**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.

**[254 Words]**

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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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31. subterranean chamber
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35. King's Chamber
36. nearby quarries
37. 500 miles
38. wooden wedges
39. a massive earthquake
40. slave labour

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2. Royal Circle
3. Interval
4. per person
5. buy two get
6. performance
7. flexible
8. charge
9. star Theatre Bookings
10. BUKTHTR14582
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12. A
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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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14. A
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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
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22. B
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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
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**Listening Task**

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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
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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.

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21. ii
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23. access certificates
24. a search engine
25. meet your needs
26. transcripts
27. specialised websites
28. archives
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40. Dependence

**Reading Task**

<https://ieltsonlinetests.com/master-ielts-general-training-6-reading-practice-test-2>

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
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40. B

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**You need to take some time off from work to go on holiday. Write a letter to your direct manager.**

**Ask for time off and explain why Provide the dates and times for which you will be unavailable to work. Describe what you will do to prepare or make up for your absence**

Dear Mr. Jain

My parents are going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on 14th September and I would request some unpaid leave from the office next month to prepare for the party and enjoy the occasion.

The 50th wedding anniversary is a significant occasion both for our parents and us and we want to make it distinctive. We will celebrate the occasion on that day and have already booked a large party hall for that. The whole family, including my nephews and nieces, and almost 50 other guests are expected to be present and it demands a huge preparation.

To participate in this occasion, I would need to be away from work for 2 Weeks, considering the travel time and some preparation works that I am expected to finish before the party. I would hence be absent Starting from 13th September till 26th September. I do not have any urgent work commitment at that time and I Spoke to my Colleague Shumail who has agreed to look after my tasks while I would be away. He had done that before and after I return, I would be ready to work some extra hours to cover any of my pending tasks.

I would be very grateful if you could allow me the time off. The occasion is very special to me and my family and I want to make it memorable by attending it.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Hemant Chandani

**[242 Words] – Time: 19 Minutes**

**Nowadays, many people complain that they have difficulties getting enough sleep. What problems can lack of sleep? What can be done about lack of sleep?**

A balanced diet, regular exercise, and adequate amount of sleep are the keys to a healthy living. Whereas people do focus on their diet, and workout regularly, they tend to neglect the importance of getting optimal sleep. People are increasingly reporting difficulties sleeping, often as a result of our modern 24/7 lifestyle. This essay will consider the problems caused by lack of sleep, along with some solutions.

There are numerous problems that can arise from improper sleep. Firstly, the predominant one is a lack of productivity in the workplaces. This is because of without enough sleep, the brain will not get rest to boost and re-energize, as a result, the body will feel lethargic. This will lead to less productive and innovative mind in the offices. For example, research on sleep impacts held by India Political Affairs team in past 2 years that 8 hours of sound sleep in a day can enhance and generate new ideas in a human brain. Secondly, the body is also a machine, without the proper rest and maintenance, it will start evolving physical problems such as obesity, diabetics, blood pressure and headaches. Additionally, physical appearance also gets impacted which turned into some major issues. Besides, these effects would turn into the falling of hairs, and most of them have skin trouble.

However, although the problem seems gigantic, the solutions are excessively simple. First of all, people should be made more aware about the indispensable nature of sleep when it comes to overall well-being. In order to make people more aware, government should run some kind of awareness campaigns. Furthermore, another simple step to solve this problem would be to allow people to fall asleep for a few hours, in the offices itself. For an illustration, this technique has been adopted by many organizations in China and Japan, and the results show an increase in the productivity and a steep decrease in the frequency of errors. Moreover, small lifestyle changes on an individual level can also prove beneficial.

To conclude, undoubtedly, lack of sleep creates various problems, but it can be crippled down by following the healthy diet and less usage of mobiles.

**[356 Words - 38 Minutes]**

**Reading Task – 1**

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1. Developmental art
2. 5.00
3. Gallery
4. Greek Olympic Sculpture
5. 632
6. 132
7. 317
8. 122
9. 443
10. H
11. G
12. A
13. B
14. FALSE
15. FALSE
16. FALSE
17. TRUE
18. FALSE
19. TRUE
20. NOT GIVEN
21. TRUE
22. B
23. A
24. C
25. A
26. A
27. C
28. language development
29. innovation
30. models/model speakers
31. exaggerate
32. recognise
33. frequently
34. conversation
35. YES
36. YES
37. NO
38. NO
39. NO
40. NOT GIVEN

**Reading Task - 2**

[**https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-vol-8-reading-practice-test-1**](https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-vol-8-reading-practice-test-1)

1. Employee
2. Wednesday
3. continuing
4. hh:mm
5. supervisor
6. 93907733
7. Tax number
8. B
9. C
10. B
11. C
12. A
13. A
14. soccer
15. first
16. minor
17. attendance
18. D
19. C
20. A
21. B
22. A
23. FALSE
24. TRUE
25. TRUE
26. NOT GIVEN
27. FALSE
28. E
29. A
30. B
31. A
32. H
33. D
34. F
35. C
36. NO
37. NO
38. NOT GIVEN
39. B
40. B

**Listening Task – 1**

[**https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-4-listening-practice-test-1**](https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-4-listening-practice-test-1)

1. postgraduate
2. Engineering
3. computer games
4. German
5. Hall
6. 02950659003
7. mornings
8. Round Theatre
9. Transport Secretary
10. newspaper
11. E
12. A
13. G
14. C
15. B
16. six weeks
17. email
18. 1.50
19. Yellow form
20. ordering
21. website
22. length
23. current
24. format
25. events officer
26. revisions
27. technical
28. brochure
29. B
30. E
31. map
32. news
33. music
34. cancelled
35. data
36. B
37. C
38. C
39. A
40. B

**You recently stayed at a hotel where you received exceptional service. Write a letter to the hotel manager expressing your appreciation and acknowledging the staff members who made your stay memorable.**

Dear Mr. Brown

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the service and care I received at your hotel from 4th July to 10th July. I took my wife on our first vacation in 2 years and I wanted it to be perfect. Your staff did not disappoint me.

Your Hotel Staff was able to get tickets to the local sight Seeing at the last minute which was a real bonus for our vacation. ​He also arranged a one-day tour of the wine district, which we thoroughly enjoyed and that actually enhanced our vacation experience. Every staff member with whom we came in contact was attentive and kind including Mr. Sharma in housekeeping and Mrs. Jyoti for room service. We have already decided to return to the Hotel for our next vacation, which will be next year. Not only this but they offer a selection of local restaurants that catered to my preferences and also took very lesser time to make reservations on my behalf.

The exceptional service I received at your hotel truly made a difference in my overall experience. I felt valued as a guest, and the attention to detail exhibited by your staff elevated my stay to a whole new level. We had a wonderful two-week vacation, and I have recommended your hotel to all of my colleagues, friends and family. Thank you again for such outstanding service. Again, we want to offer our appreciation and thanks for your hard work. You're a truly valued member of in your hotel organization

Yours Sincerely,

​Hemant Chandani

**[262 Words – 21 Minutes]**

**It is better for college students to live in schools than live at home with their parents. Do you agree or disagree?**

It is argued that there will have more benefits for students who have graduated from high school to live in the hall of residence in schools when they go to college or university than live at home with their parents. I am in agreement with this point of view for several following reasons.

Firstly, living far from home means college boys and girls have to manage their own place. Most of the work have to be done by themselves and especially when they live alone. Otherwise, their room will become dirty, untidy, and unhealthy. Secondly, they will appreciate the effort of their parents and later on their life partner in keeping the space tidy up and appealing. In this case, they are obliged to learn how to assign tasks and coordinate efforts effectively. For example, students can do a part time job to earn money and they can afford tuition instead of asking money from their parents, which helps students can well aware of the value of money and they will use money effectively and economically. Additionally, it is important to understand why people think students should live in schools, parents assume that children will live in a study-friendly environment which will motivate them to study and choose a path in life. However, it is quite the opposite, children get a chance to behave as they tend to, bad guidance usually tracks them onto the wrong route

On the other Side, living in schools will help students have a lot of new relationships with their friends and they can have more opportunities to develop their soft skills. For instance, if college students live at home, then in that case, they will not have much friends to participate in voluntary activities and this is an obstacle to students’ communication and interaction skills. Moreover, family members could provide a great source of support for young people. Students might encounter unpleasant situations during their college years and in this case, family ties would be the best source of support and encouragement.

In conclusion, while living in dormitories is beneficial to students in terms of social skills development and cost reduction, living at home with parents strengthens a close bond between family members and drives students’ personal development.

**[374 Words] – 37 Minutes**

**Listening Task – 1**

[**https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-3-listening-practice-test-4**](https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-3-listening-practice-test-4)

1. listening
2. vocabulary and grammar
3. general classes
4. fifteen
5. department
6. May
7. five
8. B
9. D
10. G
11. C
12. A
13. A
14. C
15. C
16. B
17. E
18. G
19. C
20. A
21. D
22. C
23. B
24. third term
25. industry
26. plans
27. laboratory
28. seminars
29. pairs
30. interview
31. gardens
32. one fifth
33. super stores
34. glass
35. older residents
36. waste
37. Wind
38. co-operative
39. retirement
40. social

[**https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-1-reading-practice-test-1**](https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-1-reading-practice-test-1)

1. NOT GIVEN
2. NOT GIVEN
3. FALSE
4. NO
5. TRUE
6. FALSE
7. FALSE
8. x
9. i
10. v
11. ii
12. x
13. iv
14. viii
15. FALSE
16. NOT GIVEN
17. TRUE
18. FALSE
19. TRUE
20. NO
21. J
22. K
23. E
24. G
25. A
26. I
27. C
28. A
29. C
30. E
31. F
32. B
33. A
34. E
35. D
36. NOT GIVEN
37. TRUE
38. FALSE
39. FALSE
40. TRUE

**On a recent holiday, you lost a valuable item. Fortunately, you have travel insurance to cover the cost of anything lost. Write a letter to the manager of your insurance company. In your letter**

* **Describe the item you lost.**
* **Explain how you lost it.**
* **Tell the insurance company what you would like them to do.**

Dear Sir or Madam,  
  
I am writing this letter to inform you that I have recently lost my smart watch during my holiday visit to hometown in Bangalore and this item is insured. Since I have insurance coverage for my mobile phone from your company, I am hoping to get my insurance money.

The incident occurred when I was on a travelling in train from New Delhi to Bangalore between 28th July 2023 to 30th July 2023 when I lost my smart watch in the train.  I am not sure whether it was stolen, or I just forgot it someplace in Train and later vigorously searched for the item for more than an hour, but it was nowhere. I immediately lodged an FIR in the nearest police station and the FIR registration number is BLR/FA/LS/0165

I am entitled to lost property coverage under travel insurance. It’s an Apple Smart Watch Series 4, hard to find due to high demand. I would like to confirm the original price of the Smart Watch as it is a new one worth over Rs. 56,000 INR, which is too much money for the mid-range. I request you to compensate me for the full amount of the Smart Watch. I am attaching a copy of the receipt with this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

Yours Faithfully

Hemant Chandani

**[234 Words – 19 Minutes]**

**Listening Task - 1**

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1. A
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. D
6. C
7. A
8. 3
9. 5
10. 8.25 PM
11. coach
12. 2
13. Friday
14. sailing boat
15. Greek music
16. B,D
17. A,C
18. B,D
19. Greek tour
20. AA3
21. 1987
22. Turkey
23. Farming
24. 15 weeks
25. 14 students
26. former students
27. C
28. A
29. C
30. A
31. B
32. A
33. C
34. A
35. D
36. C
37. A
38. Social life
39. Hide extra fees
40. Government

Reading Task – 1

<https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-1-reading-practice-test-4>

1. Saturday & Tuesday
2. Saturday & Thursday
3. B
4. H
5. G
6. A
7. I
8. J
9. TRUE
10. NOT GIVEN
11. TRUE
12. TRUE
13. TRUE
14. TRUE
15. xi
16. iv
17. v
18. ix
19. viii
20. ii
21. vii
22. K
23. C
24. I
25. H
26. G
27. L
28. J
29. D
30. F
31. K
32. A
33. E
34. G
35. C
36. B
37. A
38. D
39. thousand
40. 11 metres

[**https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-3-writing-practice-test-1**](https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ielts-general-training-volume-3-writing-practice-test-1)

**After being involved in an accident, you were looked after by a person you did not know before. Write a special thank you letter to express your gratitude. In your letter:**

* **Introduce yourself and let him/her know why you are writing**
* **Express your appreciation**
* **And offer him/ her to visit your home with this family.**

Dear George,

You were so kind and Godsend to look after me after I was involved in an accident last Monday. I am writing to express my immeasurable admiration for your altruistic and brave action.

I am Hemant Chandani, an Engg. by profession working in Vodafone organization and I live with my family at 24 New Street, London. On my way to the office at around 8.30 am last Monday, my motorbike crashed with a private car near Phoenix mall and I lost control. I was severely injured and could not move or pick up my bike. If you had not decided to help me, the situation could have been worse. I am so grateful to you for your kind help and generous words. You even took the burden to take me to a nearby hospital and that was so noble of you. I cannot express enough how thankful I am to you. When my parents and wife heard about how courageously you assisted me, they prayed for you even though they have never met you before.

I regret that I could not thank you enough. Please accept my invitation to visit our home at your convenience and allow my family to thank you properly. I have recovered quickly, and the thanks go to you. Please visit us with your family and let our brief encounter becomes an opportunity to know you more.

Yours truly,

Hemant Chandani

**[Words – 237, Time – 18 Minutes]**

**In some countries young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studied. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.**

In recent times, it is more essential for youngsters to balance their professional life and travelling. In certain countries, it is usual for high school graduates to take a gap year to travel and get professional experience before enrolling in universities. The benefit and the drawback of the statement will be addressed further.

By travelling, prospective students can acknowledge different culture, values, and tradition. The most vital benefits are they can gain work experience and new skills. It helps them to know themselves and to accumulate knowledge. Therefore, school graduates must be given time and opportunities to gain experience and make money before starting their studies. Secondly, travelling and working for young people is advantageous because it can improve their self-esteem. If they travel or do work, they will get experience and skills which are important for their future such as patience. As a result, they will be able to deal with different circumstances that they may face. For example, an article demonstrated that most students now pay for their own colleges because they want experience and independence.

The disadvantage is that when students enter their institute after a year, they feel behind their friends because at that time they will be a year ahead. Moreover, students must contend with the dread of being excluded, which will ultimately influence their academic performance. A survey, for instance, proved that after a lengthy break, it is difficult for students to manage their academics and confront their worries. So, a person's life and work are negatively impacted by a sense of inferiority. Another point is that by taking a gap year means that you do not study for one year. As a result, their study skills may have diminished, making it harder for them to adjust to life in education when going to universities. Second, after going abroad, they might find that they did not get the experience they were hoping for, which makes them feel regretful.

To Encapsulate, there are lots of better ways to take a break. You can find out what you want and what you do in the future. It is a great way to be independent and focus on self-improvement.

**[Words - 363, Time: 39 Minutes]**

**Listening Task**

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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
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20. C
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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

**Reading Task**

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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

write a letter to a local bookstore owner suggesting ways to promote reading and literature in your community

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a huge fan and book lover which I usually bought most of the books from your store because it has a great collection of books from all genres.

Reading is very important in one’s life. It develops reading skills in a person. Books are one of the biggest sources of knowledge. There are different types of books like novels, short stories, essays, etc. Reading books helps us explore an unknown world. Reading is an exercise for our brains. There are self-help books that help us build our confidence and bring in motivation. We can read fictional books for leisure. We request you to promote reading and literature in our community where i can support in this buy conducting free webinars and Seminars.

Another way we can use tie-up with few local newspapers to publish an article on importance of books in life on a weekly basis. This will boost up the business and we can get a good response. As we read, we picture it in our brain which improves our imaginative skills as well. In-depth reading also increases our concentration and makes us more focused. A person who reads regularly can quickly understand the content he or she reads. Additionally, we can register ourselves in exhibition community where we can go to nearby society and have our own canopy and stall to promote and sell books of all types.

I look forward to working with you in the future to promote literacy and a love of reading among our all generations of people

Your Sincerely,

Hemant Chandani

**[264 Words – 18 Minutes]**

<https://ieltsonlinetests.com/prepare-ielts-general-training-volume-1-writing-practice-test-2>

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 – 37 Minutes]**

**Listening Task**

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You are experiencing financial problems and want to ask your landlord if you can pay your rent late. Write a letter to your landlord.

In your letter explain:

Why you cannot pay the rent

When you will pay the rent.

How you will ensure you can pay your rent in the future

Dear Mr. Joseph,

I am writing to you to request that you allow me to pay my rent late this month. The reason is that I am having a few financial problems at the moment. Last month, I was made redundant from my job due to the fact that the company I work for is closing down. Because I have not worked at the company for long, I have not received a redundancy payment, therefore leaving me short of money this month.

I can assure you that I will be able to pay the rent on the 15th of next month. I have now found another job, and they have kindly agreed to give me an advance on my wages, but they are unable to arrange this until next week. I can assure you that I will be able to continue to pay rent at the full rate and on time in the future. As I mentioned, I have a new job and this is on a long-term contract, meaning that I will have a secure and timely income. I may also set up a direct debit so the payment goes to your automatically each month.

I hope this will be acceptable to you, but please contact me if it is a problem.

Yours sincerely,

Hemant Chandani

Match the headings : <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/paragraph-headings.html>

The reading passage has seven paragraphs: **A – G.**

*Choose the most suitable paragraph headings****B – G****from the list of headings on the right.*

*Write the appropriate numbers****(i –ix)****in the text boxes below the headings.*

***NB****There are more paragraph headings than paragraphs so you will not use them all.*

## **Yoruba Town**

**A.** The Yoruba people of Nigeria classify their towns in two ways. Permanent towns with their own governments are called “ilu”, whereas temporary settlements, set up to support work in the country are “aba”. Although ilu tend to be larger than aba, the distinction is not one of size, some aba are large, while declining ilu can be small, but of purpose. There is no “typical” Yoruba town, but some features are common to most towns.

**B.** In the 19th century most towns were heavily fortified and the foundations of these walls are sometimes visible. Collecting tolls to enter and exit through the walls was a major source of revenue for the old town rulers, as were market fees. The markets were generally located centrally and in small towns, while in large towns there were permanent stands made of corrugated iron or concrete. The market was usually next to the local ruler’s palace.

**C.** The palaces were often very large. In the 1930’s, the area of Oyo’s palace covered 17 acres, and consisted of a series of courtyards surrounded by private and public rooms. After colonisation, many of the palaces were completely or partially demolished. Often the rulers built two storey houses for themselves using some of the palace grounds for government buildings.

**D.** The town is divided into different sections. In some towns these are regular, extending out from the center of the town like spokes on a wheel, while in others, where space is limited, they are more random. The different areas are further divided into compounds called “ile”. These vary in size considerably from single dwellings to up to thirty houses. They tend to be larger in the North. Large areas are devoted to government administrative buildings. Newer developments such as industrial or commercial areas or apartment housing for civil servants tends to be build on the edge of the town.

**E.** Houses are rectangular and either have a courtyard in the center or the rooms come off a central corridor. Most social life occurs in the courtyard. They are usually built of hardened mud and have roofs of corrugated iron or, in the countryside, thatch. Buildings of this material are easy to alter, either by knocking down rooms or adding new ones. And can be improved by coating the walls with cement. Richer people often build their houses of concrete blocks and, if they can afford to, build two storey houses. Within compounds there can be quite a mixture of building types. Younger well-educated people may have well furnished houses while their older relatives live in mud walled buildings and sleep on mats on the floor.

**F.** The builder or the most senior man gets a room either near the entrance or, in a two storied house, next to the balcony. He usually has more than one room. Junior men get a room each and there are separate rooms for teenage boys and girls to sleep in. Younger children sleep with their mothers. Any empty room are used as storage, let out or, if they face the street, used as shops.

**G.** Amenities vary. In some towns most of the population uses communal water taps and only the rich have piped water, in others piped water is more normal. Some areas have toilets, but bucket toilets are common with waste being collected by a “night soil man”. Access to water and electricity are key political issues.

#### List of Paragraph Headings

i.   Town facilities

ii.  Colonisation

iii.  Urban divisions

iv.  Architectural home styles

v.  Types of settlements

vi. Historical foundations

vii. Domestic arrangements

viii. City defenses

ix.  The residences of the rulers

x.  Government buildings

Answers

1. vi

2. ix

3. x

4. iv

5. viii

6. i

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Questions 1 – 6. The reading passage has six paragraphs, A-F.

Choose the correct heading for paragraphs, A-F, from the list below.

Write the correct number, i-ix, as your answer to each question.

List of Headings

i Bills of exchange precede paper money

ii The English Civil War

iii Advent of the Gold standard

iv The Knights Templar

v Recurrence of paper currency

vi Goldsmiths in the role of bankers

vii Scarcity of copper coins

viii Virginian money

ix ‘Intangible’ money

Paragraph A

Paragraph B

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Paragraph D

Paragraph E

Paragraph F

Money

A. In China, the issue of paper money became common from about 960 but there had been occasional issues long before that. A motive for one such early issue, in the reign of Emperor Hien Tsung 806-821, was a shortage of copper for making coins. A drain of currency from China, partly to buy off potential invaders from the north greater reliance on paper money with the result that by 1020 the quantity issued was excessive, causing inflation. In subsequent centuries there were several episodes of hyperinflation, and after about 1455, after well over 500 years of using paper money, China abandoned it.

B. With the revival of banking in western Europe, stimulated by the Crusades, written instructions in the form of bills of exchange came to be used as a means of transferring large sums of money, and the Knights Templar and Hospitallers functioned as bankers. It is possible that the Arabs may have used bills of exchange at a much earlier date, perhaps as early as the eighth century. The use of paper as currency came much later.

C. During the English Civil War, 1642-1651, goldsmiths' safes were secure places for the deposit of jewels, bullion and coins. Instructions to goldsmiths to pay money to another customer subsequently developed into the cheque. Similarly, goldsmiths’ receipts were used not only for withdrawing deposits but also as evidence of ability to pay and by about 1660 these had developed into banknotes.

D. In England's American colonies a chronic shortage of official coins led to various substitutes being used as money, including, in Virginia, tobacco, leading to the development of paper money by a different route. Tobacco leaves have drawback as currency, and consequently, certificates attesting to the quality and quantity of tobacco deposited in public warehouses came to be used as money and in 1727 were made legal tender.

E. Although paper money obviously had no intrinsic value, its acceptability originally depended on its being backed by some commodity, normally precious metals. During the Napoleonic Wars convertibility of Bank of England notes was suspended and there was some inflation which, although quite mild compared to that which had occurred in other wars, was worrying to contemporary observers who were used to stable prices and, in accordance with the recommendations of an official enquiry, Britain adopted the gold standard for the pound in 1816.

F. The break with precious metals helped to make money a more elusive entity. Another trend in the same direction was the growing interest in forms of electronic money from the 1990s onwards. In some ways, e-money is a logical evolution from the wire transfers that came about with the widespread adoption of the telegraph in the 19th century, but such transfers had relatively little impact on the everyday shopper.

Answers:

Paragraph A - v

Paragraph B – ii

Paragraph C - vi

Paragraph D - vii

Paragraph E - iii

Paragraph F - ix