**People are living longer. Some people think that it causes big problems. Others, however, think the aging population has many advantages for business, government and for society in general. Discuss both views & give your own opinion**

There is little room for doubt that there has been staggering growth in the proportion of elderly people in many countries. In my opinion, I believe that this trend brings both advantages and disadvantages to society.

Firstly, there are a great number of those who believe having more mature individuals in society brings better than harm. Specifically, they have major roles in the development of the economy since they are the main labor. Secondly, they can contribute to some sectors such as teaching, management, scientific research, and politics thanks to their extensive experience. Lastly, more old people would pose a burden to families as parents would have to take care of older family members, and no doubt aged citizens tend to be meddlesome and stubborn, causing frequent conflicts probably. For example, Companies and organizations are relied on them to sell and capitalize on their income.

On the other hand, as most people in modern times are busy with tasks at the workplace, elderly members like grandparents can do the babysitting, relieving parents’ worries of their children lacking in moral support or leisure activities. Overpopulation could be the most significant reason why many people are concerned about the growing amount of elderly. Many individuals express their concerns about those limited resources and the possibility of running out in the long run. Many fresh graduates will not be able to get a job only because experienced old people will hold those positions. Finally, government and family will have to support the old people and that would require a huge amount of money.

In my opinion, the longer people live, the more opportunities we can possess to build and create a prosperous nation. I strongly believe it would set up a hopeful future for a strong, thriving nation.

**[301 Words]**

**In some countries police officers do not carry guns. How does this affect the manner they implement law and order? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of having a gun. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

In a few nations police officers don't carry weapons. Police are the main force for controlling the law and play a crucial part in the preservation of their countries. In this essay, I will discuss both benefits and drawbacks of having a gun.

Firstly, one of the big advantages of the bearing of arms is self-protection from a criminal. Secondly, Police officers having no pistols lead to an uncontrollable environment in society. Criminal activities would rise at an alarming rate if no fear is established among them as officers do not have power in their hands. For Example, by 80 per cent in India after the police force is weaponized. Apart from this, most times these guns are used for self-defense of the law enforcement officers.

The drawbacks are also to be considered while handing over the guns to officials. At times they are using pistols to kill themselves in some weak moments of their lives. Adding to this, some officials are using this power to encourage corruption in society. The reason is due to mental disorders or increased powers that create a sense of control over others and as a result the confidence in the police is lost.

In conclusion, considering all written above, authorities should consider the pros and cons and make the right decisions at the expense of their citizens and while the most pertinent favorable position of having a firearm is for self-protection, the weakness of abusing it ought to likewise be considered by the specialists.

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A good friend has just changed schools and is having difficulty fitting in and needs your advice.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter

* make suggestions as to how they could make friends
* suggest joining clubs, participating in school activities
* give any extra general advice

Hi Susmita,

Hope you're and your family doing well.

I'm sorry I haven't been in touch with you for such a long age, but it was great to receive your letter yesterday buddy, in which you told me that you've changed your last academy and currently you encounter some funny issues.

When I first came to the school I am in, I faced a difficult time getting along. But it's on us to try and make new friends. Don't expect them to interact with you. You should stay in the first conversation. Introduce yourself and ask about them. Be a listener. Also, offer help whenever you can. Behave politely and have a helpful outlook. First impression is the last impression. You should also take part in extra-curricular activities. I know you are a good footballer. Why don’t you join the school football team? Also join the science, arts or literary clubs. You love reading, don’t you? Finally, don’t neglect your studies. You are in high school now and grades do matter in life. Also take good care of your health.

I hope you get some help from this letter to deal with the situation. I really miss the wonderful time we spent together in school. Keep writing so that we can carry forward this special bond of friendship for lifetime

Hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes

Hemant Chandani

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**Your local bookshop has invited members of the public to recommend a guest speaker for an upcoming event that will include a series of talks from well-known people. Write an e-mail to the bookshop. In your e-mail:**

* **suggest a speaker**
* **say what they would contribute to the event**
* **explain why other people would be interested too**

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to share my opinion of electing a guest speaker for the event which will be organized soon in our area. I understand the event is organized in the benefit of a charity, so the intention is to have a greater number of audiences.

Hence, I would suggest ‘Mr. Namrata Thapar’ as a guest speaker for this event. She is a renowned Speaker, novelist, and a revolutionist. She could deliver a speech about the existence of Western foods in India over the traditional or conventional foods, a modern youth against the traditional youth etc. She is very impressive with our tradition and culture. Furthermore, she had won this year’s “BEST EVENT SPEAKER” award from All India Club of New Delhi North. Hence, she would be the most appropriate choice for this occasion persuading people to register for the event in advance. She would be able to attractive huge number of audiences which would benefit both of you with a pleasure of success.

Finally, I think that the presence of a well-established local author will encourage local talent. I hope that you will consider my recommendation.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Adam

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Few people devote time to hobbies nowadays. Say why you think this is the case and what effect this has on the individual and society in general. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Some may consider that giving an excessive amount of time to hobbies can be negative impact on the people, personally and socially in these recent days. It seemed to me that there are few causes lead to such an issue, and some relevant effects can be meet with individuals and societies.

To begin with, the main possible reason why the minority devote daily hours to hobbies is because more adults have stressful work. This is since in a modern bustling community the rhythm of life is being sped up and humans sacrifice their hobbies to finish more tasks. For example, recent research has shown that during the past decade the number of those playing football for fun has decreased by 30%. Secondly, people avoid from hectic schedule they have even it been weekend or late hour at night. Doing leisure activities might give them inevitable refreshment, relaxation, and opportunity to stick with family, which can have led them a better performance in all round formal achievements.

The most significant impact on the individuals is the reduction in the physical activity. This would lead them to an unbalanced lifestyle and thereby making them the victims of diseases like high blood pressure, obesity, high cholesterol, and heart attacks. Eventually, they can impact their own mental and physical life. The lack of participation in these physical activities makes them victims of many diseases and depression. In addition to that, people who have less leisure time mostly become a threat to society and they are more likely to get involved in antisocial and criminal activities. Talking about society, this may lead to the fact that humans will lose creativity and the ability to think outside the box since they spend all their time doing the same thing without changing the activity. Hence, it may lead to the loss of efficiency if individuals become stressed.

To conclude, advancements in the digital era have supplanted hobbies from human beings’ life. This trend becomes really a threat to the individual and society. Therefore, we have to allocate some time for leisure activities in order to replenish our life.

**[351 Words]**

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1. Certificate of Excellence
2. Merged with
3. performance arts
4. passed away
5. dying wish
6. toured
7. acting
8. directed
9. Grade 8
10. modern dance
11. C
12. H
13. G
14. B
15. E
16. B
17. B
18. A
19. A
20. C
21. D
22. C
23. B
24. A
25. A
26. A
27. A
28. E
29. A
30. B
31. subterranean chamber
32. Queen's Chamber
33. Grand Gallery
34. air shaft(s)
35. King's Chamber
36. nearby quarries
37. 500 miles
38. wooden wedges
39. a massive earthquake
40. slave labour

**Listening Task**

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1. Lions and Penguins
2. Royal Circle
3. Interval
4. per person
5. buy two get
6. performance
7. flexible
8. charge
9. star Theatre Bookings
10. BUKTHTR14582
11. D
12. A
13. C
14. H
15. F
16. G
17. J
18. A
19. B
20. C
21. C
22. A
23. B
24. F
25. G
26. D
27. A
28. B
29. B
30. B
31. refuse
32. local people
33. detergents
34. pinpoint
35. equipment
36. planks of wood
37. or nails
38. sift by hand
39. pit
40. clearly defined

**Reading Task**

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1. FALSE
2. FALSE
3. NOT GIVEN
4. TRUE
5. FALSE
6. FALSE
7. TRUE
8. FALSE
9. A
10. E
11. D
12. B
13. D
14. A
15. iv
16. v
17. x
18. ix
19. vii
20. i
21. ii
22. inundated with
23. access certificates
24. a search engine
25. meet your needs
26. transcripts
27. specialised websites
28. archives
29. C
30. G
31. F
32. E
33. A
34. H
35. D
36. acceptance
37. edible
38. toxin
39. staple
40. Dependence

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1. postgraduate
2. Engineering
3. computer games
4. German
5. Hall
6. .02951E+11
7. mornings
8. Round Theatre
9. Transport Secretary
10. newspapers
11. E
12. A
13. B
14. D
15. B
16. six weeks
17. email
18. 1.5
19. yellow from
20. ordering
21. website
22. length
23. current
24. format
25. events
26. changes/revisions
27. technical
28. brochure
29. B
30. E
31. news
32. music
33. cancelled
34. data
35. B
36. B
37. C
38. A
39. B

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1. Weekend trips
2. competitions
3. 125
4. club secretary
5. twice a/per month
6. spring
7. weekly
8. equipment
9. magazine
10. exhibition
11. G
12. F
13. C
14. A
15. B
16. B
17. A
18. C
19. E
20. D
21. March 25th
22. older workers
23. senior lecturer
24. timetable
25. B
26. D
27. G
28. B
29. C
30. A
31. C
32. B
33. C
34. A
35. A
36. profit margin
37. retail
38. vouchers material
39. client
40. full page

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1. southerly
2. art scene
3. London
4. Celtic
5. Lanhydrock
6. Tin Mine
7. D
8. B
9. B
10. C
11. forewing
12. antennae
13. hindwing
14. pollen basket
15. printing press
16. thousands
17. electronic data
18. hard copy
19. impossible
20. books
21. B
22. D
23. A
24. D
25. C
26. E
27. C
28. Joseph Cleaver
29. vocational colleges
30. 2002
31. 2004
32. London
33. 5 institutes
34. video conferencing technology
35. NOT GIVEN
36. NO
37. NOT GIVEN
38. NOT GIVEN
39. NO
40. YES

**Some people think that a person improves their intellectual skills more when doing group activities. To what extent do you agree? Use specific details and examples to explain your view.**

In recent decades, many researchers have studied the importance of group-level comprehension has intellectuals believe that it is always better to study on own. It is believed by certain individuals that engaging in activities by collaborating with certain individuals increases their mental capacity and I completely agree with the idea. This essay will explain more in details.

Personally, I do believe that working in a group helps to develop knowledge, but not being educated alone. The primer reason is in our human nature, it is our instincts to compete or else it will be boring. Secondly, study groups enable individuals to obtain information that they might not be able to acquire in isolation. The reason behind is that the person often lacks good feedback. However, getting engaged with several people to learn in their midst that helps to amend mistakes and unlearn the wrong things. For example, Albert Einstein was able to succeed at his invention of the electricity when he decided to involve more people in his experiment after several failed attempts. Team-groups enable individuals to obtain information that they could not acquire in isolation. This is because peer feedback allows individuals to refine their understanding of concepts and to also learn new information from other members in the study-group.

Team-games clearly require individuals to perform a diverse range of rapid mental calculations. This is because, in a sporting context, players must predict and anticipate possible actions within tight time constraints. The advantage of working in a group is that people can enhance their thinking abilities. This is because the study-group enables an individual to obtain information and allow their feedback to refine their understanding of concepts. Consequently, peers also learn new information from other members. Moreover, participation in the team game, which also enhances an individual’s ability to make decisions. So, a person needs mental calculation for victory during taking part in sport.

In conclusion, performing activities together as a group has a lot of benefits to every member, even though, some brilliant members might feel they are being slowed down. The fact that mental acumen is improved, however, is golden and should be encouraged

**[362 Words]**

**Students perform better in school when they are rewarded than punished. to what extend do you agree or disagree?**

There are individuals who believe that providing rewards in academic areas will encourage children instead of giving punishments. However, I do agree with this concept. In this essay, I will state my clear opinion with valid reasons.

To begin with, most teachers and parents, try to get the best out of their students by using various methods. Although some may stimulate them by giving even a small thing when they are doing good things, most parents and teachers just ignore them. Secondly, punishment does not only mean beating a child or giving severe punishment, but it could also be in a mild way because if children do not be afraid of anything they may become wayward students and would listen to no none, would do whatever they like to, even if it is bad stuff. In support of the statement, most of the students in the USA do not go to college after high school, and it is a report shown by their government and I believe that it is due to their rule that no one could punish a student there.

However, naughty students or ones not interested in studying, force the teacher to take strict steps. So, punishment helps to maintain discipline and help the students realize their mistakes. The teacher must penalize the students in such a way that they get motivated to work for good. Unfortunately, most teachers and parents tend to punish their students in front of a large crowd even for small mistakes and most colleagues of that students then may try to bully the student. For example, according to a paper article in "Times of India", there are about 150+ suicide cases of youngsters below 21Y in Cochin during last year and the main cause has been found as depression.

In conclusion, even though teachers and parents tend to punish their children with good purpose, most of the children will suffer due to its effects while students who get rewards tend to do good for the rest of their life. Hence this writer opines that parents and teachers should change from punishments to rewards if they really want to correct their children.

**[359 Words]**

**University students nowadays have too much freedom and do not study enough. To what extent do you agree and disagree?**

University students can enjoy a considerable freedom these days. In the high school they have a schedule. They need to show up in the classes regularly. Both views have arguments for and against them and this essay delves these views and expresses my opinion before drawing a reasonable conclusion.

On the one hand, a university is the highest level for education in a country and it is considered that it builds the next adept generation who would lead the country. From this regard, the education and teaching policy of the university affect the whole nation. Thus, a student should be given the freedom to pick the subjects he likes, especially for the university students. For instance, many arts faculties in western universities offer students to pick technology related subjects while the reverse is also true. Additionally, some individuals believe that colleges should enable students to study whatever interests them, since this would allow for more investigation of many topic areas. Moreover, if they study what they like, they will pursue a job in their field of passion. Though technology related subjects are quite important, students would not learn that much if he is forced to learn programming while his interest is in literature

On the contrary, the university authority must consider the consequences of letting students choose their subjects. A recent study shows that predefined syllabus-bound a student study regularly and prepares for the exam while freedom to take any subject dramatically increases the number of dropout students. For example, according to a survey, a multinational corporation recruited those students with a technical background and the students had greater employment. Therefore, to ensure the future, technological disciplines must be excellent. Furthermore, development of a nation, these days, highly depends on the technologically sound workforce and universities should yield such workforce for the country. From this perspective, it seems quite logical for universities to teach science related subjects to most of its students.

Based on above reasons, it is easily said that university students today are spending less time studying than they did in the past as they more freedom. Therefore, we should solve the problem as soon as possible.

**[359 Words]**

**Reading Task**

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1. evacuate the area
2. seal it
3. work area
4. potential contamination
5. exact location
6. face to avoid
7. immediate danger
8. pass them around
9. material has split
10. TRUE
11. TRUE
12. NOT GIVEN
13. NOT GIVEN
14. NOT GIVEN
15. D
16. E
17. B
18. G
19. F
20. C
21. A
22. B
23. F
24. A
25. G
26. E
27. C
28. D
29. infection
30. physical strain
31. side effects
32. less likely
33. often modest
34. impact
35. disposable
36. A
37. A
38. C
39. C
40. B

**Listening Task**

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1. 7770004422
2. South Terminal
3. 17th July
4. comprehensive
5. excess
6. Debit card
7. Satellite navigation system
8. Tyre chains
9. 12.5 tax
10. sponsor
11. form
12. deposit
13. interview
14. balance
15. three cards
16. D
17. B
18. C
19. B
20. B
21. B
22. A
23. A
24. A
25. B
26. A
27. B
28. A
29. C
30. Ethiopia
31. African continent
32. marking
33. native Greek breed
34. Plentiful
35. White
36. started to breed
37. tolerance of children
38. rare
39. aggressiveness

**You are working for a company. You need to take some time off work and want to ask your manager about this. Write a letter to your manager. In your letter:**

* **explain why you want to take time off work**
* **give details of the amount of time you need**
* **suggest how your work could be covered while you are away**

Dear Mr. Jacob,

I am writing to ask your permission to take two week's leave from work starting from 07th Aug 2023. As you know, I am doing my Postgraduate in Cyber Security and I am in my final term. A week require for final preparation followed by exam which will be ending by 21st Aug 2023.

To prepare for my absence, I have created an out of office document where I have assigned tasks to my colleagues at work that are willing to cover for me during my leave of absence. Another document that I have put together has all the important tasks that I am planning to complete before I leave for my work off. Additionally, I will be available over my phone if an urgency occurs and anyone from work needs to reach out to me. I would really appreciate your permission to grant me the unpaid leave from 07th Aug till 21st August 2023. However, I am ready to work extra hours to compensate for my work once I return office from 22nd Aug 2023

I would really appreciate your approval for my leave. I look forward to hearing back from you. Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Hemant Chandani

**[201 Words]**

**Some developed countries now have unemployment problems. Why do people still want to emigrate to these countries. Give reasons and specific examples to explain your answer.**

The trend of shifting to other nations is still popular, even there is a lack of job opportunities. Owing to better facilities, residing with family members, and interest to experience of another culture are the reasons of migration.

Firstly, the main reason behind this is that people choose to move to that kind of nation, where they can get free and better facilities such as education and health. A survey was done by Cambridge University students in 2016, revealed that 27% of Indians shifted to Canada, not only because of the free education system of their children but also for better medical facilities, irrespective of the job opportunity. In addition to it, another major reason is social security. To put more light on it, most of the developed nations drive initiatives to assist their people financially in case of natural crisis, job loss and unemployment. To exemplify, during the covid outbreak, Canadian officials provide monetary help to all workers who lost their job. Furthermore, people want to explore different traditions and cultures and youngsters are fascinated by western culture, so they are always inclined to move to these countries and learn about cross country languages and ethnicities.

Firstly, to stop this, the government should make the salary of professional’s equivalent to what is being paid in developed countries. In fact, a recent study has concluded that hiking salary has helped in stopping professionals from moving to other countries. To exemplify, nowadays, schools in India are adopting latest technology like other developed countries; consequently, it has created more jobs and teachers find teaching more interesting and fun. Besides good life standards, people want to settle with their loved ones. Many parents or children moved to other countries earlier and became permanent residents of that country. Now they would like to reside with their family members

To conclude, despite unemployment in few nations, people still want to move there, because of a better lifestyle, permanent settlement with family members, and curiosity to learn about some new traditions.

**[335 Words] – Time – 35 Minutes**

**Every country should produce enough of everything that the country needs so it should not rely on imports. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.**

Import and export business has become an imperative need of present times. Nations exchange many foods, clothing, technological, medicine, vegetation items to meet their population's requirement. Hence, this essay will outline why there is a need to import products and how it is difficult to depend solely on local products.

To begin with, most of the developed countries produce their own need by themself and able to face any crises which would happen in the future. For example, Australia has a large amount of food production on behalf of their nation because the country has good source geography and better resources along with sound weather. Secondly, Same way of improving more job opportunities in production and manufacturing to the people can be beneficial for unemployment in the country. Moreover, together with globalization, the excess local product can export to other countries to help to obtain foreign currency and keep a famous name in the global market. Additionally, by focusing on farming, irrigation and planting, a government can decrease unemployment problems. For example, in Indonesia, the farming sector creates the highest percentage of jobs. More than 50 per cent of Indonesians are directly or indirectly depends on the agriculture sector.

However, most developing countries do not have enough facilities and resources to produce their needs. That is the reason why they tend to import their basic need from other countries. Furthermore, many countries do not have sufficient energy power and geographically poor can another reason to depend on imports. If food is imported from a long distance, the food value degrades and, in some cases, toxic chemicals are used to preserve the imported food. Thus, the local production of foods would ensure better food quality and sound health of citizens.

To conclude, countries should try to produce as much food as possible because it not only benefits the health of their people but also boosts their economy, reduces air pollution, and makes them less dependent on others.

**[326 Words] – Time – 38 Minutes**