

MODEL ANSWER- WRITING TEST 5

Task 1:

Hi Natalie,

How's it going? I hope you're well and looking forward to your trip to Viet Nam. It'll be great to see you again. I'll be on holiday when you come, so I've got plenty of time to spend with you. We'll definitely be able to visit a few places together.

The cheapest and easiest way to get to my apartment from the airport is on the bus. The Number 30 Bus will drop you off at Bến Thành Market. I'll be waiting for you at the bus stop when you get there, so you won't get lost!

It will still be quite hot here next month, so bring some summer clothes. It might rain as well, but you can borrow my umbrella!

Well, that's all for now, Natalie. When you have a moment, drop me a line and confirm your flight and arrival times. I'm sure you'll have a great time here.

See you soon,

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Task 2:

Access to computers has become more and more popular over recent decades, and the number of children playing games on computers has increased considerably too. While there is no doubt that children can get some benefits from this leisure activity, this trend is a big concern to all parents due to plenty of serious downsides it may cause. **This essay will consider the positive and negative impacts of playing computer games and discuss ways to mitigate the potential bad effects.**

With regards to the advantages, playing computer games can develop children's cognitive skills. Many popular games require abstract and high level thinking skills in order to win. For instance, children need to follow instructions, solve complex problems and use logic in many of the games that are currently popular. Such experience will be beneficial to a child's development into an adult.

Turning to the other side of the argument, most computer games played by children contain a great deal of violence. The problem is that in many of the games children are rewarded for being more violent, and this violence is repeated again and again. For instance, many games involve children helping their character to kill, kick, stab and shoot. This may lead to increasing aggressive feelings, thoughts, and behaviors. Also, if children are absorbed in computer games, they may distract themselves from their studies. As a result, they inevitably perform worse and worse at school.

In order to minimize these negative impacts, parents need to take certain steps. The way forward might be to choose a suitable computer games for children and ensure that they are not allowed to have access to too many violent games. Parents can also set limits on the length of time games are played. For example, their children only spend no more than thirty minutes a day playing computer games.

To sum up, there are both pros and cons to everything, and playing computer games is not an exception. From my perspective, the negatives of this activity obviously outweigh its positives. However, if parents take adequate precautions, the above-mentioned drawbacks can be avoided.

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