

MODEL ANSWER- WRITING TEST 2

Task 1:

Dear Daisy,

It's great to hear from you again. I hope everything is going well in London.

Thanks for sending me the photos. I really like them because they remind me of the great time we spent with each other in Ha Long Bay. I believe that you enjoyed the breath-taking scenery here so much.

As you probably know, I had a bit of trouble at Tân Sơn Nhất airport because of the accidental power-cut, but I got home safely in the end.

I'm afraid I won't be able to get away this spring as I have to visit my grandparents in Central Vietnam then. What about a trip to Hà Nội, the capital City of Viet Nam next summer? I will have graduated from university by next June, and I've got a whole month to travel before starting my first job.

Well that's all for now, Daisy. Drop me a line when you have time and let me know what you think about my plan.

All the best,

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Task 2:

Technological advances in the past few decades help to gradually replace human workforce with the-state-of-the-art machines in a wide range of industries. Although people can benefit a lot from the replacement, personally I think there are some drawbacks of this ongoing trend. **This essay will examine the negative effects of the development of technology on human- beings and then propose some solutions.**

One of the biggest problems is that there is less social interaction among factory workers because they always have to work with machines. They just focus on the machine they operate instead of communicating with their co-workers. The solution is for the board of directors to organize social activities such as team building, going for

a picnic at an amusement park, having staff parties on national holidays and so on. Thanks to these activities, workers have a chance to spend time together talking and sharing their work experience as well as life experience with one another.

Another issue is that this trend has made workers lazier because they tend to heavily depend on machines. In some cases, they can, but they are unwilling, and even refuse to fulfill their task by hand when a technical problems like a breakdown or power cut occurs. *To tackle this problem*, the management, along with the trainer should raise the workers' sense of responsibility to make efforts to do their duty if possible without assistance of machinery.

Last but not least, this replacement may increase the unemployment rate. As machines can perform faster and more efficiently, the need for manpower will decrease dramatically. There might be only vacancies for highly-qualified technicians who can operate modern machines. As a result, unskilled manual workers may run the risk of being jobless. *Dealing with this issue involves* the government, local authority and vocational schools' launching some specific programs or training courses in which manual workers are trained to control fashionable machines. Moreover, they should be encouraged to update themselves with the development of today's science and technology so as not to be left behind.

All things considered, no one can deny that there are two sides of the same coin; we can, therefore, see both the pros and cons of substituting machinery for manpower. However, the government, the factory management, and the vocational school can take the above-mentioned measures to make a great contribution to minimizing its downsides.

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