

WRITING TEST 18

Time allotted: 60 minutes

No. of items: 2

TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You received an email from your English pen friend, Paul. He asked you about your TV in your country. Read part of his email below.

One of my hobbies is watching TV. There are many fantastic programs for me to watch. Sometimes I can spend my whole day watching TV. Could you tell me about TV in your country? Are the programs interesting to you? What is your best favourite TV program? What is that program about? How much TV do you watch every day? Do people in your country watch too much TV these days?

I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Write an email responding to Paul. You should write at least 120 words. You do not need to include your name or addresses.

Dear Paul,

I'm very glad to hear news from you. My hobby is very similar to you. I also spend all my day on watching TV. In my country, there are many programs on TV for all kinds of people at a variety of ages: for children, for teenagers, for the young and for the old. I really like these programs. And recently, I am very interested in one programs for the younger called "Who is the billionaire?" This program's format is that one player need to answer all fifteen questions to be a winner and receive the prize up to 100 million Vietnam Dong. "Who is the billionaire?" is very useful because it provides me with a lot of knowledge in many aspects of life. I watch TV about one hour every day when I have dinner with my family and before I go to bed. In my country, people watch TV when they see that one program they like is on TV. I hope we will talk with each other more in next letter.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully.

TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Read the following text from an article about smoking.

Medical studies have shown that smoking not only leads to health problems for the smoker, but also for people close by. For this reason, smoking should not be allowed in public places. Opponents argue that the forbiddance of smoking would possibly affect the freedom of choice or lead to the closure of many bars and pubs. However, supporters of this ban place people's health problems at the top of the scale.

Now, write an essay to an educated reader to discuss your opinions about whether public smoking should be banned or not. Include reasons and any relevant examples to support your answer. You should write at least 250 words.

Essay:

Medical studies have shown that smoking not only leads to health problems for the smoker, but also for people close by. As a result of this, many believe that smoking should not be allowed in public places. Although there are arguments on both sides, I strongly agree that a ban is the most appropriate course of action.

Opponents of such a ban argue against it for several reasons. Firstly, they say that passive smokers make the choice to breathe in other people's smoke by going to places where it is allowed. If they would prefer not to smoke passively, then they do not need to visit places where smoking is permitted. In addition, they believe a ban would possibly drive many bars and pubs out of business as smokers would not go there anymore. They also argue it is a matter of freedom of choice. Smoking is not against the law, so individuals should have the freedom to smoke where they wish.

However, there are more convincing arguments in favour of a ban. First and foremost, it has been proven that tobacco consists of carcinogenic compounds which cause serious harm to a person's health, not only the smoker. Anyone around them can develop cancers of the lungs, mouth and throat, and other sites in the body. It is simply not fair to impose this upon another person. It is also the case that people's health is more important than businesses. In any case, pubs and restaurants could adapt to a ban by, for example, allowing smoking areas.

In conclusion, it is clear that it should be made illegal to smoke in public places. This would improve the health of thousands of people, and that is most definitely a positive development.

WRITING TEST 23

Time allotted: 60 minutes

No. of items: 2

Writing Task 1:

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

You are helping to organize a concert at your college. The local English language newspaper is sending a reporter, Jane Nolan, to the concert. You have received a letter from Jane Nolan. Read part of the letter from her below:

I am pleased to say that I am able to come to your college concert on 6th July. Our readers are always interested in events like these. I would be grateful if you could give me a little more information about the concert. What kind of music will be performed? I will need to take some photos, so could you tell me when I will have the best opportunity to do this?

Also could you let me know who I should interview and why?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Write a letter responding to Mrs. Nolan. You should write at least 120 words. You are not allowed to include your name.

Dear Jane Nolan,

I am very glad to receive your letter and would be grateful if you can attend the Poland - Vietnam Friendship concert 2016 at our college.

The concert aimed to increase the unity and cultural exchanges between Poland and Vietnam and shall be took place on 6th July. It has the attendance of conductor Terje Mikkelsen, violinist Bui Cong Duy, composer Vu Nhat Tan and other musicians. In the concert, they will perform *Norwegian Artists' Carnival* of composer Johan Svendsen and *Ha Noi, Ha Noi... and Ha Noi* of composer Vu Nhat Tan and some famous symphonies.

The concert will be organized at our college's hall, so I will arrange a good-viewing place where you can take photo whenever you want. Moreover, there are few minutes at the end of the concert for interview. You can use that time to conduct an interview with the concert's guests to know their experience, career and so on.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Hong Nhung

Writing Task 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Read the following text from an article about television addiction.

If you watch more than 30 hours of television a week, some psychologists would consider you to be a television addict. Television addict may show some of the following symptoms. They may not be selective in what they watch; in other words, they will watch anything. They may feel a loss of control when viewing. They may feel angry with themselves for watching so much, but are not able to stop watching, and they may feel miserable when they are stopped from watching.

Now, write an essay to an educated reader to discuss your opinions about consequences of television addiction. Include reasons and any relevant examples to support your answer.

In today's world, television is the main source of entertainment and is a necessity of life like meals, clothing, and home. Watching time gradually increases and people become addicted to it after all. People, those watch television more than 30 hours a week, are considered television addicts by some psychologists. However, television abuse and addiction may cause numerous harmful consequences in our health and life style as follows.

The first and the most dangerous effect of watching too much of television is mass physical degradation in society. People, who spend hours and hours in front of the television, are under very high risk of diabetes and obesity. While watching television, people usually consume a lot of fast food and fizzy drinks with high calorie and out of doing exercise. A recent research study conducted at the Harvard School of Public Health indicates that watching too much television can significantly increase the risk of developing obesity and type 2 diabetes.

In addition, another adverse effect, which can be caused by television addiction, is related to possible mental disorders or depression. After hours of watching television, most people fall in constant feeling of tiresome and weariness. Some researches show that through bringing the effects of relaxation into their minds, television actually disturbs human brain and makes it tired even within the first minutes of television watching session. Moreover, watching television for long time has been linked to depression. This depression may prevent people from being able to stop watching television as they may feel miserable when they are stopped from watching. Thus, a cycle of depression and television addiction is developed.

Other problem of those people, who addict television, is lack of concentration, insomnia, restlessness, negative thoughts, etc. Watching television steals a lot of free time for activities they might find more usefulness, namely talking to friends and family, traveling, playing sports, or joining a political or community group. Besides, television addiction may affect children by the negative sides of watching television such as violence or sexual abuse which lead to failures in schools, slow-down in intellectual development, lack of social skills, etc. Many people are out of controlling their direction since they watch all programs and channels that they see. It can result in wrong perception of the life and its realities.

To conclude, the problem with television addiction is that it might not appear as dangerous as nicotine or drug addiction but when taking a deeper look, people will find out numerous damaging impacts on their life namely health problem, cognitive ability and emotional problem.

ĐỀ SỐ 28

Transportation is playing an important role in every nation's development process and this is an important aspect in our life for mobility. In my opinion, there are more advantages than disadvantages of using public transportation. There are three reasons to support this statement. These reasons are environmental effects of using public transportation, cost of public transportation, and accessibility of public transportation.

Firstly, we can save our environment more by using the public transportation. We could take trains, buses, airplanes to travel most parts in the world. Therefore, we should use the public transportation than private transportation, such as private cars, motorbikes, private jets, and so on. We need to reduce the gas that is emitted by the private transportations. If we do not make effort for the environment issue, the earth could be dirty and we might not feel comfortable to live on it. Therefore, we should use public transportation, such as trains and buses to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide. It could be a small step for us, but it would make a big difference in the future.

Secondly, we should focus on the cost of using the public transportation. It is much cheaper than the cost of private transportation. It would cost a lot to buy gasoline if we want to drive own cars. Also, there are other expenses, such as parking license, registration fee, inspection fee, and so on to own cars. Therefore, if you want to save money, it is wise not to own private cars and use the public transportation instead. By saving the cost of transportation, we could enjoy better meal, accommodation, or other services. If we have a choice between public transportation and private transportation, we should choose public transportation, because the cost is very different. We should spend least money for transportation.

Thirdly, accessibility of public transportation is good in large cities so that we would not worry about waiting for long hours. It could save time by using public transportation, because private transportation, such as cars need time to find a parking space. Comparing with the cars, trains, buses, and airplanes usually have the better accessibility in major cities in the world. Therefore, we should use the public transportation if we want to have good accessibility.

In conclusion, we should use public transportation, because it is good for environment, it is cheap, and it has better accessibility. We might spend for other things, such as gifts or services by saving the cost of transportation.

Vương Thị Lan – Đề 21

Task 1:

Dear Max,

I was surprised when I received your email. You do not know how much we miss you.

How are you these days? Have your first semester started yet? You must be nervous because of studying in a new school, meeting new friends and as well as working with different teachers. Do not be afraid, we are always here for you.

We still talk about you whenever we meet. Tom sometime reminded us about your jokes with Richard. We all agree that we had such an amazing summer when you stayed in our city.

Do you know how famous are Tom and Eddie getting now? Hardly did I see them around me due to the fact that they have a live tour through 6 cities in our countries. I am so pleased that they succeed in making their dreams come true.

Next week, Richard and Anna are going to visit Paris- the most romantic city in the world. Hearing them sharing about their one-week travelling, I am so jealous with them. About Ruth, unfortunately, she did not get a place in the museum. However, she never gives up. We all know that and I believe she can make it.

And about you, how is your life in America, we are so excited to hearing from you. Please write to me soon!

Your friend,

Linda

Task 2:

It is widely believe that being famous guarantees a comfortable life without worrying about money or anything else. If so, why are there many articles about celebrities' suicide because of pressures in life? Is it true that being famous so easy?

We could not negate the fact that famous people could earn ton of money through their careers such as: business, advertisement and so on. They spend their life in luxurious villas, expensive cars, travelling around the world... They always appear in well-known brand clothes or jewelry. It can be said that, celebrities have easier life than many other people.

However, being recognized by everyone causes many problems. First, famous people have no privacy for real. Every minute they step outside would be captured on the cover of some newspaper which could ruin their image immediately. Take Miss Vietnam- Ky Duyen for an example. A picture of her sleeping in the airplane with a strange posture was posted on the Internet. For that reason, many people criticized her that she did not know what she should do in public; or that she did not keep the image of a Miss Vietnam. The fact turned out that she was so tired during her promotion as a Miss Vietnamese, so she tried to take a break on the airplane. How poor she was!

Problems does not only come from the paparazzi but also come from the fan. They follow them to everywhere, asking them for a picture or autograph... This somehow must be really annoying.

Second, fame also brings a serious problem that celebrities have to worry about their own safety and the safety of their family. Last month, properties in a private house of a well-known singer in Vietnam were stolen. She was so stressful and took a long time to recover after that. This is the reason why some famous people have to equip modern system or security to protect their life. Moreover, some fans have negative behavior that they even threaten their idol if he or she does not accept their proposal.

In conclusion, being famous would be nice but not an easy way to live. If you are interested in being recognized by everyone, you should accept its negative sides and find the way to deal with it.

WRITING TEST 30

Time allotted: 60 minutes

No. of items: 2

TASK 1

Dear Harry,

It's great to hear from you. Vietnam is a beautiful country where you could see lots of wonderful sceneries. If I were you, I would spend my holiday in the capital city Hanoi. You can spend some time touring round in The Old Quarter, eating traditional foods along the streets, visiting some famous places of interest such as Hoan Kiem Lake, Mot Cot Pagoda, and Temple of Literature. You can travel by bike with the help of Google Maps, but travelling by motorbike taxi is also a good idea for you. Don't worry about the accommodation. There are a lot of hostels in Hanoi and the price is not so expensive.

I'm really happy to join with you in your holiday. When you arrive Hanoi, just call me and I will come to your place.

Best wishes,

TASK 2

You should spend 40 minutes on this task.

Read the following extract from an article:

Smoking is the biggest cause of preventable deaths in England, accounting for more than 80,000 deaths each year. One in two smokers will die from a smoking-related disease. It can also cause fatal diseases such as pneumonia, emphysema and lung cancer. It causes 84% of

deaths from lung cancer and 83% of deaths from chronic obstructive lung disease, including bronchitis. As a result, some people agree that world governments should conduct serious campaigns against smoking.

Write an essay to an educated reader to show your opinion about the consequences of smoking and possible solutions. Include reasons and any relevant examples to support your answer. You should write at least 250 words.

Smoking remains as a recurring topic on the list of the main issues around the world. The causes and effects of smoking are being discussed frequently among our society, and more and more solutions to resolve this issue are being brought up worldwide. This essay will discuss the consequences of smoking and possible solutions.

Firstly, smoking is harmful to one's health over a long-term period. Smoking causes many different types of cancer including lung, oral, and kidney as well as esophagus cancers. Smoking also results in chronic bronchitis, and many types of breathing disorders. In England, smoking accounts for more than 80,000 deaths each year.

Secondly, there are more harms in smoking than just the long-term effects. There are facts about the harm it does to others that breathe secondhand smoke, along with the chemicals that make up a cigarette. The chemicals alone are enough to make anyone want to quit. These chemicals are in small amounts, but still are hazardous to the health of both smokers and non-smokers.

We need to stop this problem with some particular solutions. One way people can stop dying from cigarettes is to stop selling them. People will get a benefit because they can save money and their own life. It will be really helpful. It also gets and saves stamina for work or playing with their kids. Saving money can go to your kids for college or for clothes. So stop smoking can help your whole family.

Also, cigarettes should be switched to electric ones. This will also be a cheaper solution because smokers just have to buy them once and charge them. So it will save lots of money. Smokers can also smoke wherever they want because it will not affect the people around. It will save the body because they will just get pleasure without the harsh chemicals.

In short, smoking is very harmful to smokers themselves and to all people around. In order to stop people dying from cigarettes, we need to stop selling them, or switch to the electric version.

WRITING TEST 8

Name: Dau Thi Sim

TASK 1

Dear Anne,

I am really pleased to get your letter and get to know that you are going to visit our country next year. Well, the best time to visit my country is during the summer, from April to June. Since this is the beginning of the summer, the weather is extremely nice. It seems sunny all the time and temperature is around 35 degree. In addition, the best way in order for you to meet people aged from 17 to 18 is in Hanoi. As you know, Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam which is the most modern and busiest city in Vietnam. You can easily find young people everywhere, especially in famous places where tourists often visit such as Hoan Kiem Lake or old quarters. They like hanging out with their friends to find foreigners to practice English. I am sure that you are welcomed by the people of my own age who are very sociable and hospitable.

I suggest that you should not bring too much stuff because you can buy them in Vietnam where there are a variety of high-quality clothes at very reasonable price. If you prefer bringing your own things, my suggestion is summer clothes like shorts, tank top, skirt, swimsuits.

I have my summer holiday in May so I will be available to travel around with you. I will be your free tour guide, taking you to visit our stunning Hanoi as well as the most attractive beaches and places in Vietnam. I promise you will really enjoy your trip in our country.

I look forward to welcoming you in Vietnam.

Love,

WRITING TEST 19

Time allotted: 60 minutes

No. of items: 2

TASK 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

Your Scottish friend, Maggie, has sent you an email asking you to help her organize a special surprise birthday party for her brother Rupert. Read Maggie's email.

We must make sure that Rupert doesn't know we are planning this surprise. I'm not sure how many people to invite but our house is definitely too small. Do you think we should book the Royal hotel for the evening and have the party there? I've also been wondering what we could all buy as a present. What do you think?

Could you come the day before the party to help with preparations? There's a lot to plan so I'd really like your help. Can you suggest something else that will really make the party special?

All for now, best wishes,
Maggie

Write an email responding to Maggie. You should write at least 120 words. You are not allowed to include your name.

Dear Maggie

I am so happy to receive your letter.

I am willing to help you organize a special party for Rupert. I am sure that it will be an unforgettable memory with him. I think holding a party at home is a great choice to have a cozy atmosphere. I know your house is quite small, so you should invite up to 20 closest friends and relatives. Besides, you should hold a garden party so that everyone can try barbecue while dancing.

About birthday present, I suggest giving him an e-bike. He will study at high school soon, so an e-bike is really necessary for him to go to school more easily.

I feel so excited right now. I will come to your house the day before.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Read the following text from an education magazine.

While compulsory education in some countries such as England begins at the age of five (with many children actually starting at four), in countries such as Sweden, Denmark and Finland, school does not begin until the age of seven.

There are two different points of view regarding this. Some people think that children should begin their formal education at a very early age and should spend most of their time on school studies. Others believe that young children should spend most of their time playing.

Write an essay to an educated reader to tell which point of view you agree with. Include specific reasons and any relevant examples to support your answer. You should write at least 250 words.

Education is an integral part in a modern society. Some people think formal education is of primary importance to children at early age, while others prefer to let them spend most of time in playing. I am in favor of the point that let children have most of their own time playing. Since I believe that playing is another form of education to children, and it's crucial in shaping of children.

Firstly, playing provide a chance to let children know the world, and develop some essential personalities. At the early age, children are very curious about everything surrounding them, because their understanding of the world is still remains in a very initial grade. Though playing, children can learn some very basic but essential concepts, logic and characters about the world. For example, when children go on barefoot on the grass, they can themselves feel the softness of grass, which no one can teach them about, except for themselves.

Secondly, children can explore some very unique talents of themselves. Generally, a formal education is to teach some standard course and grating in a very formula way. If children received a formal education at their early age, they were deprived a chance to discover and develop their own special talents. Children should own this chance to search what their potential advantages and advance in fun, since this chance might lead to success in their future adult world.

In conclusion, parents should let their children spend most of the time playing. It is a good way for children to learn about the world surrounding them as well as to themselves explore their talents.

ĐỀ 24

Task 1:

Hi John,

It has been a long time since our last writing when you start studying for the university entrance exam. First of all, congratulating on passing your important exam with such a great result that deserves your effort. Gift from parents is always a wonderful motivation for us to get the outstanding performance for any exam and finally you can successfully achieve it and now, the happiest moment is thinking of how to use that amount of money wisely. With 1000 USD, If I were you, computer would be the first thing I want to spend money on because it is an indispensable device supporting you the most during your school year because your major is information technology. The second thing is you should also buy some new clothes to be ready to become a freshman with the most cheering mood ever when going to school. However, It will be better you can have a good plan of spending money to make sure that after that there is still a small amount of money for saving up for your future.

Hope that you and your family will have much fun and best decisions in these days.

Best regards,

Task 2:

It has been indicated by the latest researches that there is a significant increase in number of violence crimes in the youngsters under 25 years old. The reasons for this phenomenon are believed to be lack of good encouraging to behave conventionally from their parents and teachers and not able to find the best ways of educating their own children in this age group.

The biggest mistake of educating people in this age is their parents and teachers treat them in serious ways during the learning process. First of all, they observe that this age group of children do not need emotion and softness as younger children, and they really pay attention just to their academic study and how to pass successfully from the school. As a result, the relationships between parents, teachers and students become extremely hard without any love. Secondly, once the circumstance at the school or home is getting worse and under pressure for students, they start to hate everyone and act negatively and violently against innocent. Consequently, teachers and parents cause people at age of 25 to be dangerous criminals in the society.

Additionally, parents and teachers feel embarrassed in finding their own method of teaching people in this group. Although there are several of resources that teach people the intelligent approaches of emotional and social learning for adult, it doesn't seem really effective to these teachers and parents. In Canada for instance, in Chapter- the famous library there are a lot of the newest and easiest books of dealing with secondary schools students, yet criminal behaviors have reached the peak at schools, on streets and in public places.

In Conclusion, to reduce the number of crime violence among 25 years old individuals, parents and teachers should teach them in inspirational and friendly methods because strict communication and narrow education are the influential factors for making these youth criminals.

WRITING TEST 19

Task 2:

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Read the following text from an article about mass media.

While most of us make use of some form of the media on a daily basis, we may not think about the functions or purposes the media serves in our society. One important function is entertainment. On television, in particular, the variety of entertainment programs is extensive, ranging from soap operas, to comedy, to talk shows, to sports.

Now, write an essay to an educated reader to discuss your opinions about the purposes of mass media. Include reasons and any relevant examples to support your answer. You should write at least 250 words.

Mass media come in many forms, such as television, radio, the internet, newspaper or public events. As it encompasses a significant part of our life, it also have a powerful influence in shaping our

lives. As such, we should be aware of the capabilities of such powerful tools, and from my perspective, mass media have four main purposes: To entertain, to educate, to inform and to influence.

Most people watch television for the entertainment and news. If we think about the time when there is no TV or radio, a good singer could never easily distribute their songs to the audience. Only aristocrats and powerful businessmen could afford going to soap operas or musical events. People got news largely through words of mouth, which also made it inaccurate. Nowadays, a song can be easily downloaded with one click, and there are always some hundreds of movies to choose from on cable TV.

Because entertainment and information are available everywhere and often more noticeable than other types of contents, we tend to misunderstand that these are the only purposes of mass media. However, with the ability to reach millions of people, they can also be used to educate and influence. Take advertising for example: we see ads everywhere in our life, and all they are trying to do is to persuade us to buy something. Likewise, if the message of an ad is to educate people about an important social issue, it immediately carries a different purpose.

To conclude, mass media have various purposes that can greatly benefit the community. Governments, businesses and individuals should embrace the power of such communication channels, while aiming at making positive impacts in order to improve life quality, both spiritually and educationally.

TEST 11

Task 1

Hi Robin,

Glad to hear that from you. It's great for me to join you and your friends.

I would like to choose tents, since we're going to a sports camp aren't we? So it should be more interesting to merge yourself in the nature, enjoying fresh air and everything the city couldn't provide us. And it must be very promisingly exciting to explore your country's natural beauty, being in a different climate from my hometown.

Also, there're some traditional dishes of my country I could bring to the camp too! Keep waiting and I'll surprise you all.

Last but not least, I prefer to arrive some days in advance so I could take some rest after a long flight, and maybe getting to know somewhat about your city and Canada right?

If there is anything you want to tell me, just write. I'm looking forward to the trip.

Công ty TNHH Tư vấn và Đào tạo Giáo dục Liên cấp

Task 2

Class attendance is, unarguably, a necessary part in any level of studying, let alone in university. However, either it must be strictly controlled or not should not be applied totally, but to some appropriate extent with each method.

In my opinion, we must see that not every university in the world is as good as others. Therefore, the academic and perhaps even ethical levels of the students are not the same. In a highly-rated university for example, which is famous for its teaching quality and mostly accepts nearly perfect students only, they must have every motivation to fully attend the classes. But on the contrary, a local, remote and low-quality one which may astonishingly have fewer students than the number of lecturers, they could even be pleasingly invited to the class!

So, what is the best solution? Maybe we shouldn't find the "best" one for application to all cases in general, but the most suitable and harmonious one. This obligatory attendance policy should only be used in laboratory work due to mostly in-class performance with very little work to do at home. In ordinary lectures, the policy may cause a negative effect as students could possibly get more bored and stressed; instead lecturers should implement it in other more practical ways to earn participation points like quizzes and discussions, which may encourage learners to get more involved and excited in the lectures, and as a result keep them sitting in class to the end.

To conclude, personally I would suggest the universities focusing on improving their main factors such as quality, accommodation, even competitiveness and successfully-employed-after-graduation rate; instead of minor things like the compulsion of class attendance.

ĐỀ SỐ 17

Task 2

From last century to these present days, Internet comes up with the one of the greatest innovations of human interactions. It makes significant changes in the way that people communicate with each other. However, everything has two sides, and the effects of the Internet on people's relationship is not an exception.

Initially, technology enhances quicker and simpler communication among people. There are so many different means of communication to help contact between one person with others, even for those who are separated by long distance. It not only gives easier chance of connection but also

saves time and money of communication. For example, people don't need to visit their colleagues and their families in different regions or cities to talk to them anymore. Instead, they could just open the phones or computers and call their friends.

On the other hand, it also causes negative impacts on social interaction. By using electronic device in daily life of communication, it is hard for people to involve in social environment. It will decrease their self-confidence to speak in public because they usually interact through devices not face to face communication. If people spend most of their time communicating online and not mixing in their neighborhoods, it possibly leads to feelings of isolation for those individuals who do not have a 'real' person to connect.

In conclusion, Internet easily helps people keep in touch with others who are in different places and brings some beneficial developments on communication. Nevertheless, it is very important to maintain a balance between our online life and our contact with real human beings.

Task 1

Dear Lily,

I'm so happy to receive your email. Actually, Vietnamese people celebrate so many different traditional festivals in a year. But the biggest one I have to tell you is Vietnamese New Year's Eve, Tet's holiday. We organize this festival according to lunar year not solar year. Therefore, it is usually falls in early February.

Tet's holiday is fully and deeply appreciated by every Vietnamese person. Although different persons may belong to different generations, different hometowns, different workplaces, different social status, different financial condition, nobody can deny or forget its importance and meanings. No matter where we live and work, we are young or old, we are rich or poor, we all return our hometowns or fatherlands to gather with our families.

For activities in this occasion, we repaint the houses and decorate them beautifully. In addition, we also cook best traditional foods to serve the whole family and welcome guest. We visit our neighbors, friends, relatives and say best wishes to them. Young people really enjoy it because Tet's holiday is very suitable for them to go out with their friends and take part in many different kinds of entertainment. Children are very happy to get lucky money from their parents and relatives.

I extremely love Tet's holiday and hope that someday this festival will be widely well known by international tourists all over the world.

TEST 5

Part I:

Dear Ms White.

I am very honor to receive your letter and thank you for your information about the ski trip.

Công ty TNHH Tư vấn và Đào tạo Giáo dục Liên cấp

It is advised to inform you that all the arrangements of the trip were checked by the parent union representatives before departure and we also received good feedback then. However, after recording and checking the information you provided, we found our mistakes in the accommodation that the rooms were different in the order of beds and the decoration of the room, which cannot adapt to the hobby of each student and that is the reason why he said it is inadequate. Furthermore, the ski slope and lessons are specialized for this trip and it is suitable with most students attending. In case of your son, he is better than his friend and I think that is the reason why he feels that he had no lesson from the trip.

I hope that you can understand the case and support us for next trip.

Thank you with best regards!

Part II:

For the duration of entrance to university, some people think that young people should be required to work for a year before they enter the university. Such works give them valuable knowledge about the world, which in turn helps them to appreciate studies and decide what they want in their life. However, other people do not agree with that. In my opinion, I partly agree with the statement.

At first, I think that the working time before coming to university will provide precious knowledge and experience about the daily life for the students who have spent their 18 years before in the arms of parents. Those works will let them know how the money is generated and how difficult the living earning is. They will have much real material about life to serve themselves in studying and understand more about the situation of their parents.

In spite of the advantage of working before university, it seems that the results of trial do not lead to all good response. It can be seen that there is some student who will stop studying and do not come back to continue the university. The thing is they no longer have interest in studying and decide to give up without any success at work. Some others come back to university but cannot concentrate their mind on studying. Furthermore, at the age of 18, they almost cannot have a work with nice environment and condition, which may lead to bad effect like joining bad group of friends or feel that it is 1 year for trial so they do not need to try their best to achieve any goal.

That is my point of view about the working time before entering the university. It both has pros and cons and it will reach the best effect only in suitable situation and condition.

TEST 6

Part I:

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Dear Sarah,

It is great to hearing from you about the confirmation of your trip to Vietnam.

It is Saturday when you come therefore I can come to pick you up at the airport then back to my house for relaxing and having dinner with my parents. The Christmas day in Vietnam is considered as a holiday for everyone, normally friends, to join together and celebrate party, it is not a meaningful day for family like yours in England. In those holidays, people often take a trip of tourism or relax by seeing the movie or go shopping. The weather seems very good with little cold that time. It is dry with some light sunshine, which is very suitable to go out and enjoy the holiday with nature. Hanoi is very beautiful this time and I will take you to see some nice places around and taste specialties. Please take note that beside Hanoi, I will take you to Sapa for trekking the Fanxipan peak. It is much colder in Sapa so you need to bring warm clothes and a pair of trekking boots.

That is brief information for our plan. I and my parents are looking forward to seeing you in Hanoi.

Take care and arrive soon.

Your friend!

Part II:

As people can see in our modern daily life, it is not uncommon to see people walking around in brand-name clothes, which indicated that fashion is becoming more highly valued in people choices of clothes. There are people said that it is a positive development and I totally agree with that, in both social and economic aspect.

In terms of economics, it is clearly shown in the success and development of fashion Company and corporation. Beside the quantity of customer from brand loyalty, the change and update in design each season of those companies also attract many new purchasers to involve in. People spend a large amount of money on clothes leading to the increase in revenue and profit of this field and it contributes to the rise of the worldwide economy generally.

On the other hands, in the social aspect, fashion is the same as some work of arts which can represent for the people point of view through each period of time. The fashion trend is the unique feature of some exact point that when it is mentioned, it will remind people to the days in past. Therefore, it is understood that the design of fashion will change and improve when the society develop.

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The detail above is my opinion of the about fashion consciousness, which explained that the development of fashion industry is such a positive issue to the world.

TEST 7

Part I:

Dear Ken,

I was so delightful to receive your letter after months. Hope that everything is alright there.

It is really great to know you are doing what you love and especially still remember that I wanted to learn sailing.

Actually I am now quite busy working on my Accounting assignment so that I can submit by 15th of next month. However, since learning how to sail as well as getting a certificate have been my desire for a long time and this is a perfect chance. I will try my best to finish my assignment at the end of this month and come down to Hamble next month to join your exciting course.

Look forward to seeing you soon

Best wishes,

Anna

Part II:

Governments have an important role in our lives. It is responsible of many things in the country such as education, defense, discoveries and even transportation. It spends a lot of money for things that may be not essential for our existence such as exploring outer space. Some people would agree that governments should spend as much money as possible exploring other planets. Other would disagree. Even though we should understand and expand our knowledge about outer space, I think it is better for governments to spend this money for our basic needs on Earth for several imperative reasons.

First of all, governments should develop our health. As we see every day, there are a lot of diseases new and many people died because infections, cancer, and other sicknesses which the government should pay attention about them since it may be epidemic to our society. For example, when I was in pharmacy school, our professor in the pathology class explained that researchers should develop most of medicines to eradicate diseases in current days. In fact, he stated that the government

should spend money and research to improve our life since many children is suffering from cancer and may be these diseases threaten our life and our health

Second, governments should prevent the contamination of our environment. Nowadays, there a lot of pollutants that affects our life and our existence. In addition, these pollutants have negative impact in our physical life. For instance, I read an article about the destruction of forests in our planet and how it has bad consequences, since it will decrease the oxygen production and it may contribute to increase endangered animals.

By the way of conclusion, based on the argument discussed above, I strongly concur that governments should spend money for our needs and not for exploring space. Our earth is worthwhile and precious for our dominance.

TEST 8

Part I:

Dear Tom,

It was so great to receive your email and know that you got home safely. It took me only 30 minutes to drive home so don't you worry.

The photos that you took are much more beautiful than I expected. I didn't know that you are a professional photographer. The picture I love the most might be the one of you and my family when we went to the national museum. I will surely print it out and put into a frame.

I have just checked and found your watch under my pillow. Maybe you put it off when you sleep and left there. I will bring it to you when I visit your place in September. I prefer staying on your uncle's farm in the countryside as I love the peaceful atmosphere and fresh air.

I'll text you later when we have time.

Can't wait to see you there.

Lots of love,

Marry

Part II:

Due to advances in communication systems the relation among nations has been increased markedly. As result of this, learning foreign language has become a controversial issue in global village. Some experts claim that primary school is the best place for learning another language instead of secondary school. I firmly believe that there is a defensible basis for this argument.

The proponents of this view discuss that there are many reasons behind of their claims. The most important one is about recent research. The studies have shown that the children between 4-9 ages have great opportunity to learn new languages. Also they clarify their claims by an example: a survey among 200 pupils has shown that the above mention ages has a crucial role in children building character and developing their personality. Moreover, give the special care and settle down proper curriculum could be much profitable for them in this way. Consequently, because of carefree mind children can catch more points in this level.

In parallel, I am personally side with this idea. The key point to justify this attitude could be illustrated by a personal tangible example. Couple of years ago, I met a German family with interesting story. To cut a long story short, Lucas the first child of the family has started learning English language at secondary school and now the level of his English skills is almost intermediate. Conversely, his sister has started English and France together at primary school. Now, she can speck very fluently both of them. On balance, beyond a shadow of a doubt, primary school can pave the way for learning foreign language easily. Although, it should be considered that the method and atmosphere of the school play a key role in children learning.

All in all, we should own up to the fact that learning foreign languages has become a key factor in our lifelong. It goes without saying; having a strong basis in new language can uplifted us toward prosperity. Primary schools are best place to enhance our children language abilities. Also, in this special span the pupil's mind are dead ready to catch an awful lot of new things and what is better than learning new language.

TEST 9

There is no doubt that education and the learning process has changed **since the introduction of** computers: The search for information has become easier and **amusing**, and connectivity has **expedited** the data availability. **Though** experts systems have made computers more intelligent, they have not yet become a **substitute of the human interaction in the learning process**. **In my opinion what can be expected is** a change of the teachers' role, **but not** their disappearance from the classroom.

Nobody can argue that the **acquisition** of knowledge is more fun and easier with computers. The mere activity of touching and exploring this device **constitutes** an *enjoyable task* for a child. **This, accompanied** by the relaxing attitude and software interactivity, usually contributes to a better grasping of new knowledge. At a higher educational level **the** availability of digital books, **simulators** and other academic materials provide the student with an ever **accessible source** of information, that *otherwise* would not be at hand.

But, besides the increasing complexity and behavior of intelligent software, which is usually **embedded** in the academic digital material, **the need for** human interaction **in the learning process** will always be present, **at least** in the **foreseeable** future. **There is the necessity for a human being to be able to** determine what the specific needs of each individual are. The expertise of a teacher **in** how to explain and adapt complex concepts **to** different individuals can hardly *be mimicked* by a computer, **no matter how sophisticated** its software is.

As computers are becoming a **common tool** for teaching, teachers should be **more aware** of their role as guides in the acquisition of knowledge rather than transmitters of facts. They have to be *open minded* to the changes that are taking place, keep updated and serve as problem solvers in the learning process, **thus** allowing students to discover the fact for themselves.

To summarize, in my personal view, teachers play and will continue to play an important role in the classroom, **especially** at the primary level. **No matter how** complex computers become, **there will be no replacement for the human interaction**, but in the way how this interaction takes place.

TEST 3

Part I:

Glad to know that you will come to visit my country next month.

Regarding your question about how to get to my house from the airport, I think the best way for you is going by airport taxi. They are everywhere at the gate outside the airport and offer the transfer at about 250,000 VND/ way. If you want a lower rate, you can use Vietnam Airlines Bus, every 30 minutes at 60,000 VND. However, they will not transfer you to my house but the bus stop in the old quarter. The weather here now is quite chill at 15 – 28 degree Celsius. You better pack autumn clothes and wear layers when you arrive.

I am looking forward to welcoming you very soon in my lovely country.

Best Regards,

Part II:

The Internet is an amazing information resource. Students, teachers, and researchers use it as an investigative tool. Journalists use it to find information for stories. Doctors use it to learn more about unfamiliar diseases and the latest medical developments. Ordinary people use it for shopping, banking, bill-paying, and communicating with family and friends. People all over the world use it to connect with individuals from other countries and cultures. However, while there are many positive developments associated with the Internet, there are also certain fears and concerns.

Firstly, one concern relates to a lack of censorship or control over what appears on the Internet. Anyone can put information on the Internet that can then be read by anyone else, at any time. This makes it very different from television or radio. With television and radio there are editors to check the accuracy or appropriateness of the content of programs, and with television there are restrictions on what kinds of programs can be broadcast and at what times of the day. With the Internet, parents cannot check a published guide to determine what is suitable for their children to see. While software can be used to block access to certain websites, such as those displaying pornography, this can never be completely effective.

Secondly, there are also concerns about privacy and control of communication on the Internet. For example, when you use e-mail communication or participate in chat groups, it is possible that your private messages may be read by others without your knowing. If you buy things on-line or simply browse the Internet, it is possible to trace all the websites that you visit. One potential danger is that the information could be used by others to your disadvantage. For example, an employer could use such information to decide that you are not a suitable applicant for a job.

A further issue relates to the misuse of the Internet in the workplace. Many companies are now finding that they need to establish policies to control when employees use the Internet and for what purposes. Many companies block the popular social network like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc... to ensure their employees will not waste time on the internet during working hours

TEST 4

Part I:

Dear Tom,

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I have received an email from your parents recently. They told me that you are going to work in my country as an English teacher so I should better give you some tips in advance.

Teaching English in Vietnam is a thriving business and it couldn't be easier to find work here. There is a massive impetus upon learning English at the moment, with a National Foreign Languages Project in place, aiming for most of Vietnam's students to be using English confidently in their study, daily communication and work by 2020. The standard average wage for a TEFL Qualified, degree holding, native English speaker is around \$20 per hour. This is often higher depending on your experience and qualifications. Vietnam is currently a land of opportunity. If you are looking to experience life in a new culture, earn enough money to live an extremely comfortable lifestyle, make lots of friends and work in a rewarding and fun teaching environment, this could be the destination for you.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Jenifer

Part II:

Over the last twenty years, there has been a huge increase in the number of people who remain single. In 1998, about 25% of all U.S. households were single-person households. In other countries, similar statistics can be seen. In Australia, for example, approximately one in twelve people lives alone, and this number is expected to double over the next twenty years. Most people who live alone are young adults who postpone marriage into their late twenties, but some are in their thirties and forties.

One reason they often give for staying single is that they have not met the right person. Other say that marriage involves too much commitment and responsibility, or that they prefer the single lifestyle.

There are two important sociological reasons for the increase in singlehood. First, the social pressure to get married has declined. Furthermore, social disapproval of divorce has decreased. At one time many people stayed in unhappy marriages because divorce was unacceptable in their community. Now, divorce is more acceptable.

Second, the opportunity for singles to have a good life has expanded. This is especially for women. As more women earned college degrees, entered the workforce and delayed motherhood, marriage

became less necessary for their economic survival. Marriage is no longer the only path to economic security, emotional support, social respectability, and meaningful work.

TEST 10

Part I:

Dear Renate,

I was so happy receiving your email and knowing that you are coming to my place.

It's really bad that I can't manage to stay at home when you come. The fact is I have a very important training course at my university. Fortunately, my brother, Peter is available to pick you up at the airport and take you to his house. They are living in the city centre so it's very convenient to go around.

There are plenty of things to do and places to go here in my city within 10 days. My brother knows it very well and he will bring you around, treat you some street foods. Anyway, one place he might not know is the ancient castle on a beautiful mountain which is 5 kilometers from the city by car. You can ask my brother hire you a car under his name as he is the citizen there, they won't ask for guaranteeing and the price is reasonable.

Regarding your gift for Peter, chocolate should be alright as he and his family are sweet addicts. They will finish all of your chocolate in 5 minutes, I guess.

Drop me an email you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David

Part II:

The media plays a big role in society that has both positive and negative effects. Yet, some wonder if the negative effects trump the positive ones. It is true people want to know what is going on in the world around them from their neighborhood to state, federal and international interests. But the media may have more of an effect on society that many are tired to being reminded of on a daily basis.

The media has an important job in providing informative information about things that may have an effect on you or how you live your life. The positive side includes learning about breakthroughs in

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health, technology, and other areas that can help make a difference now and in the future. At the same time you know what is going on in other places you may have connections with such as family, friends and so forth. The media can be a useful tool in helping you be aware of things that could be harmful or detrimental to you or your loved ones.

On the other hand, the media is known for taking things out of context and even causing panic when it is not necessary. There are certain networks and outlets that people realize they cater to certain audiences or provide information that may not be seem fair or correct. There are times in which too much information is shared or details could have been left to the imagination. There are events that happen in which the media is known for taking things too far such as mass shootings, terrorist attacks, and political controversies to name a few.

In conclusion, the media can help a consumer get the word out about something useful. Nowadays, it seems you have to be more careful about what you learn through the media since some sources are known to provide bogus information. Others see media as a form of entertainment since it can be interesting following stories you find hard to believe that actually happened.

TEST 1

Part I:

Dear Pat,

It is great to hear from you. I have 3 month holiday in the summer from June to August so that I will definitely visit your country in July. I still remember that I gave Tim best wish on his birthday in the last year and promised to meet him some day there in the future. It will be a nice time to attend his birthday and meet your friends and relatives.

Going camping is also my plan in the trip to your country this time. I trust that it is much more interesting to go with you. We will have a lot of fun then.

I would like to take further study after graduating. I will do research of some universities in your country. Could you help me visit these universities when I stay there? I really appreciate your help.

I am looking forward to meeting you in your country soon.

Best regards,

Part II:

A peer group is both a social group and a primary group of people who have similar interests, age, background, or social status. The members of this group are likely to influence the person's beliefs and behavior so that it holds both positive and negative effect in our lives.

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When you do not like a particular idea or when you have no inclination towards a particular field, it is obvious that you won't like to go by it. For sure, you won't like to go that way. But it is your peer group, which may compel you on doing something you hate. In such cases, there are chances that you won't do well in those things. Things you do not enjoy doing cannot fetch you success. You cannot emerge successful in something you have never liked doing. So, it is important that you do not lose happiness of your life by succumbing to peer pressure.

Peer pressure is not always bad. It can help you analyze yourself and contemplate on your ways of life. Some of the practices that the masses follow may actually teach you the way of living. You may be able to change yourself for the better. Looking at what others do, can help you bring about a positive change in your way of thinking. If you can pick selectively, peer pressure can actually result in a positive change in your way of life.

A strong support from family, an ability to differentiate between the positive and the negative and a skill to choose friends from the peers - this three-pronged strategy is the best way to keep away from negative peer pressure.

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