

Education:

1. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

Some people argue that it is parents' duty to teach their children to be good members of the society. Others, however, disagree with this statement and opine that children should learn this from their school and teachers should play the vital role to prepare them as ideal members of society.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Write at least **250** words.

Model Answer 1:

One of the most controversial issues today relates to whether the parents or teachers in the school have the responsibility to teach children to be good citizens. Therefore, we will examine both sides of the issues in this essay.

Undoubtedly, parents have an indispensable role in guiding their children when they are small to the right path towards their future lives. It is proven that children are more influenced by their parents than anyone else. They will think that what their parents do is always right, thus parents are advisable to be an excellent role model for their children. Parents, for example, could teach them the good moral values through storytelling. It is not only will benefit the individuals themselves but a society as well.

Nevertheless, teachers should do their part well in school by teaching the children what are the good values. Children nowadays spend most of their daytime in school, so teachers have the most important obligation to make sure the children turn out to be a well-behaved member of society. It is encouraged that teachers should punish the students whenever they make mistakes such as fighting in school. By doing this, the students will know that fighting is a bad behaviour and they may change their way of behavioural and it can also act as a deterrent to other students. Besides, teachers can also emphasise the importance of being a good individual in terms of behaviour while teaching.

In conclusion, both parents and teachers in the school are responsible for ensuring their children to behave mannerly when they are young.

2. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

The education a child receives at home from having parents who are positive role models is more important than the academic education a child receives at school.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

Model Answer 1:

Undeniably, it is a heated debate who can teach children better- parents or educators in a school? Children mimic their parents' behaviours, and I personally believe that parents roles are more influential than that of teachers in schools.

to begin with, we cannot discard the impact of education which students learn in institutions. One important factor is how much their academic knowledge can increase. Compared to parents, teachers have higher academic performance due to the amount of training they have. In particular, in science, they know more about the details of nature or technology, transferring them to their students; however, parents are not professional trainers. Furthermore, children may become less socially active if they only rely on their parents' teaching. Communicating with the other peers in school, they can learn more about social interactions, while those studying home can become more isolated. In my case, never could I become a socially adolescent if I did not have enough communication with other classmates.

On the other hand, I agree that the role of parents in the teaching of their offspring cannot be forgotten. One reason behind it is that they are trustworthy. Definitely, because there is a closer relationship between parents and their children emotionally, there is a firmer trust between them, whereas school instructors are less trustful. As a prime example, I could not rely on the social worker working in the secondary school I studied because he was a rigid person, even in general appearance, and many students could not trust his words. Another factor is that children spend more time with their parents than the trainers in school. Obviously, parents are able to find better their probable children's behavioural problems due to spending long hours with them. In contrast, teachers spend less time with each student, leading to missing each one's misconduct problems.

In conclusion, the role of parents is more powerful on their children's training than the tutors teaching in schools. From my perspective, parents are emotionally closer and have more enough time to educate their children. Had not they only taught by their parents, more educational and behavioural problems would have been left.

3. Question:

Nowadays in many families, the grandparents are responsible for bringing up children. Is it a good or bad development for grandparents? Give your own opinion and examples.

Sample Answer:

In this modernized world, grandparents are the ones who take responsibility for the upbringing of children rather than parents who are not able to do so due to their busy life schedule. This is not a good development for the grandparents who are so aged that they themselves instead need to be looked after.

To begin with, there are various reasons why grandparents are given the burden on their shoulders to take care of the kids. **One of the major reasons** is that parents are so much equipped with their daily work, being employed in companies, that they do not get sufficient time for their children. **For example**, families where both husband and wife are working in private companies for around 12 hours per day come back to their homes being tired up so much that they go to sleep. In this case, only the grandparents are free to spend time with their kids.

Further to this, though grandparents are making efforts to help the parents in taking care of their kids, it is not good for them as they also need a caretaker. **Firstly**, they are senior citizens and their age is also affecting their health. They usually need to visit the hospital for some or the other illnesses such as heart disease, high blood pressure, and others. **Apart from this**, it is difficult for them to handle young kids in helping them complete homework, letting them dress up properly for school and so on.

To conclude with, grandparents are dealing with a lot of difficulties in acting as career for the young kids which is actually the responsibility of parents. If parents manage their time well, it would be beneficial for the kids who can then get the required care by both from parents and grandparents.

4. Question:

Some people believe that teaching the children at home is best for a child's development while others think that it is essential for the children to go to school.

Discuss both the views and then give your own opinion.

Candidate's Response:

There is a common belief that, children can be taught effectively at home, which paves the way for personality development and overall well being. Whereas, some others are in the opinion that sending them to school will serve the purpose.

To begin with, the schools act as a beacon spreading the light of knowledge to the kids, which will be reflected in all walks of their life's. Furthermore, schools play a vital role in moulding the character and personality. The children will get an opportunity to interact with kids of various strata of the society, which will kindle a harmony in the minds of younger generation. Likewise, they will learn the sweetness of team spirit as well as collective thinking. Emotional stability and maturity are formed in through interacting with friends and teachers. For example, recent surveys suggest that the kids who gained education from schools have a higher intelligence as well as emotional quotients.

On the other hand, learning from the home has many advantages. In this modern era both parents are working and they will find quality time in educating their wards. Even though, there is no specific curriculum or teaching module to impact education, The idea of adjustment, flexibility, time management and adapting to crisis all will be learned effectively from the home. Moreover, it is generally said that a comfort zone is a beautiful place but nothing ever grows there, in the same way. Parents know the comfort zones of their kid's and find ways to get rid of them. Parents are the best teachers for kids and their pragmatic advice will be ever remembered by them.

For instance, an article published in the national daily, The Hindu, reveals the success story of a boy name 'Raghav' who passed out in higher secondary exams in flying colours and he suggests that the parents were the real success behind his achievements and studying from home saved his time and enabled to hit the bull's eye.

To conclude, even though learning from home as well as schools have many positive effects, In my perception, the schools serve as a better play ground in imbibing the knowledge, character moulding and overall development of an individual.

5. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

All education (primary, secondary and further education) should be free to all people and paid and managed by the government.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Give reasons for your answer.

Model Answer 1:

Education is an important part of everyone's life and it plays a very important role in the growth of an individual. Making education free for everyone and managing all by the government will be a very big step towards the rapid growth of a society. All parents want to make their children educated by sending them to school, colleges but sometimes due to the lack of resources, they have to deprive their children even from the basic education. By making education free of all will ensure that nobody will miss education just because they can't afford to pay.

A government's step of making the education free will set an example in our society. It will show that if you have a strong will and determination to study and prosper, not having any money or resource will not stop you from making a paradigm shift.

Education with no fees will identify all those talents which can be at top given education and guidance but get 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 was seen in the past that countries having higher literacy rates have been more successful. By making education free, a majority of people will be educated, making overall a positive environment in our society. There will be fewer crimes in society. Educating people will be making them more responsible.

Governments should put more emphasis on education by making it free. Just like food and shelter education should also be a basic right and 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 a 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 the happiness of the nation. An individual's inability to collect the amount of money he needs to pay school or university fee cause stress and anxiety in 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 a country's economy than an educated and 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 a state's economy, advantages are invaluable. After several years such improvements would bring fruits of happy, intelligent nation confident about its future.

6. Some people say that education system is the only critical factor to the development of a country.

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

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

Sample Answer 1:

Without any doubt, education is the key to development for a nation and only a well-educated nation could thrive for excellence and ultimate development. However, when the discussion topic is whether education system is the only critical issue for the development of a country, I quite disagree with this view. I personally believe that citizens' skill development, increasing export, international relationship, better life standard, better utilisation of internal resources, technological development are other important and critical factors which must be combined with the educational system of a country for its true and sustainable development.

First of all, education is considered to be the backbone of a nation and it is quite obvious that education system of a country has an immense role in the overall development of a country. Most of the developed countries have well-educated citizens and exemplary education system – which represents the importance of education system for the development of a country. However, there are countries like Sri Lanka with an educated nation and better education facilities and still suffering from poverty and struggling to become a developed nation. This indicates that education system could never be the only consideration for development.

Second, only better GDP and revenue reserve cannot be the true indicators of the development. Overall life standard, healthcare facility, safety, freedom of speech and thoughts, sustainable economic growth and a healthy environment are also important for a country to become a developed one. For instance, many middle-eastern countries have a huge reserve of foreign currency and source of national income and yet their citizens suffer from war, chaos and they have little freedom of thoughts. Such a nation might have a very strong economy and superior education system, but peace is absent there. Thus I do not recognise them as developed countries.

Japan, does not have a strong educational system comparing with many other European countries and yet they are one of the richest and most developed countries in the world. They have properly utilised their possibility, national resources and have

maintained a better global trade relationship. This country is a prime example of how skilled and hard working citizens can help improve their nation.

Finally, many Asian countries have gained prominent economic growth in the last few years by adopting latest technology and they are soon going to be developed countries. They, no doubt, have improved their educational system over the period but they have not relied on this single factor. Increasing export, international relationship, better leadership and democratic government are some other crucial factor for many other countries to be promoted as a developed country.

In conclusion, I believe that a better education system, along with skilled population, better leadership, international trade and relationship, better lifestyle, freedom of speech, technological development, enhanced export and utilization of internal resources can make sure the development of a nation, not alone.

Crime and Punishment:

7.IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

Write about the following topic:

In many cities crime is increasing. Why do you think this is happening? What can governments do to help reduce crime levels?

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

Model Answer 1:

Crime is a very old phenomenon and no one knows when it actually started. The sad fact is that crime rate is increasing including killing, stealing, robbing, kidnapping, rape... etc. Actually, there are many reasons for that awful and miserable phenomenon.

Some people always look at other peoples' properties and not pleased with what they have. And that, of course, leads to hatred and then lead to misdeeds. Moreover, some people are psychiatric disordered and which in turn leads to violence. Another thing that we should take care of is the lack of necessary money; many criminals would not have become criminals if they had had enough money and other daily needs for themselves and their families. In a recent study about crimes and their reasons, professor Kathy Mac James said that 85% gangsters joined gangs due to the shortage of social welfare. She protested that this majority of gangsters were either orphan who didn't get enough care during childhood and adolescence or not married. Now it is the time to raise an important question: 'do all the previous reasons give you the right to be a criminal? The answer comes immediately: of course not, even if you don't have a cent in your pocket.

Another important question is: What is the solution of this heinous situation? How can we overcome crime in our society? In my opinion, it's the responsibility of both the government and individuals. In fact, most of the burden is on the government and they alone cannot eliminate crime from a country. It's very important to reinforce the policemen with the latest equipment and set firmer laws to prevent criminals from thinking of crimes.

And for individuals, which includes people like you and me, we should help the needy, not only with money but also psychological help and support.

8. Some people believe that there should be a fixed punishment for each type of crime. Others, however, argue that the circumstances of an individual crime, and the motivation for committing it, should always be taken into account when deciding on the punishment.

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

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

Sample Answer 1:

Some people argue whether criminals must always subject to fixed punishment for certain crimes, or whether situations for committing the crime should be taken into account before inflicting punishment. This essay will examine both sides of the argument and outline my opinion.

On the one hand, criminal activities have reduced significantly over the centuries in the history of humankind. Fixed punishments like the death penalty, life imprisonment for drug trafficking deter an offender from such heinous crimes. The ruthlessness of such harsh punishments ensured safety and security in the society. For instance, according to a publication on criminal justice from the C.I.A, Saudi Arabia has been consistently ranked top regarding achieving a low-crime index due to its aggressive law for enforcing fixed punishments for designated crimes. Nevertheless, the main objective of the law and order is to protect the innocents and punish the wrong doers. The fixed punishment often contradicts with the fundamental objective of the civil society.

On the other hand, persecuting a convict violate human rights; often without considering the aspects leading to such crime. Consider Saudi Arabia, ranked as the country with the lowest crime index in the world. The state's implementation of a strict fundamentalist approach to persecute criminals regardless the circumstances of the crime has drawn flak from many human rights organizations. Amnesty International reported that fair trials are prohibited to criminals even if they are wrongly convicted.

Finally, in my opinion, a convicted person should be given punishment only based on the circumstances and severity of the crime. For example, if someone murders in the act of self-defense, the verdict given should not amount to life-sentence.

To conclude, inflicting fixed punishments may increase the safety and security of the society; however, it also violates the human rights a suspect is legally entitled to.

Drug Addiction:

9. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

People in all modern societies use drugs, but today's youth are experimenting with both legal and illegal drugs, and at an early age. Some sociologists claim that parents and other members of society often set a bad example. Discuss the cause and effects of widespread drug abuse by young people. Make any recommendations you feel are necessary to help fight youth drug abuse.

Give reasons for your answer.

Sample Answer 1:

Nowadays, youth drug abuse has increased at an alarming rate in many societies which is leading to unhealthy lifestyle and setting bad trends in society. Unaware of their effects, adolescents are experimenting with both allowed and prohibited drugs in early childhood age. Sociologists believe that parents and other members of society are responsible for its increase usage. This essay will analyse the cause and effect of taking drugs and will make some recommendations to eradicate this abuse.

The very first reason in drug adoption in youth is primarily due to parents, guardians and social circle. Parents may consume drugs to remain active at work or to relieve their bodies from mental stresses of everyday life. For instance, a divorced mother consuming drugs to comfort herself from the horror of past will set a bad example for her children to follow. This act will lead to an unhealthy lifestyle where children will opt to do the same.

Another compelling reason which has significantly increased the drug usage is media and pressures to perform well in studies. Youth is challenged to deliver the most in academic institutes and this pressure forces them to consume both legal and illegal drugs. Media also plays a vital role, for instance, body building and other fitness advertisements portrays how mega mass and other medicines can help grow their muscles in a matter of time or lose weight in days. Though these look appealing and their continued usage without consulting a physician will have adverse effects on the body and will harm it in the longer run.

To conclude, I recommend that the only possible way to eradicate this acute problem is through organising drug awareness and counselling programs. Government and civil society should put in their efforts to educate young people about the harmful effects of drugs addiction and should provide counselling services where required. By the passage of time, these practices will ensure that adolescents of our society will live a healthy life free from drugs and other harmful medication.

10. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

Young drug abuse is a serious problem nowadays in many countries. What are the reasons for this and what can be done to control it?

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

Sample Essay:

Today, juveniles consume more illegal drugs than in the past. They have a better access to more variety of opioid or non-opioid materials and use them far more remarkably. From my point of view, two important reasons have made this problem, and several practical implementations must be considered by governments to tackle it.

To begin with, one leading reason why youth use more illicit drugs is that these materials have become more accessible than before. Obviously, drug dealers have expanded their territories in many countries, like Columbia in the South America or Afghanistan in Asia, and their control has become far more challenging than in the past. To address this problem, the best option is consideration of more severe charges for those selling these dreadful products. In this case, in some countries, leaders of this system are charged with lifetime probation, or even in other countries, including Iran, they may face capital punishment. Therefore, these severe penalties can partly be helpful to control the expansion of illegal drugs' industries, and young generation will be less exposed to these perilous substances.

Another factor is accessing of the public to more different types of these substances. Admittedly, advancement of technology has led more synthetic goods are generated and cheaper artificial drugs are to be produced. For instance, Crack, which is a synthetic form of Heroin, is more available to the public than the other former natural opioid, leading adolescents or teens are able to pay better for it. Had not this non-natural material become so available, fewer people would have been addicted. To solve this, one important step is increasing the budget of healthcare. Definitely, many users do not have thorough information about the devastating side effects of these drugs while having a better control on this age group, healthcare staff will be able to recognise better those individuals consuming these drugs and inform them how they can avoid using them.

In conclusion, now youth have access to more illicit drugs than before. Propagation of dealers' function and variation of these materials are two important reasons behind it. I think consideration of more severe law enforcement and having a better consultation of young people are two phenomenal actions to address it.

Environment Pollution:

11. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

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

Problems with environmental pollution have become so serious that many countries are trying to solve these problems.

Suggest possible solutions and give your own opinion.

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

Sample Answer 1:

It is true that the issues related to the environmental pollution have become one of the most controversial issues nowadays, and every nation is wondering about how to tackle the problem. In my opinion, both government and people have to contribute to solve these problems or at least make it less dangerous.

On one hand, everyone bears a great duty to protect our environment. To begin with, parents at home and teachers at school should teach the next generation about how to cause less harm to our environment and how to take care of our mother Earth. Through teaching the children about recycling and reducing waste, both parents and teachers can contribute a lot. Also, people can reduce the gas emissions by using public transports rather than personal cars and can choose to walk short distances or to their workplaces.

Moreover, by using fewer packages and less plastic and papers, they will reduce a massive threat to the environment. On the other hand, governments should take more efforts to reduce the pollution. Firstly, by making public transport more convenient to encourage more people to use them, this will save more money and energy. Secondly, through the media and campaign, many people can learn more about the importance of the environment. For example, in the UK there is a campaign called make Britain tidy and such campaign encourages people to contribute more to keep the environment clean. Finally, governments should introduce laws to limit the deforestation in many countries around the world, to ensure that there are enough green forests.

To conclude, there are many ways in which we can address the issue of environmental pollution, and both individual and government have their own responsibility for this.

12. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

Pollution and other environmental problems are resulting from a country's developing and becoming richer. Some think this cannot be avoided.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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

Sample Answer:

Environmental problems and pollutions are often considered to be the direct result of a country's development. Industrialisation, growing number of factories, people's capability of purchasing more cars and electronic device etc. are often related to the economic condition and growth of a nation. However, I do not agree that pollution and other environmental problems are caused only because of the economic growth of a country and that this cannot be avoided.

First, it does not take an expert to understand that pollution and environmental problems are more prominent in poor countries than that of rich countries. Air, sound and water pollutions in countries like India and Bangladesh are far dangerous than that of developed countries like Australia, Canada and the UK. Furthermore, the number of factories does not represent the amount of pollution it causes. For instance, recent researches have made it clear that only a few garments factories in a country like Bangladesh cause far more damage to the air and water resources than hundreds of bigger industries do in the United States.

Second, economic development does not mean that a country will have industries and factories all over the country. Proper planning and inspection from the government can ensure the minimal emission of gas and other toxic elements into the water and air. So even if the industrialisation is imminent for the development of a country, it does not mean that we will have no way to minimise the pollution and environmental issues. For instance, industrialisation does not cause as much deforestation as it is caused by human greed and lack of inspection and law in many countries.

Finally, pollution is a global issue and proper law and enforcement of laws can reduce it to a great extent. We cannot stop the natural causes of pollution but the greater percentages of environmental pollutions are caused by the human actions. We should

educate people, encourage them and enforce strict laws to save our environment while development of a country has nothing to do with the rampant pollution we can see nowadays in many cities.

In conclusion, I would agree that development and industrialisation affect the environment negatively to some extent but this is not the prime factor in polluting our environment. We still have time and lot of options to reduce the pollutions and environmental problems to make the world a better place for the future generation.

13. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

Write about the following topic:

Environmental problems such as pollution and climate change affect all the people in the world. Although global decisions are made to reduce these problems, the solutions are not effective. Why are the solutions ineffective? How can these problems be solved?

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

Sample Essay 1:

Our mother earth is weeping because of the two major threats, pollution and climate change. In spite of many global conferences being held to find out a permanent solution, a promising remedy is yet to be put into action. This essay will shed some light on the need to look for an effective plan and the alternatives that could put an end to these ever growing issues in the near future.

There are several reasons to support the ineffectiveness of the solutions provided. Firstly, the more pragmatic the solution is the more it would be implemented and many decisions which are taken so far to combat the climate changes are less pragmatic. Take for an instance, putting up the usage of private vehicles tends to be something that can only exist on black and white. Secondly, measures taken so far seem like would be effective only in a long run. As a result, we still suffer the consequences of poor air quality, global warming and unpredictable climate. Finally, if only the rules enforced are stringent, is there a possibility for it to be implemented. The figures of authorities are usually less careful about the long-term effects of these global concerns on the future generation. Mitigation! That is what the world needs. The world leaders take decisions to fight the pollutions and climate change and many of these decisions remain in the papers and never see the daylight. The ideas should be implemented not discussed. The lack of implementation and budget are two main reasons we still have the pollution and increased Earth temperature.

However, there are possibilities to make this planet clean and habitable again. For this to happen, sharing of vehicles among commuters of same destination or a reliable public transportation could be introduced. Besides, instead of focusing on long-term actions like reducing deforestation done for residential purposes, plantation of a large

number of saplings and creation of awareness programmes for students would be much more operative. Furthermore, a hefty fine for non-environmental friendly activities ought to be followed to make the solutions efficient. The world leaders have to make things happen rather than discussion and decisions. They should enforce every country to implement the measures they think useful. Funnily, they decide to reduce the number of private vehicles on the roads and yet their countries produce millions of cars to export to other countries and they are investing more on space research than to make the world livable. That's something that should be taken seriously not lightly.

To bring the curtains down, the whys and wherefores of dissolutions that didn't bear fruits were put in the limelight and also the immediate changes that can be done to hand down the globe as it is to the posterity were suggested

Economic Development:

14. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

In recent time economic growth has made some people richer in both developed and developing countries. While studies show that people in developing countries are happier now than before, people in developed countries are no happier than they were before.

Why do you think this is and what lessons can be learned from it?

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

Model Answer 1:

Money cannot guarantee people's happiness. It is proved by experts that although economic growth has made people richer, people from developed countries feel less happy than they were before. In contrast, in poor countries, wealth make them happier. I will outline the reason why this phenomenon happened.

In the case of developed countries, they are never starving. In the past, they can found meal everywhere and able to bought it. Before technology advanced, they already went to work such as farming or work in a factory. They had enough money to prevent them from starving. Another reason is the time of working. They worked several hours and have time to take a rest. Meanwhile, in recent year, they work overlap time hours. They have no time to do their interest or go on vacations with their family. It is because of competition among people. Their ambition encourages them to pursue their goal and achievement for enhancing their status.

On the other hand, residents of developing countries feel happier than they were before because they ever lived in a lack of education and food. In the past, it was really hard for them to buy some food and studied in formal education. But today, since they are richer than before, they can get both of those terms. They can buy an important stuff for their life. Another reason is they can manage their time working well, so they still have time to interact with other people.

In conclusion, I must say that what we can learn about two cases above is to love our life. It is true that we need to work and earn money for our life but it cannot be denied that we need to enjoy our life with our lovely people. So, we need to thanks for everything we have and we got.

15. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

Write about the following topic:

Many governments think that economic progress is their most important goal. Some people, however, think that other types of progress are equally important for a country.

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.

Sample Answer 1:

Governments, all around the world, have visions to fulfil and responsibilities to carry on, and they seek to achieve the overall developments of their countries for a prosperous future. Thus many governments think that economic progress is the key to success while others disagree with this notion and opine that many other aspects such as green environment, security, social values, traditions and peace among nations are more important. I personally believe that the economic success of a nation is an important goal for a government but this is not the most important one.

To begin with, many developed countries have already gained economic progress and yet they are suffering from growing crime rates, hostile relationship with other nations, corruptions and outbreak of epidemic diseases. Thus, economic progress has failed to ensure a better life standard of citizens and this is a proof that only economic progress should not be the vision of a government. On the contrary, without economic stability, a government cannot ensure advancement in education, defense, healthcare, international trade and social safety.

Again, industrialisation and success in trades have ensured economic stability to many western and Asian countries and yet the environmental damage that has caused is overwhelming. What good money would bring to a nation if they cannot build a safe and green environment for the next generation? However, many people would also argue that it is better to bestow a prosperous country to the new generation rather than leaving them a broken economy.

Furthermore, economic progress requires industrializations, dominance in international trade and the use of cheap labors from other countries. History tells us that wars are imminent due to irrational competition among nations. On the contrary, without

economic success, a country cannot defend itself from external threats, fight with epidemic diseases and cannot ensure proper health care facilities to its citizens. Finally, some would say, with the economic progress the country will lose its old way of living, traditional values and uniqueness as a nation. But it should also be considered that change is the fundamental basis of development and if a nation worries too much about the old ways of living, it would fail to ensure progress at a steady pace.

In conclusion, there is no doubt that economic progress should be an important goal for a government but there are still many aspects which are equally important.

16. IELTS Writing Task 2/ IELTS Essay:

Most countries want to improve the standard of living through economic development, however, others think the social value is lost as a result. Do you think the advantages of economic development outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Sample Answer 1:

Living in a high standard level is the ultimate goal of many people. All of us are doing our best to live in comfort and peace. Governments try to satisfy their citizens' needs and provide them with all means of happiness and advance. To do this the economy of should be improved.

Like everything else, this has its advantages and disadvantages as well. Developing the economy is certainly useful not only for the living standard purpose but also for many other reasons; it may impact positively on the country in many fields, such as politics, culture and military power.

Some people look at this point from another point of view; they see that the economic advance for improving standards of living has some drawbacks. First of all, it is better to governments to satisfy the principle things for their people as food and medicines before thinking in providing a lot of leisure and comfort way of living. Other reason from their opinion, easy come easy go. The population may not act in a good way towards facilities which constructed by the governments, especially if they were not funded by the people's tax. In addition, they think that the social values may be affected by such development, as they are convinced that the community will change and the morals of people like honest and truth will be modified, the families won't gather with their selves regularly and the sense of help and support can be vanished by the time due to availability of many things to all people.

I tend to see that, it's very important for countries to develop their economy for their citizens' sake. I believe that the economy improvement advantages will have significant positive effects on the societies and the normal result of this development will be the advance of the nations.

Last but not least, governments and the concerned regulatory authorities should try to make a sort of balance between raising the population income and keeping the community's habits and traditions stable and not affected by any changes from foreign cultures.

17. The economic development brings better life to people, but only people in developing countries do feel happier while those in developed one are less.

Agree or Disagree?

Sample Answer

The world is becoming richer with people having higher salaries and more comfortable **mod-cons**. Some people believe that this trend is **conducive to** people's growing happiness in both developing and developed regions while others subscribe to the notion that apparently it sounds so, but more pains are now seen in those in the **latter** areas. I strongly disagree with the latter view for some reasons.

Admittedly, the **living standards** of people, according to studies, are **escalating by dint of** economic growth. People in developing world are able to **afford such facilities** from cars, houses to overseas travel, **enriching their life experience** and providing them with more opportunities, but those in another pole of the world, say, the wealthy nations, are different, feeling less happy. It is believed that as a result of the expansion of **outsourcing market**, more jobs in **haves** nations are directly stolen and delivered to those in **have-nots** nations to **make use of low-priced labor** and **redundant natural resources**. However, I hold an opposite view on this matter. **Taking a closer look into** the picture of outsourcing, we can see more advantages for both sides. This trend, after all, is inevitable, showing rising flexibility in the work market where winners are the most efficient and available while losers are less adaptable to the changing world. To further counter, another argument is that facing the threat of being deprived of current jobs, workers in more developed areas are competitively working harder and training them better with advanced jobs while those in the **third-world** are satisfied to have chance of employment, leading to the latter's lower **crime rates** and **illegal immigration** into the western countries for sake of job finding.

That pollution and terrorism are **on a climb** in the world is believed to **present a threat to** all people as well. Despite their richness, those in developed nations still feel annoyed for not genuinely enjoying a **sustainable globe**. Not only do tsunami and other **natural disasters** which often happen in less developed regions can **have far-reaching effects on** rich ones, but the existence of a wider network of terrorists actually also **puts their lives in jeopardy**. A typical example is the case of New York's nine eleven event, and until now, pains are noticeably seen in the face of people here, in spite of their pride to **reside in** one of the most prosperous harbors of the world. Nevertheless, the truth is the since the 1970s onwards, there have been

fewer **conflicts and wars**. Such terrorism actions can hardly cost as many deaths as those **massacres** in the First and Second World Wars. Besides, as the healthcare of each nation is increasingly addressed, by dint of economic growth and the provision of **cutting- edge technology**, more lives in both poles are saved and diseases are in-time curbed. Also, the wealthier people are, the more they can invest in education to have better awareness of environmental protection and the more willing they are to use **environment-friendly** products **by virtue of** innovative technological applications. Psychologically, once the financial matter is less urgent as it used to be, long-term thinking and strategies are adopted by people in both poles of the world.

In my view, all above figures really indicate that the world is changing for the better, and the most crucial is that each person, whether living anywhere, should nourish the belief to protect the earth home every day to live happily ever after.

Science and Technology:

18. In today's world of advanced science and technology, we still greatly value our artists such as musicians, painters and writers. What can arts tell us about life that science and technology cannot?

In this modern era of nonstop scientific and technological advancement, artists still **command profound respect** from people all over the world. There are a number of things about life that arts can teach us whilst science and technology fail to do so.

Many forms of art, especially literature, can **deliver messages about** the appreciation of what we have in life as well as life itself. Hundreds of literary works choose to **depict misery, misfortune and sorrow** that still exist in many places, and this sends the strongest message to those who do not appreciate their lives. "The Goldfinch", for example, which **narrates a resonant story** about the miserable life the main character led after the unfortunate death of his mother does make each one of us wonder whether we have **become heartless toward** our own loved ones. And I doubt that there are any technologies in the world that could manage to **convey such powerful messages**.

Arts teach us to **cherish the beauty of culture** and are **the fuel for our spiritual lives**. This is **extremely important** in a world where science and technology seem to **fade our belief in the gravity of culture** in daily life. The connection between arts and culture is here to stay, and traditional music and ancient paintings can remind us of where we came from and who we are at present. That is to say, our **cultural identity is preserved** in various forms of arts.

Although science and technology **advance our understanding** of all things and **better our lives**, arts can **touch us to a much deeper extent**, help us value what we have, and remind us of the significance of our culture.

19. IELTS Writing Task 2:

People in many countries spend more and more time far away from their families. Why does this happen and what effects will it have on them and their families?

There is now an increasing trend of individuals spending time far away from their families, which I believe sprouts from their hectic professional lives. In my opinion, this development has negative effects on both the individuals and their families.

People have to devote more time separated from their families due to their heavy workload that has come along with globalization. As more firms have become international, work life has become more demanding. Numerous people are required to work overtime travel overseas and even work from home regularly to deliver results at their jobs. For example, employees of multinational companies such as Amazon and Facebook travel to various countries to meet their foreign clients as well as handle operations internationally which keeps them away from their families for long periods of time routinely.

Moreover, this lack of time with family will gravely affect individuals and their families with mental and emotional stress. The persons living far from their families would be devoid of their support system, would feel isolated from their loved ones and may end up feeling miserable and depressed. Similarly, family members would constantly be worried and anxious about the person's well-being. For instance, parents whose kids study or work abroad are concerned about their children's eating habits standard of living, hygiene and sickness as well as personal and professional lives and numerous other things, which subjects the parents to regular tension. Such stresses can result in various diseases in people, such as high blood pressure migraines or even cardiac problems, all of which will severely impact their lives.

In conclusion, people spend much more time away from their families due to the onset of globalization and their heavy work-lives, a development which will result in psychological and emotional stress for both.

20. Some people think the increasing business and cultural contact between countries brings many positive effects. Others say it causes the loss of national identities. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Sample Answer

It is said that the increased international trading activities and cultural assimilation bring benefits to individual countries. However, others claim that the identity of each nation is put at stake. From my perspective, this phenomenon is predominantly beneficial, dwarfing the drawback it might bring.

Growing international trading between countries leads to economic growth. When countries do business with one another, they can take advantage of their economic strengths. For example, Vietnam can export their staple crop – rice – to countries in the WTO, and import advanced machinery from USA or other developed countries. This benefits the GDP growth of each participant country.

As regards cultural exchange, groups of citizens in a country can join some cultural exchange programmes and take this opportunity to gain a better insight into the other countries' cultural heritage. Gradually, the bilateral relationship in cultural terms is formed, giving rise to mutual understanding and respect. Tourists of each country when visiting another can avoid cultural misunderstanding and have an enriched cultural experience.

Some people are worried about the loss of cultural and national identity. As their argument goes, in [your country], the youths are increasingly being influenced by the pop culture, for instance. They follow the styles of their favorite singers and actors, disregarding the traditional costume and other time-honored traditions. However, this is not always the case regarding other groups in society. With maturity, people would know to discriminate right from wrong, and become impervious to the outside influences.

In conclusion, the benefits of increasing globalization dominate, and I also believe the culture of each country is threatened to only a negligible extent.

21. There have been many inventions in human history, such as the wheel. Some people think the most important thing is the internet. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

There have been many discoveries and inventions throughout human history such as the wheel, printing technology and motored vehicles. Some people say that the internet is the single most momentous invention. I do not completely agree with this point of view.

It is true that in the digital era, the internet is a source of information storage and dissemination, which facilitates our lives to a great extent. For example, we can upload our important materials as pdf or rar files onto Google drive and can have instant access to them whenever and wherever we are. Besides, the internet is the platform on which various marvelous softwares and services are based on. Facebook, for instance, is the most popular way of exchanging information among friends and family members. Without the internet connection, people would be isolated and the world might become a distant place for everyone.

However, there exist other equally valuable and irreplaceable inventions. The first one worthy of consideration is electricity. All electronic devices operate by electricity and in its absence, the internet would have never been invented in the first place. In addition, for the internet to become popular, we have to mention the invention and prevalence of smartphones and other intelligent devices. Today, billions of people are using their smartphones to send messages, log on Google to search for information, post statuses on Facebook. Without this device, the internet would be much less known, and few people might recognize its existence.

In conclusion, the internet gives us enormous benefits, however, other discoveries and inventions that are equally important. I think that each invention is significant in its own way and without one, the others will not be invented.

22. Some people think that museums and art galleries should concentrate on the history and art of their own country rather than the works of art of other parts of the world. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Model essay by

Museums and art galleries **play an important role in** offering **multifaceted knowledge** to the public. Some individuals **opine** that these institutions should **primarily focus on their local history and art** instead of global **works of art**. I, however, largely **disagree with this viewpoint** as international works provide various benefits to the public.

Museums and art galleries **offer a medium to understanding cultural heritage**. By focusing on local history and art only, such institutions **limit the knowledge of the public to the domestic borders**. Conversely, if art and history from other parts of the world are displayed, museums and art galleries **exhibit** multiculturalism, allowing people to understand distinct histories and cultures, and thus, **enhancing globalization**. For example, the Vatican museum exhibits works from several European countries, allowing the smallest country in the world to be **a bridge to explaining cultural values of distinct nations under one roof**.

Moreover, international historical and cultural works would allow individuals to **gain information on critical international issues** that many countries face together. Many museums choose to have educational international exhibitions of important political and social issues, which may be more informative than the media. For instance, the Melbourne Art Gallery has collections from across the globe in order to **depict thoughts on poverty, war and trade**, and in a survey, 88% visitors declared that they felt more **informed about** such issues from the museum than from the news.

In conclusion, I disagree **to a large extent** with the belief that museums and art galleries should focus on the history and art of their own country rather than international works, as with the latter, these museums and galleries **build a platform** for globalization and multinational knowledge.

23. Some people believe that it is more important to teach children the literature of their own country than other countries. Do you agree or disagree?

It is sometimes argued that we should **place more emphasis on** teaching local literature than foreign one. While it seems beneficial to teach local literature, I would argue that children should also be taught about the literature of other nations.

To begin with, I agree that children could benefit from being taught about literature of their home country. By learning local literature, young students can **better understand and appreciate the history** of where they were born. For example, since all the poems about wars in [your country] are taught to the students, most of them are aware of how bloody the wars were and how important it is to stop the history from repeating itself. Without local literature, I believe that few students would be interested in studying history.

However, it seems to me that young students should also be taught about foreign works of literature. The first reason is that the literature of their home country may be too boring, which makes learning extremely frustrating. For instance, students have to memorize many poems that are hardly **relevant** to their lives, and therefore most of them are **reluctant** to study this subject. Since foreign literature gives them a totally new learning experience, it could provide them with a motivation to study the subject. Additionally, the literature of other countries **exposes students to a variety of different cultures**, so studying it helps **broaden their knowledge** about other parts of the world.

In conclusion, while I accept that students can benefit from learning local literature, I believe that foreign works should also be an important part of the curriculum.

24. Some people prefer to work for themselves or own a business. Others prefer to work for an employer. Would you rather be self-employed, work for someone else, or own a business?

Use specific reasons to explain your choice.

Model Answer 1:

Several people choose to be self-employed rather than becoming a professional employee, while others decide to be a professional or an entrepreneur. Each of the choices has its own positive and negative things, but in my personal opinion, I prefer to be an employee, since it has the lowest risk.

To begin with, some people have decided to be self-employed. They prefer to do that because they do not like to be regulated by any procedures, or being governed by under companies' regulation. Examples of the self-employed jobs are professional actors, athletes, freelancers, or other kinds of art performers. While others prefer to be an entrepreneur because they feel that by opening a new business, it brings a lot benefits for themselves and societies. Should the new business run smooth and in accordance with the business plan, the owner should get a lot of profits. And then, it will create job opportunities for the communities as well. However, these two choices have their own weaknesses. As a self-employed person, there is no guarantee that they will get a sustainable income, as they are paid in accordance with their performances. While as a business owner, it is obvious that there are a lot of risks for them such as the risk of bad debt, foreign exchange fluctuation and bankruptcy.

On the other hand, some people dislike being a professional worker. They feel that they have limited and restricted time, and sometimes the workload is also unreasonable. However, many people do not realise that becoming an employee has the lowest risk ever. They will have steady income through their monthly salaries, despite that their companies might be performing poorly. And then they would have additional benefits from the company such as medical allowance, annual leaves and company cars as well. Lastly, companies are also paying the retirement fund for their employees as well. Therefore, the advantages of being an employee outweighed the disadvantages.

In conclusion, it is a fact that people have different options about work. Some people choose to open their own business, while others prefer to be self-employed or work in an organisation. After measuring the benefits and drawbacks, I personally prefer to be a professional employee, since it has the lowest risk.