

WRITING

Part 1 essay

1 Look at the exam task. Then answer these questions.

- 1 What is the situation and what do you have to do?
- 2 Which points must you discuss?
- 3 Do you agree with the statement?

Exam task

In your English class you have been talking about how much people enjoy shopping. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

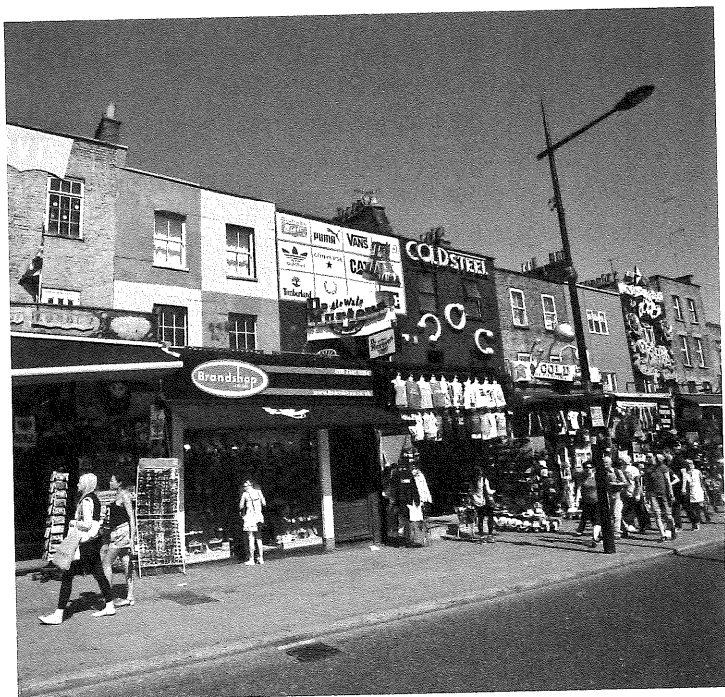
Nowadays people buy too many things that they don't really need. Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

- 1 how much people spend
- 2 what people like to buy
- 3 your own idea

Write your **essay** in **140–190** words. You must use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in an appropriate style.



2 Read the model essay and answer these questions.

- 1 Where does it deal with points 1 and 2 in the notes?
- 2 What is the writer's own idea?
- 3 Is the essay written in an appropriate style?
- 4 Which extreme adjectives does the writer use?

Even in times of severe economic difficulties, people seem to be buying more every year, especially now that the Internet makes it so much easier. But how much of this massive increase in shopping is really necessary?

Firstly, some believe we raise our standard of living when we buy more food, or purchase electrical appliances to help us with the housework. Others, however, point to the dreadful waste when good food is thrown out, and question the need for environmentally harmful goods such as dishwashers.

In addition, increased spending does not necessarily reflect higher earnings. Sadly, many people cannot afford the things they buy with their credit cards, and end up having to borrow more money, at even higher interest rates, just to pay off what they owe.

Furthermore, we live in a consumer society, constantly persuaded by advertisers to acquire ever more material possessions in an absurd attempt to impress others. Many people become greedy and selfish as a result.

To sum up, buying so many things is expensive, unnecessary and often harmful to ourselves and to our world. Spending more and more money cannot bring us happiness.

3 Plan and do the following exam task.

Exam task

In your English class you have been talking about different types of shop. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

Is it better to go shopping in big supermarkets rather than small shops?

Notes

Write about:

- 1 convenience
- 2 prices
- 3 your own idea

Write your **essay** in **140–190** words. You must use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in a style appropriate for the situation.