cases.

In English there is a saying, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." In the fast-paced world of business, bolstered by even faster hi-tech innovations, a younger more pliant mind would seem to be able to adapt with greater flexibility, while such an environment might boggle an older more set-in-its-ways mind. Take, for example, Microsoft's Bill Gates, whose energy and brilliant insights as a youth helped him to pioneer new territory in the computer software world and establish a digital empire. Now as a more mature CEO, this king of the "computer" mountain is constantly on the verge of being knocked down by upcoming digerati entrepreneurs. However, it is now the experience he has accumulated as an older man which keeps him on top. So, combining the vigor and innovation of younger workers with the experience of older workers would seem to be the winning hand in the world of business.

The assertion is to give opportunities to the younger generation. If everyone retires at 55, there will be smaller pool of experience at the company. So, who will show them the ropes of the trade? It would be as if we lopped off the last few chapters of a textbook. On this point the argument would seem to be built on false presumptions.

And think of all the other problems retirement at 55 would create. With life expectancy in many advanced nations at 70-plus years, how would the state along with private enterprises be able to support their retirement pensions? The economic repercussions of

such an idea could be great.

Besides, the Western form of capitalism is built on competition and merit and not seniority according to age, and democracy is built on equality for all regardless of one's age, so the argument clearly goes against these two pillars of Western society.

Granted, my counter-arguments are perhaps as simplistic as the original assertion itself, but without qualifying the assertion with greater supporting evidence or background information, both sides can be argued. Nevertheless, even after thoroughly considering the argument, I believe I would still adhere to my viewpoint that the assertion lacks merit for the aforementioned reasons. Besides, when I am 55 I do not fancy the idea of being put out to pasture. I think I will still be full of vitality and have a desire to work, so I hope my workplace will view me as a treasure house of valuable experience to pass along to the next generation and keep me on until I am at least 65 if not older.

### **Model Answer 3:**

There is a widespread belief that modern society should replace workers in the large institutions who already became 55. Some people are in favour of this viewpoint while many others oppose this idea. Some crucial arguments will be covered in this essay.

To begin, people over the age of 55 tend to get tired and exhausted extremely fast, therefore it can affect on quality of work they yield. Not only employees would feel exhaustion, but performance quality would also be significantly decreased. Moreover, advances in technology can engender some misunderstandings among workers. Commonly the majority of employees aged 55 and more can not domesticate new program on computer or modern technological terms. In order to teach employees these aspects companies have to contribute money and waste a lot of time.

Nevertheless, workers, who have been working for decades on company, have enough experience to deal with hard responsibilities. Moreover, managers can easily rely on employees, who work on the same company for sufficient time. In addition, qualified worker aged 55 plus are more dutiful than inexperienced worker who has just joined the organization. For instance, my mother does not confide important documents to young workers at work. Not only because of inexperience but also due to the fact that unskilled employees sometimes do not understand the importance of some assignments, they perform poorly. In profession like law, teaching, research people with decades'

experiences many times outperform the younger people unlike the technological fields. In these area people should not be replaced as soon as they reach the age 55 since there are still many contribution those aged people can give.

To sum up, according to above mentioned arguments I strongly disagree that new generation could alter employees aged 55 and more. Young society should try to work harder in order to achieve goals by themselves.

**41. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**You have decided to give several hours of your time each month to improve the community where you live. What is one thing you will do to improve your community? Why?**

**Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

I think the question what would I do if I had a chance to improve my community is difficult. I have in my mind many things, the improvement of which will make our community better place to live but they all require the participation of many people and, moreover, they require investments, which I can not provide. For example, my community is quite noisy. We have the huge mall just in front of our community, so traffic jams are very common for this place. I think that the construction of a few pass-by roads will benefit all people who live here as well as people who drive by every day.

Unfortunately, the question is what I can do for my community giving a few hours of my time every month. I think I can not do much, but I still can help someone in my community. For example, I can baby-sit. I know a couple of families with little children, who can not afford to spend much money on the baby-sitter. One of these families is a single mom with a little girl. Julia, this is her name, is a waitress in a restaurant. She is a great person and we became close friends. So, sometimes I offer her help with her child when she has to work in the evenings. Another family has two funny little twins. One time their parents asked me to baby-sit their children because they had to attend an unexpected presentation.



I think this kind of help brings many benefits to my community. First of all, people become friendlier. For example, those families, which I mentioned above, became friends after I introduced them to each other. Second of all, people get to know each other and feel more secure in their houses and apartments. Finally, I am ready to help those people because I am sure that they will help me too. One time I lost the keys from my car and Julia offered me her car for a while.

To sum up, I believe that baby-sitting is a great way to help my community in many aspects.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Historically humans have dwelled in a community which sets them apart from the other species on earth. Communities have existed in different forms and can be the epicenter for any grown civilization. Any community is made up of individuals who contribute towards the growth and well-being of the overall community. Since I am an integral part of my community, I equally share the ownership and duty towards my community. I have decided to spend few hours every month to contribute towards building up fitness facility in my community.

I consider 'Fitness' as a very important aspect of an individual's life. It doesn't have a very high priority in our day-to-day life due to our busy work schedule and thus it always take a back seat in terms of our daily itinerary. To quote the famous saying, "A healthy mind in a healthy body", exercising is the best way to keep our body and mind healthy. Besides keeping us healthy, we can bring freshness in our daily routine by exercising every day. Having fitness equipment in the community just a few footsteps away can have very motivating results. People can exercise at their convenience without spending unnecessary time on commute.

Another reason to setup fitness equipment in the community is the affordability. Not every family can afford the Gyms and fitness centers. Since these commercial fitness centers charge a lot of fees, fitness at times, is perceived as a luxury commodity, thus depriving the people of the best of the class equipment. But, in this world of technology, world class equipment with best design are available at low prices too. To give an

example, Singapore government has deployed fitness equipment at every 100 meters for their Housing Development Board Units. Thus, the success of Singapore can be repeated in my society.

To conclude, I consider fitness as a daily need and not a once in a blue moon activity. Having fitness in community is the best way to push ourselves to the treadmill every day. I recommend having fitness in the community to enjoy the benefits of a healthy body.

**42. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**In some countries young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies.**

**Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

It is quite common these days for young people in many countries to have a break from studying after graduating from high school. This trend is not restricted to rich students who have the money to travel, but is also evident among poorer students who choose to work and become economically independent for a period of time.

The reasons for this trend may involve the recognition that a young adult who passes directly from school to university is rather restricted in terms of general knowledge and experience of the world. By contrast, those who have spent some time earning a living or traveling to other places have a broader view of life and better personal resources to draw on. They tend to be more independent, which is a very important factor in academic study and research, as well as giving them an advantage in terms of coping with the challenges of student life.

However, there are certainly dangers in taking time off at that important age. Young adults may end up never returning to their studies or finding it difficult to re-adapt to

an academic environment. They may think that it is better to continue in a particular job, or to do something completely different from a university course. But overall, I think this is less likely today, when academic qualifications are essential for getting a reasonable career.

My view is that young people should be encouraged to broaden their horizons. That is the best way for them to get a clear perspective of what they are hoping to do with their lives and why. Students with such a perspective are usually the most effective and motivated ones and taking a year off may be the best way to gain this.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Peoples are divided on the issue that countries should encourage the young peoples to do jobs or to travel before attending university. Some people think that it is better for students to attend university, while others believe that traveling and working before joining the University for formal Education is better for the students to understand the world. In my opinion it is very important for student to develop communication, attain maturity and develop professional attitude and the later approach is better way of achieving it.

First of all, this will prepare the students for higher education. In the school student are no fully matured. Even some remain childish in thinking and behaviours. In the university a student will meet with different types of peoples so there require a good understanding and mental maturity stage for that. The university campus provides special and deep knowledge of particular field which require hard working and learning capability. Because university education and teachers prepare the students to survive in real world on his own basis any place, some prior travel and work experience would even accelerate it more.

Moreover, it will make one to understand the professional life. This will provide important experience to a student to mange theirs studies with work, because in higher studies students have to finance their studies or to work in research laboratories. Working at shop or small office will teach the students to understand the working pressure, cooperation with coworkers and complete the task in schedule. In my school days I worked in a drug selling shop from where I learned how to convince and cool down the angry customer during selling. This later on proved to be valuable experience in my university level.

Finally, it gives the chance to improve communication skill. Communication skill is important part not only at working area but also in learning center. With excellent speaking and respecting attitude one can win the favour of opposing persons. Traveling makes the person to share views and learn various cultures, languages from other peoples. Exchanging opinion enriches one's speaking ability.

In summation, it is clear that pre-university jobs and traveling are vital experiences. These not only prepare one for civil life and toward maturity but also make one to improve communication skill.

**43. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Write about the following topic:**

**Would you prefer to live in a traditional house or in a modern apartment building? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

If I was asked where I would I prefer to live in a traditional house or in a modern apartment building, I think, I would hesitate to answer. This question, from my point of view, is a controversial one. In the following paragraphs I will analyze both these options and present my view.

From the one side, living in a modern apartment building brings many benefits. First of all, it is cheaper then living in a traditional house and paying different kinds of fees I am not familiar with. For instance, my friend, who recently bought a new house for his family, said me that it is much easier to live in an apartment and I tend to believe him when I see his bills. So, living in an apartment will definitely help me to save some money. Second of all, since I live alone I do not need a big house with many rooms. I just need a bedroom and a living room where I can take my guests and have my work place. Another important benefit of living in an apartment is that I will not have to buy much cumbersome furniture in order to furnish all rooms.

However, living in a modern apartment building can have a few disadvantages too. Firstly, it can be noisy and, secondly, I will not have any privacy outside my apartment, for example, in a pool or gym.

From the other side, living in a traditional house has some advantages too. For example, I can have my own pool, gym and a garden where I can relax and be alone. However, living in a house is usually more expensive and requires more time to maintain a house. For instance, I will most likely have to hire someone to mow my lawn and clean my pool not to mention all household tasks inside the house.

In conclusion, I think at this moment I would prefer to live in an apartment. It can help me save some money and allows me to spend more time studying because I will not have to do many household tasks.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Times have changed and so has the way people live. Due to changes in lifestyle and advancement in technologies, people have started leaving many of their traditions. Some people still prefer to live in a traditional house, others, however, are attracted towards modern houses. I would love to live in a modern apartment, for several reasons that I will mention below.

On the one hand, those who prefer living in the traditional houses are the one who faces lots of issues with routine living. One of the great disadvantages of the traditional house is that, it is impossible to use our favourite electronic goods. So these people lose the chances to get interaction with the latest technologies. The maintenance costs of these houses are comparatively very high.

On the other hand, modern apartment offers security in different forms. So the robbers cannot break in easily. This is the exact place where people can enjoy most of the latest technologies. Apartment life teaches us good manners, scheduled work and cleanliness in a better way. Also we can get exposure to a lot of people from different communities. For example, a friend of mine who shifted from a traditional house and now living in an apartment got the opportunity to mix with people from different states and also over time she became good with technologies.

To conclude, the strong current of technological advancement has indeed eroded some traditions of our nation, which includes traditional houses. Nevertheless, both of them are mutually incompatible. The only way we can preserve our tradition which reflects our origin and roots by modern apartments, which should be build in the form of our traditional houses.

**44. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Some people enjoy change, and they look forward to new experiences. Others like their lives to stay the same, and they do not change their usual habits.**

**Compare these two approaches to life. Which approach do you prefer? Explain why?  
You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Some people like to live in the same house, have the same job and habit all their lives. However, others aspire to changes and new experience. Personally, for the several reasons, which I will explain bellow, I prefer the first approach to life.

First of all, changes in one's life bring many benefits. One tries new things, gains new knowledge and experience. I think it is great because without changes life becomes boring. I always try to make changes in my life. Moreover, when I feel that my life is boring I do not feel well about it. I feel like I spent those days for nothing. I did not do anything exiting, I learnt nothing interesting and I just wasted my time.

Second of all, people need changes. Furthermore, we need obstacles to overcome and reach our goals. I believe that changes make us stronger, more persistent, more self-confident, and more patient. Also, I feel that all people who succeeded in life like changes and new experience because it is impossible to be the best at some field without perfecting the present knowledge and gain new experience. People catch every opportunity to learn more and change their life for the best.

From the other side, people who like their lives to stay the same are very permanent. They have the same job all their life, the same habits, the same week-ends and even the same years in years out. I think it is boring. What will they tell their children about their lives? What kind of contribution will they make for the society? I think such people are just afraid of changes.

I think curiosity and aspiration to the new experience are two of the main reasons of human evolution. People always wanted to break limits and gain more knowledge and experience. So, people who enjoy change are the engine of human development.

**Model Answer 2:**

Some People are adventurous so they prefer to grab new opportunities, while others like to stay with their past but my inclination is towards the formers. In this essay I am going to discuss the both ways of life and then give my own opinion on the matter.

On the one hand, there are some merits and demerits for people who like to stay with their ancestral attitudes or status. The most vital points which can be cited first regarding this is that they do not want to leave their safe and secured places by any chance. Though like is boring sometimes but they are finding their happiness in the secured and familiar places. These types of peoples do not want to explore mars or moon; this way of living is not helpful for any positive advancement of society.

On the other hand, there are some peoples who are adventurous and they try to embrace something new. Firstly they believe that life is like a journey so you need to adapt yourselves with the changes. Otherwise you will be backward and you have to stay alone on society. These categorized peoples are helpful for new invention and also cause of the advancement of society. For instance, our ancient people had left their tomb and embark new way of life as a results they invented fire and other amenities of ancient life.

In my opinion, I enjoy the approaches how life is becoming new with new inventions or experienced new opportunities. I believe, if I get together with my old habits, it will give me tranquility of life. But after sometimes it makes me bored and inactive. So I am very eager to experience new places and new cultures. By the way I can feel myself and enjoy my times with the new opportunities.

**45. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**Television has destroyed communication among friends and family.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

The invention of television is undoubtedly one of humankind's greatest inventions. It is a way of communication among people of one country and different countries and nations. People watch TV to find out about the latest news, weather, sports, etc. It is a great way to learn new and extend one's range of interests. Scientists say that children spend the same amount of hours in front of TV as they do in school. I think that this can be said about many grown people too. Also, television is a great means of eliminating stress and tension. One can relax and leave one's troubles behind lying on one's favorite sofa and watching a comedy. However, some people believe that television has destroyed communication among friends and family.

Personally, I do not agree with this statement. A couple centuries ago people spent their time gambling, reading, gossiping or playing chess. I do not think that television is a cause of destroyed communication among family members and friends. First of all, if members of a family have common interests and they want to make each other happy they will always find many ways to spend their time together and be close. Otherwise, if people avoid each other and they do not have anything to share with each other they will find television a great way to escape from this miserable existence. I believe that many people chose family and their friends over some soap operas or a movie.

Second of all, I think that television can be a great resource of subjects to discuss. Many people watch different educational programs to find out more about their environment, nature, wild life animals, economic situations, etc. So, when they gather with their friends they discuss important issues and argue with each other in looking for the truth.

My husband and I often watch the news channel to keep abreast of the latest news. After that we always discuss some issues we concerned about. Also, we like to watch a TV show "the funniest animals". We like this program because it makes us laugh. I cannot imagine how these programs can prevent our communication and be harmful to our relations.

To summarize, I would like to add that if people want to communicate with each other they will find a way to do it. Otherwise, if television were not existent, people would find other escapes and reasons not to be with each other such as drugs, gambling, etc.



**Model Answer 2:**

Some people believe that the existence of television brings negative effects to the communities. It is reported that television is one of the main reasons for the miscommunication problem between families, relatives and friends. I personally disagree with the statement, since it is not the television's fault, but mainly due the irresponsible act of the individuals themselves, and the following paragraphs will explain it in more details.

For a number of reasons, television brings a lot of benefits for many individuals and societies. Firstly, televisions provide lots of crucial information which are certainly useful for many communities. For example, it is common that news on television inform about the economic and political conditions of a particular country. This crucial information is definitely important for investors, financial analyst or bankers in making short and long term investment. Secondly, television also provides educative shows which are truly beneficial for the communities, specifically for students and scholars. Some of the shows are National Geographic Channel, Discovery or Animal planets which educate the public regarding to the wildlife and natural sciences.

On the other hand, some people are addicted to television and have spent large portion of their personal time in front of the television and ignore their main duties as a member of a family or part of certain communities. I personally think that these kinds of problems are not due to the existence of the television, but due to the individuals themselves who are not capable and responsible in managing their times. It is also noticed that some people are not being wise in utilizing their smart phones which certainly exaggerate the issues.

In conclusion, I strongly disagree that television have cause some serious problems for individuals in terms of communication among families and friends, as it is the mistake of the individuals themselves who are not being responsible in organizing their time.

**46. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Some people say that advertising encourages us to buy things that we really do not need. Others say that advertisements tell us about new products that may improve our lives. Which view point do you agree with?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

The purpose of advertising is to tell the consumer about any new product or service or any new promotion on the existing product and service. We need it so we can make good decisions when we go shopping. Advertising tells us when new and improved products become available and lets us know which ones have the best price.

Through advertising we learn about new products. For example, many grocery stores now sell prepackaged lunches. These are very convenient for busy parents. They can give these lunches to their children to take to school. Busy parents don't have time to look at every item on the store shelf, so without advertising they might not know about such a convenient new product.

Even products we are familiar with may be improved, and advertising lets us know about this. Most people use cell phones, but new types of cell phone service become available all the time. There are different plans that give you more hours to talk on the phone, you can send text messages and photos, and next week probably some even newer type of service will be available. By watching advertisements on TV it is easy to find out about new improvements to all kinds of products.

Advertisements keep us informed about prices. Prices change all the time, but everyone can look at the ads in the newspaper and see what the latest prices are. Advertisements also inform us about sales. In fact, some people buy the newspaper only in order to check the prices and plan their weekly shopping.

Advertisements improve our lives by keeping us informed about the latest products developments and the best prices. Advertisements serve a useful purpose.

**Alternative Answer 2:**

I think that everyone can divide all advertising products and services into useless ones and useful ones. It is like looking through an information desk when you pay attention to those messages that interest you. Take me for example.

I do not like jewelry. It does not mean I do not have it at all; I have a couple of inexpensive rings as gifts from my parents. I just think, people pay too much attention to this stuff. I believe it is the result of mass advertising. Every day when I am watching TV, listening to the radio or reading the paper I notice many ads about getting an expensive ring, chain, necklace or ear-rings. From my point of view these kinds of advertising contaminate people's minds. In this case you are encouraged to buy things you do not really need. They make you believe you need such products in order to succeed or be happy.

From the other side, I think that advertisements of the new detergents with up-to-date formulas to help you maintain your cloth in perfect conditions, the new cars with some extra futures that make your traveling more comfortable and sports goods that make your life healthier may help you to improve your life.

Recently my husband and I saw an ad on the Internet about a very interesting and inexpensive vocation to Japan for a week. Is not it awesome? We like traveling. So now we are planning to find out more about it and, may be, make reservations. I belief that without advertisements we would be unaware about plenty of opportunities that may make your life happier, easier and less stressful.

My point is that every person has his own scale of values. So if he is vegetarian he will consider an ad about meat products useless for him.

**47. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Should a city try to preserve its old, historic buildings or destroy them and replace them with modern buildings?**

**What is your view point on this issue?**

**Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Some people think that old, historic buildings are no need for the city and they should be destroyed and replaced with modern ones. However, other people believe that historic buildings must be preserved in order to know and remember our past. For several reasons that I will mention below I agree with those people who want to preserve old, historical buildings.

First of all, by preserving historical buildings we pass our history to our future generations. I think that our children should know their history, learn from it and respect it. People need to know their traditions and customs, which are priceless and irreplaceable. Our history is our knowledge and power. From my opinion we need to preserve and restore historical buildings. By destroying them we show our disrespect to our forefathers and their traditions.

Second of all, by preserving historical buildings a city can attract many travelers. Welcoming tourists a city can get many benefits including money, which can be spent on preserving historical buildings as well as on improving roads and facilities. Every city has its own tradition and history which is reflected through the art and creation of the building mostly. Destroying those heritage means destroying the old value and history.

Also, many tourists mean a lot of new business opportunities. Another important aspect of this is that businessmen will be willing to build new recreational centers, hotels, movie theaters, shopping centers to make a city more attractive for travelers. In addition to those practical benefits, many people will have the opportunity to get a job. All this is good for the economy of the city.

To sum up, I believe that preserving old, historical buildings can bring only benefits to a city and all humankind.

**Model Answer 2:**

It is believed that old, historic buildings are not useful to the community and they occupy space in an already premium location. Take Colosseum of Rome for example, the building occupies a lot of space in the middle of city but it has more advantages that compensates for the loss of premium due to land cost. It can be argued that the contemporary buildings have more advantages than disadvantages by analyzing the impact due to culture and revenue from tourism in these buildings.

The rich cultural and heritage of our ancestors can only be passed down to the future generations through such structures. The structure is an evidence of history and portrays itself to provide a comparison of lifestyle evolution since the recorded history. As an illustration, Eiffel tower standing tall in the centre of the city was built about a century ago. It clearly is not having any useful money generating purpose apart from tourism. However, the future generations can take it as a proof for existence of scholars who could build skyscrapers which could last several centuries without use of modern technology and equipment. The pride of owning such engineering marvel is priceless.

Secondly, the government's spending to preserve this building is benefited multiple folds through the revenue generating by touring individuals. The revenue generated from Tirupathi temple for instance, accounts for second largest revenue generating source after tax revenue in case of Andhra Pradesh. Hence, it can be clearly seen that the amount of effort and time invested by city governments could fetch a very attractive return over investment than building modern structures.

On the other hand, due to migration of people from country-side and due to population expansion within cities, there is a huge demand for real estate space. There is increasing pressure on local governments to demolish heritage buildings due to inefficient usage of space inside them. For instance, Singapore which has a total area of 27 km<sup>2</sup> cannot afford to have a large colosseum. These days though, local bodies are coming up with innovative ideas like moving an entire building by fitting wheels under them. Such techniques can be used instead of destroying the culture and revenue from them.

In short, preserving a historic building within a city proves to be a highly valuable proposition than replacing them with modern buildings. Hence it is recommended to city officials for looking into every possible alternative than demolishing the historic monuments.

**48. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**People have different job expectations for jobs. Some people prefer to do the same job for the same company, whereas others prefer to change jobs frequently.**

**Write about the advantages and disadvantages of each viewpoint?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Model Answer 1:**

In the modern workplace there is no longer the attitude that 'a job is for life'. Nowadays, many people take the option to change jobs, while others prefer not to. In my essay, I will explore the good and bad points of the above attitudes.

One of the main benefits of staying in one job is security. Changing employer often means a period of instability, where one may have to think about moving house, or temporarily losing a steady source of income. Staying in one job means these problems are avoided.

Another benefit of not changing occupation is that one is able to gain a lot of experience and expertise in his specific profession, thus enhancing job security. One's company may recognize their loyalty and reward their service. On the other hand, those who often change jobs may be seen as unreliable, lacking in experience and employers might be reluctant to hire and invest training in them.

However, there are arguments in favor of changing job frequently. One is that a worker improves his employ ability. Working in several different jobs often means that the individual has more skills. Such people are seen as more dynamic and versatile.

Another benefit of changing jobs frequently is that one never gets stuck in a rut. From

my own experience, I got bored when I spent too long in a job. Following this, the quality of my work would suffer. I also believe that employers generally don't tend to greatly reward loyalty or commitment. Increased wages and promotion are often easier to attain by changing jobs.

Overall, it can be said that the disadvantages of changing jobs are the advantages of staying put, and vice versa... In my opinion, I feel that changing jobs every once in a while is of more benefit.

### **Model Answer 2:**

People have many expectations from their jobs. Jobs are usually done by people to fulfill their needs and also for self-satisfactions and for gaining skills. Employees look for promotions and salary hikes whenever they think they deserve it. To obtain this some people prefer to change jobs frequently while others continue with one job in the same company. This is a typical question nowadays. I strongly believe that both situations have pros and cons.

Firstly, if people endure in the same company in the same job, then they gain a lot of experience which is counted to offer promotion ultimately and that results in salary hike. Moreover for this scenario responsibility increases, it provides security and also shows loyalty to company. So, company recognizes the employee as a trust worthy person and offers many benefits including foreign job promotions. On the other hand, continuing job in the same company for a longer time is a slow process of career growth. Same work throughout the career is also a tedious one to many people.

Secondly, switching from one job to other jobs will bring challenging environment whether they continue in same company or other. While doing this, they get chances of having new social relations, gain different job skills. By continuous change new picture come to screen; so, ultimately the person will be fresher to the new job. But if the transferring takes place with the same job among various companies lead to quick career growth. In general more people are interested to do this process. The one big advantage is salary hikes will be more.

Finally, I strongly opine that continuous change in job provides quick career growth. While staying in a single job in the same company avoids personal problems like shifting house, children's education growth, adjusting to new environment etc.

**49. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**People who have original ideas are of much greater value to society than those who are simply able to copy the ideas of others well.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

People are born to this world with different abilities and talents. Some being unique and some are common to all. Sometimes those with unique talents come up with ideas that are completely new, creative and astonishing. However there lingers this question “Are they greater than us? “.

In my honest opinion, every single human being should be treated and valued the same. No single person is greater than another. From the start of the human race to the present, no society was made by one man. It has always being a combined and a collective effort of everyone.

Sir Isaac Newton, the great physicist was someone who revolutionized the field of physics. Every single individual respects and acknowledges him for his achievements and contribution to the human race. But does that mean only people of his stature are needed in the society? I say NO. Ideas of Newton have been taken by other individuals to come up with wonders that even Newton could not have imagined of. The Space Shuttles, Aircrafts, Architectures, Construction, Sports are all based on ideas of another person. The computer was a machine that was created by an individual. However this idea was copied by others to build things which are even greater. From simple electronics like calculators to marvels such as Super computers, Artificial Intelligence, Robots.

As a conclusion, like Ying and Yang, a society co-exists with the talents and ideas of all people combined. No individual is of much greater value than another. The day society starts considering that people with original ideas are of much greater value will be the downfall of that society.



**Model Answer 2:**

I certainly agree that people who come up with new ideas; in other words those who 'invent' or 'discover' things are terribly important to society as a whole. However, I also think there is a role in society for good imitators.

No one would deny that key individuals must be thanked for providing us with certain facilities that we use every day. Where, would we be, for example, without basic items such as the washing machine, the television and, more recently, the computer? These items are now used so regularly that we tend to take them for granted. Throughout the history the inventors and scientist have invented things those have become out part of life and those inventions have up surged the human civilization. There are many heavenly scientists whose single theory has changed the whole world. Those inventors are the leader of the whole mankind.

In fact, the society we live in today has become increasingly consumer-oriented, and while it may be possible to constantly update and improve consumer goods, not everyone where I live can afford the prices of these innovations. Furthermore not everyone lives in an area that has accessibility to the latest models on the market. For this reason, there is a value to be placed on being able to provide good copies of expensive items. Again many scientists have given many theory and others have implemented it. So this implementation has a great value too. There are lots of evidences that, the main invention was little in use while the developer later made it possible to alter the main device for a better use. So we should not and can't deny the hard work done by those who copy the idea and develop it for better output.

Having said that, certain innovations have a more serious impact on our lives than consumer goods and cannot easily be replicated. Vital medicines like penicillin and vaccines against dangerous diseases also exist because people made continual efforts to develop them. Scientific ideas such as these enable us to live longer and escape illness.

**50. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Traffic and housing problems in major cities could be solved by moving large companies and factories and their employees to the countryside.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer:**

These days with increasing urban populations, there are major problems with congestion and not only the price, but also availability of accommodation in large cities of the world. It seems that one possible solution could be to relocate large companies and factories as well as their respective employees out of these urban areas and into more rural ones. In my opinion, I strongly agree that this would have a desired effect in making cities more livable.

To begin with, the traffic problem in cities doesn't only exist from commuting employees, but also the general public traveling around the city. While this may be a fact, if the number of worker's vehicles is reduced on city streets, a large percentage of traffic will obviously decline in rush hours. For example, peak hour traffic is undoubtedly made up largely of staff from companies going to and from home.

Secondly, in regards to housing problems, populations will always continue to grow in cities and therefore inadvertently decrease the number of cheap and available apartments. This is certainly obvious, however, a large proportion of these apartments are occupied by employees from large firms and their families. If this workforce is relocated to housing estates in the country, city apartment blocks will fall in price and certainly increase in availability.

In conclusion, by relocating workers to rural areas to work and reside, heavy traffic conditions and lack of adequate accommodation in city centers will obviously change for the better. As far as I'm concerned, I agree that the government should enforce such a law in order to increase our standard of living in our hectic city life.

**51. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Scientists and the news media are presenting ever more evidence of climate change. Governments cannot be expected to solve this problem. It is the responsibility of individuals to change their lifestyle to prevent further damage.**

**What are your views? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Nowadays, climate change and global warming issues have become very popular and widely discussed issues. Many people discuss about the evidence of climate change and propose solution on how to solve a lot of problems from the climate change effect. Some people argue that government cannot be expected to tackle the problem because the cause of the problem is human mistakes. I agree with that, however I believe that both government and individuals should take roles and solve the problem together.

The roles of government are needed to solve the problem since they have power to control societies. Firstly, the government should make and enforce regulations about vehicle use strictly. They have to reduce private motor vehicles by increasing the number of public transportation. Secondly, the rapid growth of forest destruction must be concerned by the government. They have to give severe punishment for illegal logging perpetrators to prevent further damage of environment. Because of human activities as the primary cause of the climate change, people have to be responsible by taking positive actions. They should change their life style and behaviours to reduce the impact of the problem. Doing simple things like: throwing rubbish in the bin, using electricity wisely, buying environment friendly products, or planting trees will be really helpful.

In conclusion, I believe that the climate change is the problem for all of people in this world – with no exception. The government and individuals should take roles and solve the problem together to minimize the impact of climate change.

**Model Answer 2:**

Recently scientists worried about climate change have urged governments to introduce measures to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are seen as its main cause.

Simultaneously, politicians and environmentalists have urged individuals to make

changes to their lifestyle. I shall argue that governments and individuals should take joint responsibility for this problem.

Firstly, industry accounts for a large proportion of the greenhouse gas emissions, and this can only be controlled by government action. Measures could be taken to discourage pollution, such as limiting or taxing the use of fossil fuels. Alternatively, subsidies could be offered to industries to clean up their production processes. If these ideas were adopted, I believe that businesses would regard pollution as a financial issue.

Secondly, only discussion between governments can ensure that solutions are successful. The Kyoto agreement, for example, tried to reach global agreement on how to address the problem. Without such co-operating, it seems to me that efforts to reduce fuel consumption are unlikely to be effective.

However, national and international policies will only succeed if individuals also change their lifestyle. For example, people could think more carefully about how they use energy in their homes. By using less electricity, installing energy-efficient light bulbs and electrical appliances, or investing in solar panels, individuals can make a real difference.

In addition, I think individual attitudes to transport need to change. Instead of making short trips by car, people could choose to walk, cycle, or take a bus. Since cars are a major source of the problem, changing our behavior in this area would have a major impact.

In conclusion, I would maintain that only a combination of international agreement, national policies, and changes in individual behavior will succeed in preventing further damage to the environment.

**52. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Research indicates that the characteristics we are born with have much more influence on our personality and development than any experiences we may have in our life.**

**Which do you consider to be the major influence?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

In today's modern world, numerous researches have been conducted around the globe in order to improve the personality and the development of an individual. There is one recent research which has clearly shown that the personality and development of a person are highly likely to depend on the characteristics that they are born with as compared to other experiences in their life. However, I believe experiences of a person will have a greater impact on one's personality and development.

Undoubtedly, if we could utilize the experience we gain from working or traveling abroad, we would be more mature and more open-minded. Whenever we arrive in a new place, we can learn the cultures and traditions from the locals in order to acquire more information about the lifestyles of others and eventually become more knowledgeable. Besides, we may learn how to respect and not to criticize the customs of other races which may be slightly or totally different from ours. By doing so, we can actually get benefited by being able to look at the problems from a various perspective.

We may also become more self-independent than others if we live in a harsh environment when we were young. To illustrate, in China, many children have to sacrifice their studies and come out to work since they were small. They are proved to have the ability to make more mature decisions on their own in a research conducted in China between those who are affluent and those who live in poverty. Moreover, people who face a lot of hardships in their lives will have a detailed plan of what to do next. For instance, they will organize their expenditure well, which in other words, they will not spend money on unnecessarily things, especially those luxurious items. Therefore, it is apparent that experiences gained from various field in their lives have a huge influence on one's personality and development.

In conclusion, I am of the opinion that life experience has major consequences on our personalities and developments than the characteristics that we are born with. We will be able to think from different perspectives and make wise decisions if we use the experiences that we gained in our daily live.

**Model Answer 2:**

Many scientists believe that genetic characteristics have more influence to the human's

personality than some experiences in life. Although genetics has some effect to our characters, I believe that the influence of life experience is more significant, and the following essay will discuss about it in details.

On the one hand, it is true that everyone is unique, as they are born with different characteristics. While some people are born with an easy going character, others might be born with a melancholic one. People could not choose their genetic characters, and these characters will develop more as they get adult. Therefore many experts believe that genetic characters have a significant effect to a person's identity.

On the other hand, other people believe that experiences in life have more influence to our life than genetic characters. Communities, family condition, education and work experiences have a deeper effect to a person's character. For example, a person might be born as a sanguine person, but raise in a broken home family. As a consequence, he could become a pessimistic person when he grew up. Another example is that a man might be a positive person, but as he spent so much time with negative friends, he could become as just one them.

In conclusion, I agree that genetic characters have some influence to a person's personality, but I think that life experiences are giving more significant influence to our personality. Therefore it is important for us to be selective in choosing the place to live, workplace and friends.

**53. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**As the world becomes technologically advanced, computers are replacing more and more jobs. Describe some job positions that may be lost because of computers, and discuss at least one problem that may result.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

When computers first made their way into the business sector, everyone believed that they would make people's jobs easier. What was not expected was that computers

would eliminate jobs. Besides contributing to unemployment, these automated workers often exhibit inadequate job performance.

A number of jobs have been lost as a direct result of new computer technology. Ticket agents in various transportation facilities, from subway/ underground stations to airports are virtually nonexistent these days. Bank tellers have been greatly reduced due to automated bank machines. In addition, many call centers that have help lines are almost entirely computerized. A few years ago I worked as a helper in our local library. Today this position does not exist, because six new computers have been installed. The number of positions lost to computers grows exponentially, and unemployment continues to get worse.

While a computer may easily achieve the main tasks of these jobs, most computers fall short when customers have a unique request or problem. A pre-paid ticket booth does not have insight about the entertainment district and cannot offer friendly directions to a tourist. Similarly, an automated bank machine cannot provide assistance and reassurance to a customer who has just had his credit card stolen. And, more often than not, automated telephone operators cannot answer the one question that we have, and we end up waiting on the line to speak with someone anyway. Every time I go into the library where I worked I notice elderly people who don't know how to use the computers and can't find anyone to help.

In the future, I believe a new business trend will evolve. As computers eliminate jobs, new positions will have to be invented. More and more people will go into business for themselves, and hopefully put the personal touch back into business. I believe that the human workforce will demonstrate that it is more valuable than computers.

### **Model Answer 2:**

From the last century, the technology has been advanced more and more. Because of technology, they are flying from one country to another country in an hour; they are saving money and time by using internet services. With the help of this advanced technology, humans are getting huge benefits. Along with the advantages of the technology, there are disadvantages also.

Postman, who delivers letters, money, and other things, is nowhere to find in this modern world because of the electronic mails services and ATM machines. In very rare

cases, he appears at our doors. As the world has been advancing in technology more, people get rid of postman. For example, before the ATM machines evolved, everyone had to use the services of a postman to send or get money from their allegiances, acquaintances, relatives, etc. In order to send letters or messages to their, people, beloved one's. But, the electronic mail system has made the postman in our streets disappeared.

Today, in banks, we see more computers than the employees. Before computer, the accountants used pen and papers for records. As computer has introduced to the world, the only few employees has been needed to operate computers to save the log.

In this way, as technology has been playing the higher role than most of the job positions. However, research opportunities regarding the technology have been increasing as the demand for technology has been growing day by day. In overall, the losing job positions is not good sign for the employment of a country, as some job positions require little education beyond the job positions of technology.

**54. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**It is generally agreed that society benefits from the work of its members. Compare the contributions of artists to society with the contributions of scientists to society. Which type of contribution do you think is valued more by your society?**

**Give specific reasons to support your answer and mention relevant examples to support your answer. You should write at least 250 words.**

**Sample Answer 1:**

Art and science are considered as pillars of our society. Both an artist and a scientist play a vital role in the formation of a civilized society. The contributions from these two entities are highly appreciated and welcomed by all in a society. The influences made by their works are commendable. But, concluding on who contributes more would be cumbersome; however in the present world where invention and innovation are the buzzwords, I think a scientist's delivery would be valued more.

An artist is highly capable, said to even portray one's mind. In the past an artist was an avid source of inspiration for many. An ideal exemplification would be reference of king DRaja Ravi Varma in Indian scripts, where he was admired by many ladies for his outstanding paintings. The works of world renounced artists like Da Vinci, Othello etc. will need a special mention in this context. The society is acknowledged of its evil faces



by artists through their works - a documentary against child labor, celebrities holding hands together against a social cause like AIDS awareness campaigns would serve a few examples.

On the other hand, scientists are under constant effort to bring comfort to our life. Scientific revolution is considered an epic that happened to this century. Through new inventions, they aid society in overcoming the obstacles and challenges faced by their counter parts. Through scientist, we are able to achieve longevity, excellent discoveries avail us with new forms of energy, scientists come up with new ideas to improve our quality of life, almost every day. In addition to this, scientists are behind experiments and researches to eliminate all possible treats to our society. Mean while, almost all huge machines to tiny kitchen equipment that we use in our daily life has a scientist's effort behind.

So from the above discussion, my conscientious allows me to favour a scientist than an artist with regards to their contributions to our society. Both these as mentioned earlier are vital for us. An artists as a source of inspiration and informative, whereas a scientist as a source of innovations and inventions.

### **Model Answer 2:**

The world need both the artists and scientists. We equally remember the contribution of Leonardo the Vinci and Albert Einstein. It might seem a controversial question weather the contributions of artists are more or less than the contributions of scientists to the world. But to me, there is no scope for debate, hence I value both equally and I also belief both types are valuable, priceless and irreplaceable .The art can never be the competitor or alternative of science and the reverse is true as well.

The contributions of artists to the society are very essential. Art can form person's spiritual sense, their views, morality, spirit and personalities. People learn history, the traditions of their country trough the art. We also watch movies that entertain and at the same time extend our range of interests. Another important aspect of this is that art is an ancient means of communication. In old times people depicted the herds of mammoths on the walls of their caves. They performed different rituals around the fireplace asking their gods for health, good harvest and weather. Our language is a result of people's need to communicate.

On the contrary, the contribution of scientists is could not be exaggerated. All

humankind is indebted to the scientists because of their work and achievements. Scientists make our life easier. We have cars and airplanes to move fast from one place to another. We have microwaves and a bunch of preprocessed food to make the cooking much easier. We have different devices that simplify all we do. Finally, scientists are making great achievements in medicine that make our life longer and happier. Nowadays people have a great opportunity to do many things faster by use of computers.

To conclude, I believe that artists nourish our souls when scientists and technology feed our minds. So, we can not eliminate or underestimate one of them.

**55. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**All education (primary, secondary and further education) should be free to all people and paid & managed by the government.**

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**Give reasons for your answer. You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Education is an important part of everyone's life and it plays a very important role in growth of an individual. Making education free for everyone and managing all by government will be a very big step in growth of society. All parents want to make their children educated by sending them to school, colleges but some time because of lack of resources they have to deprive their child of even basic education. By making education free of all will ensure that nobody will miss education just because they can't afford to pay.

Government's step of making education free will set an example in society that if you have willingness to study and grow, not having money will not stop you from making a brighter future.

Education with no fees will identify all those talents which can be at top given education and guidance but gets lost because their parents can't afford to pay for schools. Everyone will stand equal chance to succeed. It will increase the literacy rate of that country and will improve the growth of that country as well. It has been easily seen in the past that countries having higher literacy rate has been more successful. By making free education a majority of people will get educated making overall a positive

environment in society. There will be fewer crimes in society. Educating people will be making them more responsible.

Government should put more emphasis on education by making it free. Just like Food and shelter education should also be basic right of everyone and should be free for everyone.

**Model Answer 2:**

The opinion that every citizen should have the right to study at school or university for free is very controversial one. Those, who disagree, refer to enormous expenditures of government in case of establishing such laws. Although, I hold the viewpoint that not charging people for education could become very beneficial for country and its economy.

First, young people from poor families could be very smart. Looking back to history and biographies of distinguished people, raised in poverty can illustrate this best. Making schooling available only for fortunate is not fair. Moreover, the state well-being could also be affected, because there would be a lack of talented specialists, whose skills was not discovered and developed by proper training.

Another advantage of making education free of charge is happiness of the nation. Inability of individual to collect amount of money needed to pay school or university fees cause stress and anxiety of the middle-class society, which can even keep them from having children. Nowadays we can see that the lowest birthrate is in countries where prices of enrollment to highest education institutions are very high. This clearly indicates the fact that citizens of rich countries do not feel able to provide their future offspring proper education.

Finally, nothing seems to be more beneficial to economy than intelligent nation. Free courses and study programs can prepare excellent specialists, who would work to bring profit themselves and hence their country. That would surely compensate most expenses of state budget caused by education of no charge.

To sum up, even though making all schools free can be very expensive for state economy, advantages are invaluable. After several years such improvements would bring fruits of happy, intelligent nation confident about its future.

**56. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**Television has had a significant influence on the culture of many societies. To what extent would you say that television has positively or negatively affected the cultural development of your society?**

**Use your own knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

It has been many years since television was first introduced to people and people today still have mixed views on whether it has a positive or a negative influence on the society.

Many people believe that television damages culture. It promotes the stronger cultures of countries such as Britain and North America and weakens the cultures of less wealthy countries. This is because the stronger, wealthier countries are able to assert their own culture by producing more programs that are shown widely around the world. These programs then influence people, particularly young people, in the countries where they are shown.

Also, because television networks need to attract large audiences to secure their financial survival, they must produce programs which are interesting to a broad range of people. In many countries this range is very broad because we are a multicultural society and people of all ages like to watch television. To interest all these different people, most television programs are short in length, full of action and excitement, do not require much intelligence or knowledge to understand, and follow universal themes common to all cultures, such as love and crime. Television programs which concentrate on or develop themes pertinent to one particular culture are not so successful because they interest a smaller audience.

Nevertheless we much acknowledge that television does have some positive effects on the cultures within a society as well. People who do not live within their own culture can, in a limited way, access it through the multicultural station on the television. For example, Aboriginal children who have grown up in white families, or migrants and international students living in a foreign country, can watch programs from their own culture on the television.

In conclusion, I hold the view that television promotes and strengthens those cultures that are wealthy and influential while it weakens the cultures that are already in a weakened position.

**Model Answer 2:**

Television always had significant role in cultures of many societies and it still has a great influence. Whatever we see in societies these days is some way or other impacted or influenced by what we see on television. The influence of television can be both positive and negative.

To look at positive influence of television on society, it gives us knowledge about many things being it different culture, different regions of world, their habitat and many more information. It gives us news about what happening worldwide and catches up on current affairs. It makes you aware of what is happening nearby you as well around the globe. As televisions and it network being readily available in even remote parts, it's a great medium to create awareness about many social issue among people and asking them to perform their part to make a better society.

But again we do see so much negative influence of television on people these days. Kids getting exposed to many things at very young age, people seeing crimes happening on television lead them to wrong doings. It's very much known that we see many of the crimes happening these days are one or another way is influenced by what people see on TV.

As it's said, excess of everything is bad. Similar way in a controlled manner with a proper supervision and regulation on what people are exposed to on television will always do good to society. It will help gaining enormous amount of good knowledge and will be helpful in one or another way.

To make people aware people of many social issues via television will create a great impact and make world a better place to live.

**57. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**  
**Some people think that a sense of competition in children should be encouraged. Others believe that children who are taught to co-operate rather than compete become more useful adults.**  
**Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.**  
**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**  
**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Nowadays, purpose of education being changed in Korea. There are some People who think that competition in children should be made, also others believe that children who are taught to co-operate as well as become more useful adults. There are advantages and disadvantages for both of the arguments.

To begin with, what is good if a sense of competition in children is made? They could develop themselves more and more as they learn and study a lot to win from the competition. To prove this, in Korea, it is popular - even common now - to have a tutor who comes to student's house to teach extra pieces of study with paying a lot of money. They learn faster than what they learn at school. Furthermore, during the vacations, students study abroad to learn English for a month instead of revises school work. If they have experiments such as study abroad, it is one of the greatest plus point to go to the famous well-known high-school. Moreover, there are four big school exam and two national examinations to test students' level of studies. Generally, only the highest 40% can go to the good quaternary high schools and colleges. Children learn as much as they can, to win the competition to obtain good quality schools.

On the other hand, as they are busy to enter the schools and study individually with their own tutors, there are problems. They become selfish. They become careless and don't help others a lot if it is about studies. There will be no co-operations for them. Then, why are there companies for many people to work in? Each of them are clever, however, there are weak parts and strong parts for each person. To co-operate is to improve this part. People talk and listen to what others thinking of and learn. That could also be a great opportunity to learn instead of learning alone with one teacher.

In conclusion, I strongly agree with that children should be taught to co-operate rather

than compete. Nobody is perfect. People learn together, work together to develop each other. Therefore, I want parents and teachers to educate children concentrating on co-operation, not compete and ranking them.

**Model Answer 2:**

There is too much debate about whether children should be learned to be more competitive or cooperative members of society. In my opinion, both behaviours are important and cooperation is more important than competition.

On one hand, as we live in the very competitive society, we need to teach our children the sense of competition in a positive way. The most obvious advantage to encourage competition among children is that it makes them more creative and open minded and opens the doors for better future opportunities for them. For illustration, children work hard in the study because they compete with other classmates to receive high marks, this will help them to get a very good job in the future. Moreover, they become more independent and rely on themselves because they know that nobody else will be there to do their duties.

On the other hand, I believe that cooperation is mandatory to be encouraged for many reasons. Firstly, cooperation helps children to learn from each others. For example, when I was at school team, I learned how to play table tennis with my friends and we learn a lot of skills from each other and when we play in the final round with other school teams, we get very good score in the final. Secondly, cooperation teaches children the skills linked to sharing as a result they become a kind member of society.

Finally, cooperation is the key component for better personality as well as prevent from individuality.

To sum up, both cooperation and competition have their own advantages. However, I tend to think that cooperation should be encouraged more in children.

**58. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**When people move to another country, some of them decide to follow the customs of the new country. Others prefer to keep their own customs. Compare these two choices. Which one do you prefer?**

**Support your answer with specific details.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Model Answer:**

People may choose to keep their old traditions from their native country or to accept new ones. Keeping the old customs will help one to overcome the cultural shock and the change of the environment. From the other side, accepting the new traditions will help one to adapt and make new friends with residents. In this essay I will give different reasons why people decide to follow the customs of the new country or to keep their own customs.

If one is from the country with strong and old traditions, I think it will be rather difficult for him to adapt to the new customs and moreover to reject his own. That is why some people from the same country try to live together and to create their own community where the old traditions are kept. They can not break the customs that were created by their ancestors. For example, some nations are restricted in certain kinds of food by their traditions. So, they do not go to the restaurants unless their traditional food is served there. Some nations according to their customs have to wear certain types of cloth because their religion tells them to do so.

From the other side, if one is from the country with traditions similar to ones of the new country it will be easy for him to adopt and to follow the customs of the new place. He will not feel much difference. Probably, the most difficult part of his relocation will be to accustom to the new climate.

I think that people of the new country are friendlier when they see that foreigner follows their customs. I believe that traditions of every country deserve respect, especially, when



one lives there. In summary, I think that every country has its own beauty and if one wants to find out more about it he will love it.

**59. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**There are many different types of music in the world today. Why do we need music? Is the traditional music of a country more important than the International music that is heard everywhere nowadays?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Kinds of music people listen nowadays are of different tastes and types. For instance, modern international pop and rap music as well as classical traditional country songs all vary from each other and people listen to them with great interests. This is because music has been part of our daily lives even in the ancient times. In this essay, reasons on why music is necessary in every Filipino people's lives and the importance of the Philippine traditional folk music over foreign songs that young Filipinos and Filipinas always hear will be discussed.

Music is a vital part in every Filipinos' lives. Firstly, Philippine folks considered it to be one of the most popular and ancient modes of human expressions. It features largely in all histories and all cultures and indeed has been one of the main ways of passing on cultural traditions to new generations of the country. Secondly, because of this, many people view music as a positive influence for the societies. This influence on individuals is wholly beneficial as it is a long-established way of communicating and helping us understand the whole range of human emotion and experience in a more spiritual language than words can represent.

However, the classical music traditions of the Philippines are not necessarily part of the music many Filipinos and Filipinas experience today. In the modern world today, most

of the country's young people constantly exposed themselves to loud modern foreign songs as a result of globalization via the Internet. But I think that it is more important for young people of the country to learn traditional music to enable them to know the origins of our Philippine ancestors.

In conclusion, I think that we need traditional music because it is an integral part of human expression that we cannot really separate from our lives even if there are various evolution of modern music we tend to listen everyday through the web nowadays such as American rap songs and Korean pop music.

**Model Answer 2:**

It's often said that "music is like magic" and it is indeed true, since music work as a divine magic for us. Music, for many of us, is a way of living. There are many who can't live a life with out listening music each day. Music is the foods of soul to them. Music impresses us, inspires us, tells an untold story, remedy us and let us understand others. There are many different types of music almost in each language of the world and they vary from religious type to anthem and even hard rock or rap. The listeners of the music decide what to listen and it greatly depends upon mood, time, level and age. But I believe no matter what type of music one listens, we need to listen and preserve our own traditional music hence traditional music says what we really are. There is lots of importance of music in our life. Music let us know the position of a nation against war and music it's a message that reaches to all for all over the ages. Music refreshes ourselves and inspires us to do something.

With the modern communication facility, satellite channels and internet, people today hear music fro mother parts of the world. Teenagers are greatly influenced by the western music and they even don't like the traditional or country music. It's very natural that generation will follow their own trends and choices and will accept only what they feel like to accept, but traditional music bear the old history, lifestyle and tradition of a country. And as part of education, everybody should know about his/her own tradition. So we should listen to the music that attract us and really inspires not matter where are they from what whatever their genre are, but we should not ignore our own traditional music.

**60. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or a case to an educated reader with no specialized knowledge of the following topic:**

**Wild animals have no use in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and trying to preserve animals now is just wastage of money.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

The natural inhabitants of wild animals and their way of life have been greatly affected by us and in my opinion we should try to take and initiate every possible step to save these wild animals.

21<sup>st</sup> century is the era of technological advancement, but this technological advancement does not mean that we have to alter the way of life. The lives of these wild animals have been endangered because of human and some species are on the edge of complete distinction and if necessary steps are not taken immediately, many of these species will be lost for ever. Human don't create animal so they have no right to let them be destroyed.

To keep the balance of the ecosystem, each species of the animal kingdom plays important roles and the existence of one species largely depends upon another. To say that wild animal have no use for us is just a selfish statement and obviously we should try to keep the natural balance for our own benefit. Many useful domestic animals have evaluated from the wild species and how can we even define a wild animal, since they live at their very natural environments? Wild animals even play important role for us directly. For example: many wild animals kill lots of rats and save the farmers' crops from being eaten or destroyed by those rats.

In conclusion, we must try to preserve all the endangered and natural animals and as human we should feel responsible to ourselves not to let any species be lost forever.

**Model Answer 2:**

It is sometimes argued that wildlife has been declining in recent years at a startling pace and that deploying any scheme to protect endangered animals would be wastage of money. However, I completely disagree with this idea.

In one hand, it can be argued that wild animals are becoming increasingly extinct in present decade .One of the grave reasons for this decline is ever increasing numbers of human on the earth which have fueled up the demands for more houses and roads. At the same time, the need of self-sufficiency in food for human has led to a destruction of natural habitats. So depletion of green spaces end up with decreased number of wild animals. For instance, chemical farming is required to meet the demand for cheaper food at any cost, and these practices are driven by greater demands for natural habitats such as woodland, forests and hills to be converted into farmlands. Urbanization is another big factor with greater number of people tends to live in cities and more space needed to extend cities at the expense of removing wild habitats.

Nevertheless, I believe that conservation of wild creature is crucial for the human survival as well as for a healthy ecosystem and that it is worthwhile to utilize recourses to protect them. If we do not bother to deploy any targeted scheme to safe animal lives, then biodiversity and ecosystem will suffer. As a result, it will have a devastating effect on food chain for all living creatures. So the government should take more initiatives to carry out different strategies to ensure the survival of wild animals. Establishment of more zoos as well as protecting natural areas should also be ensures by government and law enforcing authority.

In conclusion, I would argue that wild animals are the vital part of our planet and they should be protected at every possible cost.

**61. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Animals should not be used for the benefit of human beings, unless there is evidence that the animals do not suffer in any way.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer:**

There is a lot of controversy about using animals for human needs. Animal rights activists are trying to stop all modern and traditional activities, which involve killing animals or cause their suffering. Traditionalists are trying to convince the community

that using living creatures for men's needs is natural and cannot be avoided in everyday life. In this essay we will explore this subject.

Activists, who defend animal rights, are telling the world that people should not use animals in any way. Moreover, they say that animals should have exactly same rights as humans do. The reason is that people and animals are both living creatures and there shouldn't be any difference in treating them. So called extreme vegans are refusing to eat any food of animal origin, even milk or honey. They are trying to convince people to do the same using as an argument that killing animals and keeping them in captivity cause their suffering and not civilized.

Traditionalists disagree with the statement that human should stop killing animals or using them to fulfill their needs. From the very beginning of human civilization there is a tradition and vital need to use animals as a food and their parts in traditional crafts. Without proteins and vitamins of animal origin human body wouldn't receive all nutrients it needs. Moreover, testing some medicals on animals already helped to fight many diseases people suffered from.

I think, people have the moral right to use animals to their benefit, to some extent. I am sure, we should not cause them suffer and die for our fun. Although, using animals for food is natural for humans as a predator, but as civilized predators we should make sure to use only humane ways of killing.

**62. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Governments around the world are spending billions in support of space programs. This money would be better spent on research into improvements in human health.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer:**

There is an opinion that countries are spending a lot of their cash assets on space projects while they should rather finance medical science sufficiently. Spaceships are flying all over the Universe at the time people are dying from AIDS or even flu. Is there any point of throwing money into the outer space?

On the one hand, human really have not fought many dangerous and highly contagious

diseases. Moreover, industrialization and economical progress brought new diseases as a result of receiving more comfortable life. They are diabetes, cardio-vascular problems, etc. In addition, launching just one space shuttle into the sky requires so many natural resources and brings so many pollution, that it influences ecology a lot. That brings us new health issues, that need additional funding, which could be withdrawn from excessive payments for space research.

On the other hand, scientists already have fund raising from commercial pharmaceutical companies. A lot of diseases have been fought in just last 100 years and there is an increase in mankind life expectancy. Moreover, improved health and elongated life of population leads to a new problem – overpopulation. Space research can help to find a new home for Earth inhabitants. The last, but not the least, who knows, there is a chance we could found on other planets a panacea for all diseases.

As for me, I am not a very healthy person and my parents either. However, if there is a one, very small chance, that something exciting will happen and astronauts will meet alien civilization on other planets, I would not be happy that government is spending money for medicine only. We have overcrowded planet and we should search for ways of expanding our habitat.

**63. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Today the high sales of popular consumer goods reflect the power of advertising and not the real needs of the society in which they are sold.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

#### **Sample Answer 1:**

Today, with significant increase of the number of producers for various goods, not only do buyers have difficulty choosing favorable products but also competition between producers to persuade consumers has become hard and serious. Therefore advertisement play a key role in today's marketing so that some people believe that

power of advertisement is the major incentive for marked growth of buying popular consumer products and necessary needs of buyers is not very important. I agree with this opinion to some extent but I think the main reason for these increase of sale is people's necessity not advertisement.

On the one hand, producers apply various methods to market their products for consumers. These days, if you see carefully around yourself, you will face tempting advertising slogan on billboard on streets, on different types of media that surround you and want to induce you to choose their goods. Companies spend a great deal of money advertising the products so that they use celebrity and famous people to bring their favors into their stories. These methods have been successful in some cases especially for affluent people who want to be in fashion and able to afford the luxurious goods such as house, cars and jewelry. So this success is held in a limited circle.

On the other hand, intensive growth of sales of people's main consumer products is as a result of increasing their needs to them. The role of advertisement in this area is confined to help buyer choose the best products and not persuade them to buy unnecessary goods. When it comes to vital goods of living, people whether rich or poor do not pay attention to advertising messages that how much or many of these goods they buy.

In conclusion, I think that is true the power of advertisement can make people buy their products but this power is limited to rich people and also unnecessary consumer goods so that the real needs of the society dictate the rate of sales.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Nowadays millions of companies produce billions of products and the role of advertising is quite obvious. Ads help consumers to find the goods or services of their needs. However, do our needs grow equally fast as the number of products? Some market analysts insist modern commercials are not merely matchmakers of a product and a consumer, but actively interfere with buyer's desires, developing artificial needs. Undoubtedly, advertisement guides people through the market, serves those who do not have time to learn differences between goods. These products are probably the same, but loyalty to a particular brand, formed by a commercial helps make a choice. When a person buys one mobile phone out of 50 models, he thinks he made his choice himself. But that was a commercial who told him about the features of this phone.

Nevertheless, ads not only inform us about new goods, but force people to want them. This can be even useful, for example for someone who suffers from back pains and without commercials he would never imagine there are new mattresses which could ease their pains.

Unfortunately, promoters now operate our minds more aggressively. Commercials no longer promote products, but lifestyles. They told us to purchase things just because they are fashionable or up to date with the image of successful person. And we buy new cars, gadgets and clothes in order to match this image and not because old ones are no longer usable.

Personally I think that high sales of popular commodities are the result of new promotional technologies. The best illustration of that is that everyone now is concerned mostly about how a new mobile phone will reflect his personality, a new shirt – his image, or will a new car make colleagues feel jealous.

**64. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Children today are too dependent on computers and electronic entertainment. It would be better for them to be outside playing sports and taking part in more traditional past times than spending all day indoors.**

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Computers have revolutionized the way we learn, travel, work and socialize. Advancement of technology in this domain has given birth to smart phones, tablets, mp3 players and other gadgets that are not only a great source of entertainment but are instrumental in fetching valuable information. One cannot imagine living without them in this modern era. People believe that children are getting more dependent on these electronic devices which are alarming and we should persuade them to participate in other outdoor physical activities. Though this move is laudable but I don't agree fully. This essay will analyze the merits of both views before presenting an opinion. People believe that young one of the society should take part in physical sports. Proponents of this view point say that physical activities make them mentally strong and physically fit. Playing sports and different games is instrumental in learning the art of team work, develops skills vital for competitions and nourish their leadership



qualities. Moreover, it develops their stamina, improves metabolism, sharpen their reflexes and brace them to face everyday life challenges. It has being medically proven that the rays emitting from these electronic devices are not good for human vision. Furthermore, one can truly enjoy the game by playing it physically. For instance, football, the game is different on field where it requires stamina and passion compared to few mouse clicks over computer. Apart from that it helps people to socialize, a trend missing in our present generation.

On the contrary, electronic gadgets like computers, notebooks, smart phones etc play an important role to improve the mental abilities and intellectuality of a child if used wisely. Children can play different mind games that improve their thinking power, decision making skills and harness creativity and innovation. Moreover, physical games and entertainment can lead to harmful injuries which can be fatal. For instance, parents in Karachi usually prefer their children to spend time at home due to fear of terrorism and abduction for ransom.

To recapitulate, the aforementioned provides plausible arguments for both views. However, I personally believe that both computers and physical activities are of equal importance and one should focus on maintaining the right balance and getting positive outcome.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Together with computerization of our society there is a rising of public awareness about kids, who spend too much time in front of personal computer or playing video games.

What it best for children to devote their free time to outdoor activities and conventional games or to be at home and entertain themselves with computer?

Some types of PC games can be very intelligent and may contain huge educational potential. They can encourage youngsters to develop researching skills and inspire them to learn new things. However, significant amount of video games is dumb-type, which develops nothing but button-pushing skill. Unfortunately, these games are usually highly addictive. Thus, they can cause the lack of physical activity and even serious mental diseases.

Outdoor games are often more beneficial for kids' health. They not only train them in terms if agility and endurance, but teach children to socialize and make friends. Moreover, they make them stronger because of fresh air, physical activity and exposure

to the sunlight. Therefore, being on the street not always safe for children. Unattended child can receive trauma or become a subject of crime.

I was not very outgoing and physically active kid and preferred rather to read than to play with others. Getting a computer brought more diversity for my leisure and study. It helped me to experience new emotions, learn new things, study English and meet interesting people online. High information technologies aptitude helped me to get a good job than I grew up. Therefore I think parents should look to their child's personality in order to decide what is more appropriate. Finding good balance between electronic entertainment and outdoor games depends on parents' ability to identify what benefits their child best.

**65. You should spend no more than 40 minutes on this task. As part of a class assignment you have to write about the following topic.**

**The mass media, including television, radio and newspapers have great influence in shaping people's ideas.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Give reasons and relevant examples to support your answer. You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

The mass media have a powerful influence in shaping our lives. We have come to depend on them for information and entertainment, and in doing so we let them affect important aspects of our lives.

The undeniable usefulness of the media in almost instantly providing information about events around the world is largely taken for granted. But in our dependence on the media we have allowed them to mould our notions and opinions of events, places and people. Though few of us probably think about it, our conceptions of, say, our elected officials' spring from television images and newspaper stories. Most of us will never meet prime ministers or presidents, but anyone who is regularly exposed to the media will have an opinion of them. When it is time to cast our vote, we will make our decision based on how the media portray the candidates. We are similarly swayed by coverage of wars. The media, representing the values of their owners, societies and governments, tend to report wars with a bias; which is the 'good' side and which the 'bad' is

determined for us by reporters, editors and commentators, and sure enough the public begins to form opinions that reflect the coverage they see, hear and read in the major media.

The media are also influential in the way they facilitate the spread of culture and lifestyle. The so-called 'global youth culture', in which one finds young people around the world displaying a common interest in music, clothing styles and films, is an example of the media's enormous sway in this regard. A popular figure such as Michael Jackson would never be so well known were it not for the media's extensive reach into every society on the globe.

Thus I would argue that the mass media's influence is certainly great. Indeed, with technological advancements such as the Internet bringing even more forms of electronic media to our homes and workplaces, it is likely the media's influence will grow even stronger.

#### **Model Answer 2:**

"People react according to the perspective they hold in any situation" is a very well-known and accepted fact around the world. Of course, perspective is highly influenced by the information people receive through communication channels like TV, radio and newspapers. Hence, as expected, to control the burgeoning of people's thoughts, many countries have regulated the freedom of media.

Firstly, now a days, media plays a vital role in forming our perspectives towards our country's current politics, sports and other issues as it is an important part of our everyday life. Almost all of us use some sort of media to get updated about the world. In fact for many of us, a day starts with a newspaper. Since media persons are highly revered, accordingly, we truly trust the information we receive from media. For example: during the world war II, Hitler used the German media to spread false news about atrocities over German people living in other European countries to mentally prepare everyone in Germany to gear up for war.

Secondly, media also shapes our minds to understand each other's cultural values and perspectives. Media brings us views of different people over same issues, and based on the circumstances we react, oppose and even embrace these different views. Also, media brings all of us at a single platform where we learn about multi cultures. So, the vital impact of media cannot be disregarded. For example: in multi-cultural cities like

Toronto, media plays a prominent role in unifying people from multi nations and pumps in nationality.

In conclusion, I believe media is having a tremendous impact on people's mind and perspectives. Hence, it is equally important to ensure the freedom of media and publication of unbiased news.

**66. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**You have been asked to write about the following topic.**

**Some people believe that children's leisure activities must be educational; otherwise they are a complete waste of time.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Today, education has become a priority for many parents seeking to secure a good future for their children in this rapidly changing world. They believe that if their children apply themselves and work hard at school, then they will increase their opportunities for going to higher education and eventually getting a good job. Of course they are right, and as access to the best education and best jobs is becoming more competitive, then it is true that children have to make the best of their study time when they are young.

However, the parents who do not allow their children sufficient free time for leisure activities outside school hours are misguided. Such activities are far from being a waste of time for the children simply because they are not academic. It is important to remember that children need to develop skills other than intellectual ones, and the best way to do this is through activities such as sports, games and playing with other kids. If they cannot play make-believe games, how can they develop their imagination? How can they learn physical co-ordination or learn important social lessons about winning and losing if they do not practice any sports? Many children form strong, personal relationships with the friends they play with, and without the opportunity to do this, they could grow up emotionally immature or unformed.

Finally, I think it is also important to remember that children need to relax as well as work. If everything they do must have some educational or academic relevance, then

they will soon get tired of studying altogether, which is the last thing parents would want.

**Model Answer 2:**

The manner in which children spent their free time varies greatly from one to another. It is argued that pupils should perform task related to education in this period. However, I believe that utilizing spare interval performing physical activities and watching television will help recuperate their health and concentration.

To begin with, young people are required to perform body movements for improving their physical abilities. A good illustration for this are the activities planned in the school timetable which always include some periods dedicated for playing sports. As a result, they are forced to get involved in the activities which require motion resulting in maintaining their fitness level. Thus, it is apparent that doing such exercises will contribute towards the physical development of a child.

In addition, continuous focus towards studies can result in the problems related to the concentration. For instance, if a student is asked to perform educational task in his extra time also, there are chances he might start feeling frustrated with studies. Instead, if he utilizes this span for watching television, he can feel relaxed and thereby, he will be more attentive when he starts learning again. Therefore, it is obvious that such breaks will help them to enhance the attention level.

In conclusion, getting engrossed in activities other than education not only helps to improve the health but also fosters the mental fitness. Thus, this clearly debunks that idea that pupils should only perform task which aim towards acquisition of knowledge in order to avoid spoiling time. It is expected that parents will be made aware of the advantages of spending free moments doing other task for the children in the foreseeable future.

**67. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic.**

**"Prevention is better than cure." Out of a country's health budget, a large proportion should be diverted from treatment to spending on health education and preventative measures.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**You should write at least 250 words. You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

### **Model Essay 1: (Agreement)**

In this world, many people are deceasing by various types of health problem because the lack of appropriate health education and preventive actions. That is why government should expend huge amount of money from health budget for cure related education as well as preventive measure. It is agreed that this policy has a vast amount of benefit; moreover, this will be proven by analyzing economical point of view of a country and health aspect of people.

Firstly, many regimes spend an enormous amount of money in order to treat their people from different type of serious illness. This extravagance can be easily diminished when state commences of educational healthcare system by spending money to the health teaching system. As an example, if the administration perceives to their slums that smoking, drinking, and so on is bad things for human body through this educational program, many people will be not attacked by the severe sickness. This could save a large amount of money of the state. As can clearly be seen from this the illustration that this idea may bring colossal economical benefit to the government.

Secondly, many governments fight against several types of diseases especially the diabetes and the heart diseases. Before these health problems assault to the people, it can be ceased by taking some preventive measure. For example, exercise, sports, entertainment etc. can decrease the chances to become these patients. Making parks, playground, and cinema hall can influence people to do exercise, which can protect the people from these intense sickness. This can be achieved by investing the money for preventive measure from health budget.

In conclusions, this idea is indispensable not only to the people but also to the governments. However, the tremendous amenities of this policy fortify my argument. Therefore, government should spend money for health education and preventive measure from health budget.

### **Model Answer 2: (Agreement)**

Of course it goes without saying that prevention is better than cure. That is why, in recent years, there has been a growing body of opinion in favor of putting more resources into health education and preventive measures. The argument is that ignorance of, for example, basic hygiene or the dangers of an unhealthy diet or lifestyle needs to be combated by special nationwide publicity campaigns, as well as longer-term health education.

Obviously, there is a strong human argument for catching any medical condition as early as possible. There is also an economic argument for doing so. Statistics demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of treating a condition in the early stages, rather than delaying until more expensive and prolonged treatment is necessary. Then there are social or economic costs, perhaps in terms of loss of earnings for the family concerned or unemployed benefit paid by the state.

So far so good, but the difficulties start when we try to define what the 'proportion' of the budget "should be, particularly if the funds will be 'diverted from treatment'. Decisions on exactly how much of the total health budget should be spent in this way 'are not a matter for the non-specialist, but should be made on the basis of an accepted health service model.

This is the point at which real problems occur - the formulation of the model. How do we accurately measure which health education campaigns are effective in both medical and financial terms? How do we agree about the medical efficacy of various screening programmes, for example, when the medical establishment itself does not agree? A very rigorous process of evaluation is called for, so that we can make informed decisions.

**68. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Scientists use living animal to carry our research. Some people think it is interesting, while some other people think it is cruel. What is your opinion?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**Model Answer:**

Concerning the issue whether scientists should use living animals for scientific research, people hold different views. Some people claim that it is cruel, while some other people argue that it is beneficial to the development of science. As far as I am concerned, I am in favor of carrying out experiments on animals.

Firstly, scientists can do initial experiments on animals to test the effect of new medicine. Scientists have founded so many milestones on the way to medical development. But they can not find effective treatment to some diseases like cancer and AIDS, which are fatal to people's health. Through experiments on animals, scientists can not only understand the pathology of some diseases, but also try the effect of medicine and find the most effective treatment to these diseases, making great breakthroughs in the field of medicine.

Secondly, using living animals in the laboratory, the teachers in the university or some research institutes can demonstrate the anatomic knowledge to the students majoring in medicine, rendering students a direct understanding of biological knowledge, which can improve the level of medical research and make great contributions to the medical science. Without experiments on living animals, genetic technology would not have developed so quickly. Actually, most scientists attribute their success and breakthroughs to experiments on animals.

Finally, some animals can provide human beings with essential organs for transplantation. Genetic technology will change the genes of some animals. In the near future, organs of animals will take the place of artificial organs like heart pumps, prolonging patient's life.



However, researches on living animals face a moral problem because animals are also creatures in the nature, which possess equal rights as human beings. On second thoughts, it is worthwhile for the purpose to accelerate the development of science and the progress of human civilization.

**69. You should complete the task within 40 minutes.**

**Creative artists should always be given the freedom to express their own ideas (in words, pictures, music, film) in whichever way they wish. There should be no public or government restrictions on what they do.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**Give your reasons with own knowledge and give examples.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

The issue of freedom of creative artist has extremely grown in importance in most countries over the few decades. It is considered that government should not interfere to their work and the artist should be free to do whatever they want. While I accept many artists are sharing their valuable ideas for the tremendous development of this world, I believe some certain area they should be controlled by the rules and regulation.

Admittedly, the human civilization has approached this sophisticated stage because many creative artists bestow us enormous number of significant ideas and opinions in the form of picture, music or film. As an example, many creative artists like Leonardo Da Vinci had first draw the design of airplane; but, at that time nobody could think that human can fly and everybody thought it was just imagined of his mind. Although it required long time, but it became true that human now can fly. This example makes it clear that the work of artists can lead to immense improvement of humankind. Therefore, many people think that they should be free with their works for the advancement of human being.

On the other hand, there are some vital reasons why the work of artists should be controlled in some certain area. Firstly, most people in this world believe in the God; so the artist should not create such type of acts, which hurt the religion. If this type of

activity they make, it may bring colossal embarrassment to the human society. Secondly, the artist should not go against any culture and costume of a country. In this certain field, government can limit the practice of an artist.

In conclusion, the creative artist is indispensable in our society although some artists have trended to draw against our cast, creed, and religion. In my opinion, this tendency may call harmful to our mankind so that the government should control the activity, which can go directly against to our culture and religion.

### **Model Answer 2:**

The responsibility of an artist is to create artworks to cater for peoples needs for aesthesis and enjoyment. Some masterpieces by the world-renowned artists like Shakespeare, the greatest poet in British literature; Vinci, the most famous Italian painter, architect and sculptor impress people around the world deeply. From my point of view, the government should not give restrictions to artists. On the contrary, their creativity and innovation should be encouraged.

Creativity is the source of arts. The development of literature is a very vivid illustration. From Classicism to Romanticism, from Renaissance to Realism, from Humanity to Post-modernism, all the styles of literature reflect peoples thinking and have epoch-making significance. Suppose there was only one style of literature, people would not appreciate so abundant poetry and novels and our world would become so monotonous.

Furthermore, restrictions on creativity will arouse tragedies, one of which is Burn books and bury the literati in pits in Chinese history launched by Emperor Qin Shihuang, who buried the Confucian scholars alive and prohibited the dissemination of Confucian. Another tragedy was started by Emperor Yongzheng in the Qing Dynasty, who killed many creative artists and intellectuals, undermining the literal development and distorting the development of humanity. History proves that only when a government encourages people to express their own idea and thought freely, can its country make progress and prosper.

Finally, I will quote a classic sentence from a famous article entitled Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death by Patrick Henry, the greatest writer in American history, I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

**70. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Damage to environment is an inevitable consequence of the improvement in the standard of living.**

**To what degree do you agree or disagree to this position?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**Model Answer:**

The improvement of people's living standard owes too much to the rapid development of science and technology. However, people nowadays are confronted with so many problems, such as the deterioration of environment, air pollution and the explosive expansion of population. Some people claim that the damage to environment is an inevitable consequence of economic development. From my point of view, this is only an excuse for the ignorance of environmental protection.

In order to make more profit, some manufacturers and factories are only keen on the pursuit of profits, caring nothing about the protection of environment and the recycling of waste water. For example, about fifty percent of people in Shenzhen possess a private car, and the ownership is increasing by 7,000 each month. The exhaust gas and irritating noise impair people's health greatly. The prosperity of economy is obtained at the cost of people's health and the damage to environment.

The lack of awareness of environmental protection is another factor causing damage to environment. Some near-sighted local governments are only concerned about economic development but pay little attention to environmental protection, misunderstanding that economic development says for their achievements and that environmental protection only wastes money.

If people and the authorities concerned have a long-term developing perspective, I think the damage to environment is avoidable. Along with the development of technology and peoples living standard, the government should take effective measures to handle the problems arising. Meanwhile, the manufacturers and factories should consider not only economic profit but also social benefit. If the government and people can join hands

in solving environmental problem, we will enjoy an azure sky and flower fragrance in the near future.

**71. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Present a written argument to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic:**

**Should museums and art galleries are free of charge for the general public, or should a charge, even a voluntary charge, be levied for admittance?**

**Discuss this issue, and give your opinion.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

People have argued about the entrance fee to museums and art galleries. Some people believe that it should be free of charged for the public, while others think that there should be an entrance fee. The following essay will explain in details regarding to these contradictory opinions, but in my point of view, I do believe that there should be levied for admittance.

For a number of reasons, many people believe that the public should not be charged with any kind of fees, when they enter museums or art galleries. Firstly, these sites have been funded by the government through taxes that were paid by residents. When museums and art galleries charge entrance fees, it means that the public are paying double charges. Secondly, although these places contain historical and artistic artifacts but these places are not popular and attractive places. When these museums and galleries charge some fees, it is predicted that there will be less people who will visit these places.

On the other hand, another group of people think that the public should be charged with either voluntary or admittance fees, when they visit a museum or an art gallery. These people believe that by charging visitors with a certain amount of fees, it educates them to appreciate the value of history and arts. Besides that, these fees can be used to reduce subsidies that have been given by the government. The fund could be relocated by the government for other important matters such as education, public health or transportations.

In conclusion, people have debate about the entrance fee of museums or art galleries. Several people think that there should not be any charges for visitors, while others

disagree. I personally believe that there should proportionate charges for people when they enter the museum or an art gallery, as the fund could be used to cover the operational expense of these places, and reduce the subsidy from the government.

### **Model Answer 2:**

One very complex issue in today's world is the funding of museums and art galleries. There is an argument that they should be free to the general public and funded by governments, but there is also a case for saying that they should charge an entrance fee like other attractions. In this essay, I am going to examine both sides of this issue. Those who argue that museums should be free typically make one of two arguments. The first argument is that institutions like museums are a public service and therefore there should be free access to the man in the street. If for example there was a charge only the wealthy could afford to enjoy works of art. The second, and related, argument is that if they did levy a charge fewer people would go to museums. This would be serious as they are educational institutions and standards would fall.

In contrast, there is only one major argument on the other side of the debate. This is that both museums and art galleries need to charge an entrance fee if they are to survive in the modern world. Governments do not have sufficient funds to subsidise all such institutions and there are other priorities for public money. Therefore these galleries and museums need to charge their customers not only to survive but to update their exhibitions and make new purchases. By way of illustration, the Tate Modern in London could not have been founded without revenue from admissions.

My personal position is that there is no clear answer to this question as there are such strong arguments on both sides. Perhaps it is possible for some museums and galleries to charge fees and for others not to.

**72. Present a written argument or case to an educated reader with no specialist knowledge of the following topic.**

**Space exploration requires vast sums of money. Is the amount of money spent on space research justifiable? Could the money be better spent?**

**What is your viewpoint on this issue? Give reasons for your answer. You should write at least 250 words. You should spend about 40 minutes to complete this task.**

**Model Essay 1:**

We all know that there is no perfect country in this world of ours. People face death through starvation every day due to the lack of money to buy food and other necessities, such as medication. Sometimes, there is a scarcity of these resources even if money is available. In my view, it is wrong for governments to spend enormous funds on their space exploration and astrophysics programs when there are poor people who are hungry and sick in their various countries.

I believe that governments should make it a priority to spend money on providing the basic needs of people here on Earth before they use it for research towards exploring other planets. First of all, regardless of what country they may happen to live in - all people require food, clean water/sanitation, shelter and medication to protect themselves from viruses and bacterial infections. Apart from these most basic and fundamental requirements, people also need a good education so that they can find stable jobs in order to support themselves and their families. Instead of allocating additional funding for space exploration, governments should realize the importance of maintaining a healthy populace. For example, the USA has spent more than 23 billion dollars in the last 30 years on research, rather than spending it on the basic needs of its citizens. Moreover, in America, there are over 6 million homeless people and more than 2 million others who have lost their houses because of foreclosure. Also, there are more than 5 million people who are HIV positive and in need of treatment. If the U.S. Government would decide to spend an equal amount of money on medical research as it does on its space program, then scientists might be able to find better treatments for this devastating disease so that many lives could be saved.

Secondly, many people in Africa have a lack of food, clean water and electricity. I believe that we have a moral and ethical duty to help Africa and other poor countries around the world. It is worthier to help those who share our own planet before we travel to the moon. As for myself, I did my pharmacy internship in Egypt, where I witnessed many examples of why it would be wise for the government to spend more money in the area of medical / pharmaceutical research. Many people there face pain and death every day because of the Hepatitis C Virus. This insidious virus is responsible for causing the deaths of more than 1 million people in Africa each year. The cost of medication to treat it is very high -- approximately 20,000 dollars per patient. On the other hand, Egypt has spent more than 200 million dollars on space exploration and

researching other planets. I think that it would have been a much smarter choice for them to have used the money to provide medication for those who could not afford it.

In summary, it is my viewpoint that governments should concentrate on solving their own internal problems by offering their citizens the basic requirements of life such as food, clean water/sanitation, shelter and medication. They should use any excess money for improving the lives of their inhabitants by providing them with educational opportunities so that they can find decent jobs in order to become independent. It is important to fund academic pursuits such as space exploration and research in the field of Astrophysics, of course, but not at the expense of the lives of human beings who live on this planet.

### **Model Answer 2:**

There has always been considerable discussion and debate about whether governments in many countries should spend tax payers' money on space research. In my view it is impossible to justify the amount of money spent on space research. Generally speaking, the main reason for this position is that there are several areas in which the money could be invested better. When we have so many problems and hungry people in the Earth, spending money on space is not a good choice at all.

The first point to make is that governments have a responsibility to spend public money on projects that bring a benefit to the citizens. This has not been the case with space research as most developments have been limited to helping astronauts in space or have been very specialized. For example, it is not of great value to the general public that we now have pens and biros that can write upside down. This does not merit the huge amount of money spent. Little success has been made so far on space exploration except landing on the Moon or knowing that Mars had once been a place for living being. What good that can bring to people who are starving in many countries?

The second point to make is that there are many much more urgent projects on Earth that require investment. If governments spent less money on space research, then they would be able to help solve some of these problems such as population control, elimination of diseases like cholera, global warming and food shortages. It seems to me that all of these issues are more important because they affect the lives of millions of ordinary people. An illustration of this is that the US government could provide food for all the starving people in the world if they did not spend so much on NASA.

My conclusion is that politicians should not fund space research. The grounds for saying this are that it is very costly and provides little real benefits. Furthermore, there are several more urgent issues that need to be funded.

**73. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**A lot of people believe that the amount of violence shown on TV and in the cinema affects the actions of our young people and therefore increases the amount of violence in our society today. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? What can be done to reduce violence in our society today? You should write at least 250 words. Use your own knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence.**

**Model Answer:**

The question of whether the amount of violence on TV and cinema has affected young people in our society is something which cannot be quantified or proved. My opinion is though that the answer is “yes, it has”.

TV and cinema today do show a large amount of violence and, although we try and shield our young people from seeing too much, they still get to watch it. At the age of eighteen in my country they can see everything anyway. Violence on the streets has increased. That has been proved. The connection between TV’s and the cinema’s obsession with violence and today’s street violence cannot be proved but it is logical that the two are connected. Young people imitate what they see and it is logical that they see glamour in what they do when they commit violence.

How can we lessen violence? Reducing the amount of violence on TV and in the cinema would certainly be a good start. Being more vigilant about what age children are when they see violence in these media, and raising the age limits would also help. Another good idea would be to channel the violence of young people. I don’t think that national service should be re-established in this country but, if people are convicted of violence and sent to prison, then why not give them the option of serving in the army. Their violence will be controlled and they will be subjected to discipline so that they will be better able to control themselves when they leave.

Thus I agree with the statement that cinema and TV violence affects the young people in our society. There are some things that can be done to better the situation but I doubt whether anything will be done.



**74. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Write about the following topic:**

**Modern technology now allows rapid and uncontrolled access to and exchange of information. Far from being beneficial, this is a danger to our societies.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Sample Essay 1:**

It is a fact that with advanced technologies, we could easily access and exchange information about an individual or an organization through the internet. Although some people think that it is beneficial, others believe that it brings more threat to every individual's safety. The following essay will discuss about it in details.

It is true that we are living in a high technology era, where as information about persons, companies, states and even countries are stored online. With this technology, people could easily obtain and swap information with others. For certain people, they believe this advanced technology is beneficial for them, as it has assisted them in accomplishing their projects. For example, when a secret agent needs to investigate a murder case, he might needs some personal information about the victim's relatives and friends. And with online technology, he could easily get all the required information, which will help him in solving the case.

Despite of all the benefits, uncontrolled access and exchange of information have some negative effects to our lives. It is reported that it has been frequently used by certain people for criminal activities. One of the common examples is about credit card database. Many credit card pins are stolen and used inappropriately. And then, sometime an individual database is also hacked, as his personal database is used for any illegal acts by the hacker himself.

In conclusion, to a certain point I would agree that easy access and exchange to information have some advantages for our lives, but we should never forget that it has

many disadvantages as well. I personally believe that there should be some clear regulation about it and the government should monitor it strictly.

**Model Answer 2:**

With the invention and widespread use of computers, mobile devices, internet and other latest technologies people can now access to a range of information very easily. The communication technology enables them to contact anyone and exchange the information they desire. Though many people consider it as a great uplift towards a flexible and advance era, many people believe that it a serious threat for us. I completely disagree with the idea that the disadvantages and threat of free information exchange and communication outweigh the advancement it has brought for us.

First of all, there are very few people who might misuse the easily accessible information and can try to do harms to others. But consider the rest of the mass people who form more than 99.99% of total population who would access information to enhance their knowledge, contact with people they care and contribute towards making the society a better place. Students, research people, teachers, professionals or even kids and moms access various source of information for their daily needs and blocking their access from the fear of an unknown hacker or terrorist is like locking us at home 24 hours because there might be an accident in the road.

In reality, the facility to exchange information and easy communication made it possible to shorten the distance of the world. The distance learning, online education, online business, email and websites like Wikipedia have made it possible for someone in a distant village to grab the potential to contribute in a greater enhancement. The sensitive data are always protected by the authority and they spend a huge amount to ensure the data protection and misuse. No matter how lucrative it sounds, hacking a bank's website and getting information about the customers' financial statement is as tough as walking to the middle of an ocean.

Whenever we refer to the term modern world its underlying meaning refer technological advancement, information availability and flexibility of communication. Restricting the access and exchange of information for fear of danger is like living in the cave in fear of earthquake. The technological advancement has made the world a better place to live in, has increased the transparency of government and authority and has enhanced the potential for more advancement and flexibility.

**75. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**With the help of technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it more quickly.**

**Use specific reasons and examples to support your position. You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

From my everyday experience and observation I can state several factors, which defend the statement that with the help of technology, students nowadays can learn more information and learn it more quickly.

First of all, the latest inventions of humankind dramatically improved our life. Nowadays we can move from one place to another more quickly, we do not spend much time cooking; we have many different resources of information and means of communication. So, our life now is more dynamic and changeable. During our day we receive a huge amount of information and process it. Students at the same time have more resources to get information they need. They can go to a library, the nearest bookstore, or borrow it from a friend or even download it from an Internet. I think it is great. Instead of waiting for one's turn to get a book in a library, one can print it from a file downloaded earlier. The great thing about it that one can print only those pages he is interested in and also make marks on the pages to mark important ideas.

Another important aspect of this is the advantages of using computer the greatest invention of the last century. Students do not have to spend their time by writing and re-writing many papers. It is really time-consuming. They just type information in and may use many useful features such as "copy", "past", "delete", "save", etc. Also, sometimes students do not have to write down lectures because they already have them on their computers.

Internet plays an important role in our life now. We can communicate with the people who are on another part of the planet. We also can get the latest news very quickly. People can ask for a piece of advice or find different kinds of information on the Internet. Students can get their degree online, register for classes, communicate with professors, take tests and even listen to a lecture. I think the great part in it that students may more effectively arrange their time. They can get their task by e-mail and stay home

to do it. It really saves time and makes studying more fun especially if a person has to work in order to pay his or her tuition.

To summarize, I think that many last inventions improved students' life and allowed them to concentrate more on studying.

**Model Answer 2:**

With the advanced development of technology, it is easier for students to get information as much as they need these days. As a result, they get more knowledge than the previous generations and learn quicker as well. I personally agree with it and the following essay will discuss about it in details.

Firstly, it is a fact that with the existence of the internet technology, people could get more information and data than ever before. The online technology offers various kinds of websites which provide precious and useful information. And students could easily get that precious and important information by connecting their computer through the internet. Consequently, students obtain more information than ever before and it has positively affected to their intellectual and intelligence behavior.

Secondly, researches have shown that with the advanced technology, students are faster in learning and absorbing lessons that they have studied. The technology provides various types of tools and platforms which can be used by students in their study. For example, students could learn new things not only by reading traditional books these days, as they could search some audios or videos in the internet that could give a more comprehensive understanding of the lesson that they are studying. Therefore it is undeniable that students are learning faster these days.

In conclusion, I strongly agree that technology has positively affected to the way students learn these days, as the advanced technology has assisted students in gaining more information than ever before, and students are learning quicker these days.

**76. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**Parents or other adult relatives should make important decisions for their (13 to 19 year-old) teenage children.**

**Use specific reasons and examples to support your writing.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer:**

Parents are in most cases our first teachers and friends. From my everyday experience I have to agree with the statement that important decisions should be made by our parents or adult relatives. In the following paragraphs I will give my reasons to support this statement.

First of all, teenage children have the tendency to live in their own fantasies. They do not clearly understand the rules of a real life. When I was 18 years old I thought that the world was perfect and everything seemed to be simple. Teenagers are basically inexperienced; they aspire for independence and try to make their first steps towards freedom. I think that it is like starting to walk when a baby needs its parents for support. An independent life is a big and significant part in a person's life. So, my point is that it is very important to make this step right.

Second of all, I think that parents have right to interfere in their children's lives. They need to know what kind of friends their children have and how children spend their spare time. For example I had an eighteen years old friend who got really angry with his parents when they prohibited him to be friends with a young man. Somehow his parents found out that that young man was occasionally taking drugs. That man was dead in a year because of drug abuse. After that accident my friend thanked his parents for that interference.

Finally, I think teenage children should be more open-minded with their parents. It will help them to make the right choice and avoid many mistakes.

To sum up, I believe that young people should trust their parents because they wish their children only the best.

**77. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**You have been asked to write about the following topic.**

**It is generally acknowledged that families are now not as close as they used to be.**

**Give some reasons why this change has happened and suggest how families could be brought closer together.**

**Include any relevant examples from your experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

There is much discussion nowadays as to whether or not the relationship between family members is as close as before. Diverse contributing factors can be identified. In the following, I would like to present my point of view.

Great changes have taken place in family life along with the development of society. One of them is that the once-extended family tends to become smaller and smaller. Many children have to leave their parents at an early age to study or work elsewhere. As time passes, children become emotionally estranged from their parents.

Compared with the past, social competition is becoming increasingly fierce. People are urged to concentrate their efforts upon work, so that they can achieve success, or at least a good standard of living. As a result, they can't afford to spend their leisure hours with their families. The importance of bonds of kinship is gradually fading from their minds.

In addition, the availability of various kinds of recreational facilities also diverts people from enjoying chats with the members of their families. Their free time is mostly occupied by watching TV, surfing the Internet or playing video games. They come to lose interest in communicating with the other members of their families. In view of such alienation within families, urgent steps must be taken, in my opinion. For members of families who live away from one another, regular contact on the phone can bring them the care that they need. Family reunions on holidays or other important occasions can make a difference as well. For those living together, it is a good idea to take some time off work or recreation periods to spend more time with each other. In the final analysis, a close family relationship can surely be maintained as long as we realize the significant role it plays in our lives and attach importance to it.

**Model Answer 2:**

In the past, people mostly preferred to stay in the extended families. Today, it is observed that many individuals have their own nuclear families. In this essay, we will discuss how professional commitments forced people for opting this kind of families. To tackle this, organization's role will be analyzed.

To begin with, individuals focus towards their career development to a greater extent. A good illustration for this is the group of professionals who spent most of their awaken time in their companies. As a result, they do not have much time for themselves and hence, prefer staying in small families with less contact with other members. Thus, it is obvious that they are not much involved with other family members leading to the lack of closeness with them.

To overcome this, companies can play a crucial role. The first step which a firm can take is to provide the work from home access to the employees. By doing this, they will allow their staff to spend more time with their families. The other steps which can be taken include declaring holidays on all festivals and organizing family day in a company. This will allow them to spend more periods with their families and hence, can help them to recuperate their relationships.

From the above, it is clear that hectic work schedule act as a major hindrance for creating close bonds with family. Therefore, the companies should allow remote work, increase holidays and announce family days at workplace for enforcing individuals to concentrate towards their relationships.

**78. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**It has been more than 30 years since man first landed on the moon. Some people think that space research is a waste of money.**

**Discuss your opinion.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer:**

For over fifty years, a number of nations have been involved in the exploration of outer

space. This research has been very costly, of course. Has this money been well-spent or wasted?

Some people believe that all or most space research should be eliminated because of its incredible expense, not only in terms of money, but also in terms of scientific and human resources. These people point out the fact that it cost billions of dollars to send astronauts to the moon, but all they brought back were some worthless rocks. These people say that the money and effort now being wasted in outer space could be spent for homeless people, improving the education system, saving the environment, and finding cures for diseases.

However, other people believe that space research has provided many benefits to mankind. They point out that hundreds of useful products, from personal computers to heart pacemakers to freeze-dried foods, are the direct or indirect results of space research. They say that weather and communication satellites, which are also products of space programs, have benefited people all over the globe. In addition to these practical benefits, supporters of the space program point to the scientific knowledge that has been acquired about the sun, the moon, the planets and even our own earth as a result of space research.

I agree with those people who support space research and want it to continue. Space research, as shown, has already brought many benefits to humanity. Perhaps it will bring even more benefits in the future, ones that we can not even imagine now. Moreover, just as individual people need challenges to make their lives more interesting, I believe the human race itself needs a challenge, and I think that the peaceful exploration of outer space provides just such a challenge.

**79. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Which one you think has more influence to people: the knowledge gained from experience or the knowledge gained from books.**

**In your opinion, which source is more important? Why?**

**You should write at least 250 words.**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**



**Model Answer 1:**

Throughout the human life, people will always be in special circumstances. They should make an important decision like choosing their life partners or a convenient major for their future. Today the books are proper resources of knowledge, which can play a significant role to inform people in almost all fields. However, in my opinion, books cannot be useful in personal stuff as well as personal experience, because of some reasons, which are elucidated below.

First of all, although books are suitable resource and let us to know about others' experiences, it cannot be helpful in personal problems. As it has known to everybody, the attitude of one person is totally different from another one. For example, two people in the same situation make two dissimilar decisions. As a result, the experiences which are gathered in book cannot be constructive for people to cope with their trouble.

Furthermore, personal experiences are more deeply and penetrate into our subconscious, since we were in situation and we felt all of the things that happened around us. It is more influential than just reading them in the books. Recently, researchers have depicted that human always learn everything better when they observe them with their eyes or touch them. For instance, the students who had been taught in a laboratory got better marks in their exam than those who had taught verbal.

In conclusion, I personally think, the influences of books are superficially. When we go through the problems which we read exactly the same one on the book before, we usually perform our instructions rather than doing what authors said. On the contrary, personal experiences have a profound impact on our decisions which we will make in the future.

**Model Answer 2:**

"Experience is the best teacher" is an old cliché, and I agree with it since experiences enrich a person's wisdom and teach him/her invaluable lessons that can never be learned from else where. We can learn a lot of important things from books, and books tell us about the past, present and future, but the most important lessons in life come from our own experiences. Throughout the different stages of life, from primary school to university to adulthood, experience teaches us many skills we need for life.

As children in primary school, we learn facts and information from books, but that is not all we learn in school. On the playground we learn how to make friends. In our class work, we learn how it feels to succeed and what we do when we fail. We start to learn

about the things we like to do and the things we don't. We don't learn these things from books, but from our experiences with our friends and classmates.

In our university classes, we learn a lot of information and skills we will need for our future careers, but we also learn a lot that is not in our textbooks. In our daily lives both in class and out of class, we learn to make decisions for ourselves. We learn to take on responsibilities. We learn to get along with our classmates, our roommates, and our workmates. Our successes and failures help us develop skills we will need in our adult lives. They are skills that no book can teach us. Throughout our adulthood, experience remains a constant teacher. We may continue to read or take classes for professional development. However, our experiences at work, at home, and with our friends teach us more. The triumphs and disasters of our lives teach us how to improve our careers and also how to improve our relationships and how to be the person each one of us wants to be.

Books teach us a lot, but there is a limit to what they teach. They can give us information or show us another person's experiences. These are valuable things, but the lessons we learn from our own experiences, from childhood through adulthood, are the most important ones we learn.

**80. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:**

**Some people believe that unpaid community service should be a compulsory part of high school programmes (for example working for a charity, improving the neighborhood or reaching sports to younger children).**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Answer 1: (Agreement).**

In the last few years, many new ideas and beliefs arose aiming to improve society and reinforce the relation between society's members. One of the proposed ideas, yet under studying, is to make it compulsory for high school students to do some programmes, of course charity ones, to assist their community.

Firstly, I am completely supporting the idea that: helping promote the society is one of the main duties of a righteous and positive member. Imagine that in the vacation, some youths, and even all ages, work for charitable organizations which help the poor, the sick, the learners and others. Imagine other group cleaning and decorating the streets-of course that won't affect their dignity- or teaching the young. Indeed that will lead to an extremely modern, civilized and loving community. However, all these are examples, and there are many other ways to improve societies, both charitable and uncharitable methods. Despite this, the idea of compulsory charitable work doesn't sound good for me. I believe that making that compulsory, will not lead to the heroic purpose of the charitable work i.e. the inner desire to help others, but, instead, will make it a type of finishing your work.

I know that this proposed idea aims to teach high school students to be responsible to their society and to take care of others, but I think there is a more efficient method. There are now working groups in many schools in different places which do such charitable work and even without inspiration from the school's administration. So why not make many groups in all schools, and I think that will attract many students.

In conclusion, I think there are other better ways to promote the society without making it compulsory; the sitting compulsory subjects re enough.

### **Answer 2: (Agreement)**

What is the likely outcome, if unpaid community services make mandatory part of high school programmes? To comment on this subject, I am including a study, which collected statistical data taken from polls conducted, recently, among diverse segments of society. The majority of participants supported the idea, whereas others disagreed with the idea. In subsequent paragraphs I will discuss the opinion expressed by participants of study with a personal choice of aligning myself with the majority of the society.

According to the survey, there should be no social unpaid work because such an activity will hinder student's studies. The students will have to take time out of studies diluting concentration. In addition, if social community services are compulsory, than a child might become a victim of bad society especially in the teenage. The study shows that, those participants who had the aforementioned views were in limited number. Some of these opponents presented their ideas logically whereas some others were impulsive and rigid followers of social taboos.

On the other hand, a large majority of those interviewed agreed with the idea, viz. unpaid community services should be a compulsory part of high school programmes. They explained that poor and needy families - which are a part of our society - will be benefited by this idea. Such a programme will help to build a healthy society.

I am strongly of the view that, the social unpaid work should be made a mandatory part of the high school programme.

**81. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Write about the following topic:**

**Nowadays the way many people interact with each other has changed because of technology. In what ways has technology affected the types of relationships people make? Has this become a positive or negative development?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Sample Answer 1:**

There is no doubt that many things had changed in the last few decades; some changes are for betterment and some changes are for worse. One of the fields which were greatly affected by the advent of technology is the way of interaction and communication. Without any doubt, the technology has changed the way we lead our lives and these changes are prominent over the last decade. There are several improvements of life due to the positive effects of technology and there are some negative impacts as well. One area that has dramatically changed is the way we communicate and maintain our relationship now-a-days. And in my opinion the technology has positively affected our communication and the way we make relationship and maintain it. Despite some negative effects, most of us enjoy the positive things the technology has brought for us. In the past, the ways of interaction were very limited. Unleash our imagination; if you want to speak with your friend, you would have to go directly to his house or send him a message which may take few days to get a respond. I completely believe that technology has a great tangible effect on our communication. Nowadays, it's very easy to interact with your relatives -and even with the government and organizations- either

by emails, mobiles, chatting, etc... And I think that this has improved the relationships and enhanced it.

We no longer need to visit a relative or friend to get updates. Alternatively we can let them know our updates instantly. Besides personal communications, official and business communication has become easier. Email campaign offers a good marketing opportunity for business owners and people can complain about certain thing using emails without exposing their identity. Not all of the people have the availability of technology and they still use the old form of communication. People now can deceive others using identity theft and fraud identity. The personal touch of communication like hand written letters, face-to-face communications were more effective in some cases. Like meeting your friend is still more important than just writing him an email.

We make so many friends via chatting or social networking which would not have been possible without the advancement of technology and its contribution in the communication. Cell phones, emails and social networking have enhanced the way of communicating and we can talk to anyone with a minimum cost.

It's now not unusual to prepare for a visit and even several visits to your relatives and friends in the same day, while in the past this may have taken several weeks or months. However, despite all that, I still see some failings in the development of the means of interaction. For instance, the very high cost each person spends every day on communication. Another defect, many elder people are not accustomed to this modern technology. But that doesn't have a great effect on the positive role technology has made in the field of interaction between people, and I think these defects are very easy to be solved.

### **Essay Answer 2:**

It is true that technology in recent years has altered the path that people communicate with each other. There are many ways that technology affects our relationships, and in my opinion this is beneficial development.

To begin with, the most obvious transformation in people relationships is how they communicate with each other. By this I mean that internet convert the world into small villages and nowadays people around the earth can reach each other easily and rapidly. For example a friend who lives in the UK can chat and talk with their friends in china using a mobile phone or social network.

Another field in which technology affects our life is the way that people make friends. In other words, it has been observed that these days we can make friends from all nationalities without any effort or spending money and this helps with culture interchange and help people who suffer.

In my thought, this is a positive impact to the community for two reasons. Firstly, human life has become more convenient, this provides people with more opportunity to spend their leisure time with their kin. For instance with the Internet we can do shopping and working from our dwelling house with no need to go outside any more. Secondly, travel around the globe has become usable and cheap. As a result, people visiting each other and spend a lot of time together hence more connected society emerges.

To conclude, as we have found out there is no easy answers to this question. Nevertheless, technology makes a huge difference to peoples' lives in term of communication and I believe that this is a positive impact in our society.

**82. You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.**

**Some people feel that entertainers (e.g. film stars, pop musicians or sports stars) are paid too much money.**

**Do you agree or disagree? Which other types of job should be highly paid?**

**Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.**

**Write at least 250 words.**

**Model Answer 1:**

Some people think that entertainers such as film stars, pop musicians or sports stars are paid too much money and I also feel that is true. I totally agree with this thought. Let's discuss in details.

In today's world we can categorize above mentioned entertainers are the highest earners in the society. Their earning is much higher than most of the people. This difference also leads to create more poor people within the society. I will describe in my view why these high salaries are unfair. Firstly, entertainers are also doing their job as other people in the world. Each and every individual in work force are giving some support to make the national income in a country. Therefore it is unfair to pay very big salaries to fewer people. Furthermore payments should be done according to the job type, not considering about the popularity.

Secondly, these people earn much higher than well educated ones in the society like doctors, engineers, accountants. It is not the best thing as educations is not valued here. This will definitely discourage young people to be professionals. Thirdly, paying very high salaries to the film stars, sport stars or musicians makes much unfair situation to poor people who are working very hard to find a little money to live. Most of the government servants might not get good wages as government cannot arrange the

money since entertainers are highly paid. We should not forget that these payment made by the government from everyone's money.

To sum up I also feel that entertainers are highly paid and I think these payment system should be done an intelligent and fairly way than this. I think salary scales must be designed very fairly than present. Wages might be plan considering various measures such as how hard is the job, educational level, profession. Moreover professionals like doctors, engineers, accountants, lecturers should be highly paid since it encourages society to be educated. But it is also should be in a balanced level.

### **Model Answer 2:**

Super stars of television, film and other media are given big amount of money and it has become controversial issue in the entire world. I am also in agreement with it and I would suggest that skilled workers also should be paid more. They are also real heroes of our societies. In the following paragraphs I am going to discuss some of the reasons why we should not give too much money to the stars only for their fame.

On the first place, in order to validate my thoughts, there are several reasons. The first one it is to be understood that if government and public give more money to the cricketers or to film stars, it may happen that they can use that money on wrong ways. Secondly, government should also understand that giving too much money to celebrities is good but whether they can use it for social good cause like education of children, charity works. For example, they can use it to ensure a good education to poor people.

Thirdly, also that stars having good publicity and they have their own business so it is possible that they would have enough money. Individuals should create a fund where so many celebrities can donate their money to poor people's food or housing related issues and also they must ask to assist from that stars and also if developed countries do this so it can be beneficial to undeveloped countries.

The other point of this essay is that to whom the government should give more salary? So I would mention that more and more skilled workers also should be given more money because they provide many facilities to the people. It has also seen that so many doctors, nurses and even teachers are migrating from undeveloped countries to developed countries to have better life and earn more. That's why it may affect the economy of a country. The government should give them good salaries so they don't have to migrate to other countries.

To conclude, I would opine that celebrities should be given money but to some extent that should be restricted and they should be bound to take part in charity and social welfare related tasks so that we can use that fund on poor people as I have written above.