

<b>Topic 160</b>	Is the ability to read and write more important today than in the past? Why or why not? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
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<b>1. Brainstorming</b>
<p>variation of educational systems : memorize -&gt; understand</p> <p>multi question type -&gt; descriptive questions</p> <p>society : complicated</p> <p>integral skills for being employed</p>
<b>2. Outlining</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- difficult to discuss</li> <li>- being literate : important anytime</li> <li>- a lot of cases to read in life</li> <li>- Opinion : more important in the present</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Body <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. alteration of educational systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- before : required memorization of contents</li> <li>- now : understanding more important</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. variation of question types in tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- before : mostly multiple choices questions</li> <li>- now : expressing thoughts considered important</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. survival from society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- now : complicated society</li> <li>- increased gap between educated and uneducated people</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>• Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- some aren't given chances to be educated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### 3. Essay Writing

It is a difficult job to discuss whether the literacy has become a more essential capability in the present than in the past period. Abilities to read and write have always been integral for anyone at any times, as it is same that people encounter situations to read written words and write messages to others during the daily life both in the past and in the present. Significance of basic reading and writing have just begun to be emphasized by a number of experts, and I also formerly agree with their view, for discussions mentioned below.

To begin with, the focus of comparing vitality of literacy should be on alteration of overall educational system. In the past, teachers and even educational institutes emphasized a studying method of memorization to students. The more knowledge the students memorize, the smarter and more successful they become in the future. In contrast, the advent of Artificial Intelligence(AI), have led to the revision of a curriculum, and professionals' outlooks toward education have shifted in a great degree by the present period. As jobs requiring memorization have started to be substituted by AIs or machines, creativity and logical thinking skills are receiving upsurging attentions from worldwide universities and professionals. In fact, reading and understanding a concept of something are integral foundations for such capacities.

In addition, influences from variation of question types of exams shouldn't be ignored. A majority of tests, especially in my country, used to be full of multi choice questions a few decades ago. Obtaining scores only depended on possibilities of one of four or five choices, making students' efforts invested in studying meaningless. Those who didn't study at all could get gratifying amount of scores without utilizing any reading or writing skills, informing them with deceitful belief that the skills are actually useless in the reality. While the method is still being applied to tests in some countries nowadays, a majority of worldwide nations have recognized the importance of being able to express thoughts or feelings. Now the tests, particularly in western nations, mostly include descriptive questions, helpful for development of students' writing ability.

Furthermore, high complexity of the modern society demands its members to be equipped with fundamental literacy. It is a common sense that the modern society have faced innumerable breakthroughs from the past period, making it be more complicated than before. The public, mostly educated, got to confront with more situations needing decent level of reading and writing capabilities, but they still managed to survive from such an organized community. However, this means that the world has become a more merciless place for illiterate people

to prolong their subsistence. As the gap between educated and uneducated people is keep increasing, the skills have now altered from wants to needs.

Broadly, being literate has become more essential in nowadays than in the past period, due to revision of educational methods, test questions, and the society itself. In fact, those who aren't given any opportunities to get rudimentary education account for a great deal of percentage of the world population. We should appreciate our parents for providing well-organized education and chances to attend good schools.

#### 4. Speaking

In my opinion, literacy has become a more essential capability by the modern period.

To start off, alterations of educational systems have had a significant influence. The advent of AIs showed uselessness of memorizing skills, and instead, importance of creativity and imaginative skills. In fact, reading and understanding are fundamentals of such abilities

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