

**Why do you think some people are attracted to dangerous sports or other dangerous activities?  
Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

Nowadays many people attracted to dangerous sports and other dangerous activities. From my everyday experience and observation I think it is a result of dramatic changes in people's life.

Just imagine at old times men had to hunt for food, fight, face many challenges and obstacles. Now our days are quite ordinary with a cup of coffee, donut, computer, desk table and TV. Basically, we do not have to straggle every day for our life and we have nutritious meal without any efforts. So, all we have to do is to contemplate out life. However, I must confess it can be boring. All improvements created for the past centuries made our life easier. Nowadays people look for adventure. They want to face a challenge, prove themselves something, conquer the world, etc.

Personally, I think that every person sees different goals in doing dangerous activities. Some people want to add some stress and tension to their lives. From the other side, other people want to eliminate stress and tension gained from their everyday lives. They can forget about all troubles and leave them behind. I believe that dangerous activities give one freedom, happiness, feeling of independence and tone.

To sum up, I think that dangerous sports and activities are irreplaceable in our life. Without them out life would be miserable and boring.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents or other adult relatives should make important decisions for their (15 to 18 year-old) teenage children. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

Parents are in most cases our first teachers and friends. From my everyday experience I have to agree with the statement that important decisions should be made by our parents or adult relatives. In the following paragraphs I will give my reasons to support this statement.

First of all, teenage children have the tendency to live in their own fantasies. They does not clearly understand the rules of a real life. When I was 18 years old I thought that the world was perfect and everything seemed to be simple. Teenagers are basically inexperienced, they aspire for independence and try to make their first steps towards freedom. I think that it is like starting to walk when a baby needs its parents for support. An independent life is a big and significant part in a person's life. So, my point is that it is very important to make this step right.

Second of all, I think that parents have right to interfere in their children's lives. They need to know what kind of friends their children have and how children spend their spare time. For example I had an eighteen years old friend who got really angry with his parents when they prohibited him to be friends with a young man. Somehow his parents found out that that young man was occasionally taking drugs. That man was dead in a year because of drug abuse. After that accident my friend thanked his parents for that interference.

Finally, I think teenage children should be more open-minded with their parents. It will help them to make the right choice and avoid many mistakes.

To sum up, I believe that young people should trust their parents because they wish their children only the best.

**Some people believe that a college or university education should be available to all students. Others believe that higher education should be available only to good students. Discuss these views. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.**

People learn through their entire lives. They constantly improve their knowledge and develop. I think that a college or university education should be available to all students because every person has the right to choose the way to self-perfection. Below I will give some of my reasons to support my position.

First of all, every person should have the chance to get a higher degree, gain new knowledge and experience. However, some people believe that higher education should be available only to good students. I think it is silly. It is like to make unavailable traveling for one who does not have IQ high enough.

Second of all, some young people do not do well at school but they have great personality and ability to learn. They are self-confident, persistent and patient. With these qualities they can get higher grades than their classmates who are talented but lazy. Imagine for example situation when a teenager gets high grades because his or her parents constantly make him or her study and help to do most of the homework. In this case a child does very good at school but I think a college can show the opposite results.

Finally, it is a discrimination against students to make available higher education only for good ones. So, if a student does poor and gets low grades he/she should be sent down. But if a person was never given a chance to try himself/herself at college what to do in this case?

To sum up, I think that all young people should have the chance to get a higher education. To take or not this chance must be up to them.

**People recognize a difference between children and adults. What events (experiences or ceremonies) make a person an adult? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.**

I think the question what events make a person an adult is the one that is open for debate. Some people think that the graduation of high school makes a person an adult. Others think that the age of 21 is the age when childhood is replaced by adulthood. However, from my everyday experience and observation I can stand three major events that make a person an adult.

The first event that makes a person an adult is getting a job. The ability to earn his own money gives a person the opportunity to live independently from his parents. Personally, I think the first job is a very important experience in person's life and it has a great impact on his personality. He learns how to manage his expenses and how to save money for the more important things. In addition to those benefits, one learns how to arrange his time in order to have all done on time.

The second event, which from my opinion deserves an attention, is the graduation from a college or university. I think it is a very essential step in one's life because this means the beginning of a new life with more responsibilities.

Finally, I believe that marriage has a great impact on person's life. Marriage means an independent life from one's parents with a new person. It is a very great experience. Two persons create a new family and they face new difficulties and responsibilities.

In conclusion, I think that the list of events that make a person an adult can be continued. For example, getting a driving license has sometimes a very great impact on person's life. Another important event in a person's life is the army. I know many young men who served in the Army that changed them very much. They became more serious, self-confident and independent people. So, my point is that every person has different events that influenced his life and make him an adult.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Most experiences in our lives that seemed difficult at the time become valuable lessons for the future. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.**

From my everyday experience and observation I have to agree with the statement that our present experiences become valuable lessons for the future. Someone said that today's problems will be the best experience in the future. Below I will give some examples to support my position.

First of all, I want to say that obstacles make people stronger. By overcoming difficulties people gain priceless and essential knowledge and experience. If one has to struggle with a disease he becomes stronger may be not in a physical way but in a mental way. A person becomes more patient, more self-confident and more attentive. These qualities will help him to win his disease.

Success has nothing to do with luck. People have to work hard in order to reach their goals. They face challenges and failures and often they lose. However, people do not give up. They use their previous experience and knowledge to try again and again. I think that difficulties teach us very valuable lessons. Only a man who understands this fact and knows how to use it in the future can succeed. Failures bring us wisdom and new experience. Personally, I always try to analyze my mistakes and make conclusions. If I am not succeed I know that next time I will avoid these mistakes and do my best.

To sum up, I think that human evolution and development are a result of constant efforts based on previous experience and knowledge.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Face-to-face communication is better than other types of communication, such as letters, email, or telephone calls. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

Humankind, through the ages, has undergone many changes from the time when people communicated only face-to-face to nowadays when a person has in use many types of communication means. Some people still prefer to use face-to-face communication despite many other sometimes more convenient ones such as phone, mail, e-mail and fax. I think to continue this essay it is essential to clarify what kind of conversation we are talking about.

For example, if people are negotiating it is very important to have a face-to-face communication. It is very important to see during a negotiation how one's opponent is moving, is he nervous or relaxed, what he is doing, etc. Scientists say that the body language and facial gestures can say many thing about a person, his strong and weak sides, his traits, manners and even habits. To know what kind of man one is dealing with is very essential aspect in negotiation. Many managers prefer to have with the future employees face-to-face conversation. So, in this case they see how a person behaves.

From the other side, if I need to notify my bank that I am going to close an account I do not want to spend my time driving there, waiting for my turn and talking with a representative. It is easier for me just to call or e-mail them. It saves my time and my bank's too.

To summarize, from my opinion all important issues better be discussed in face-to-face conversation. It will eliminate many farther misunderstandings and bring only benefits to both sides.

Some famous athletes and entertainers earn millions of dollars every year. Do you think these people deserve such high salaries? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Some people think that famous athletes and entertainers have too high salaries for their work. However, others believe that these people deserve such high salary. Personally, I think that it is a controversial question and it is open for debate. For several reasons, which I will mention bellow, I think that famous athletes and entertainers have a great impact on our social life and make a big contribution to our society and, hense, deserve high salary.

The first reason why I think that such high salary is deserved by famous athletes and entertainers because we all need them. Entertainment plays an essential role in our everyday's life. We need to relax, watching TV with our favorite TV stars or favorite football players. Entertainment is one of the best ways to eliminate stress and tension and leave all troubles behind. For example, I can not stay home all day long without watching TV. So, basically, I believe that famous athletes and entertainers have such high salaries because we need them. They like doctors for our minds and soles. Scientists say that people usually spend the same amount of money for their food and entertainment. I think this fact tells a lot.

The second reason for this is that famous athletes have to work hard in order to get good results. I am sure that achievements they make is the result of hard work, persistence and pain. They sometimes risk their lives and health. For example, I am a big fan of L. Armstrong, the most famous cyclist in world's history. He faced probably, the most challenging difficulty in his life, cancer. He was very young for this disease. Armstrong was in his early twenties when he found out about it. I read a book about his life, and what impressed me were his words after his victory in France. He said: "Cancer was the best thing that ever happened to me ".He defeated the disease only because he believed in himself and did not give up. I think such person deserves to have a high salary and be loved by many people through out the world.

In conclusions, I want to say that if people get high salaries it means they are needed and their contribution to the society is huge.

**Nowadays, food has become easier to prepare. Has this change improved the way people live? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

Man, through the ages, has undergone many changes, from a period when he hunted for food to the present time, when he buys preprocessed food in the shop centers. Some people say that the fact our food are easier to prepare these days has definitely improved our life. However, other people belief that this change has some negative aspects. In this essay I will least some advantages and disadvantages of such a change.

First of all, when people use a preprocessed food it definitely saves time. One does not have to spend much time in the kitchen washing, peeling, cutting and cooking vegetables, etc. All one has to do is just to use a microwave or a stove to warm up a ready for use food. Frankly, I think it is a very good benefit. People can more enjoy things they like to do like spending time with the loved ones, exercising, watching TV or walking with a dog.

Second of all, if one has a good salary he can allow himself to go to a restaurant every day. It is a great opportunity to have a fresh cooked meal with excellent service, meet friends and new people. One more reason to have dinner at a restaurant because one can taste different and delicious food from all over the world from Chinese to Mexican.

However, some people think that a preprocessed food has negative aspects. Unfortunately, preprocessed food has less vitamins and minerals than fresh cooked food. Besides, it has more preservatives and unnatural ingredient that can not be good for man's health. In addition, the number of diseases such as obesity, fatigue, reflux disease etc. is rising.

Cooking is a great tradition. It is a means of eliminating stress and tension. Personally, I believe that people should not forget this tradition and do not abuse fast food.



**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Games are as important for adults as they are for children. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

Games as the ultimate form of mental and physical relief are important for adults as they are for children. People learn how to behave, control their emotions, follow the rules. The most obviously essential aspect of this is that people realize that our life is a big game with its own rules. In the next paragraphs I will give the reasons to support my answer.

Basically, there are two types of games. The first type is mental games that help us to upgrade our mental abilities. The second type is the games that involve physical activities. They keep people fit and healthy.

Mental games for adults play a significant role. Adults learn co-operation, discipline, team work, self-confidence. Scientists say that the brain cells of grown up people can grow with the help of mind exercising. The most simple way to exercise one's mind is through mental games. For example, playing chess makes people think, try to predict events, follow the strategy of an opponent.

From the other side, physical games help adults to stay in a good shape, relax, eliminate stress and tension. Also, it is a perfect way to lose weight.

Mental games for children also play an important role. They help children to understand the real world more quickly and adapt to the reality. In addition to those practical benefits mental games teach children how to behave, be supportive and patient. Physical games from the other hand, strengthening children's bones, health and teach discipline.

To sum up, I am sure that people need games and it is not important how old one is.

**Some people think that governments should spend as much money as possible on developing or buying computer technology. Other people disagree and think that this money should be spent on more basic needs. Which one of these opinions do you agree with? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

Man, through the ages has undergone many changes from the time when he depicted a herd of mammoths on the walls of a cave to nowadays when he can chart with anyone across the sea by use of modern means of communication. Some people think that in today's world government should spend more money on computers. However, others think that it is inappropriate and government should spend more money on food and shelters for poor people, medicine, education, etc. These two options are very different and controversial. But I think that developing computer technology brings people more advantages than they think it does.

First of all, humankind nowadays more and more depends on computers. We often do not suspect the presence of computers around us. For example, when we withdraw money from cash machines, get some gasoline on the gas station and pay with our credit cards in the stores. So, nowadays computer technology plays an essential role in our everyday life. Second of all, computer technology brings more job opportunities. For a country computer technology means power, knowledge and constant development. In addition to those practical benefits, the development of computer technology brings a lot of money to the country.

From the other side, government should not forget about poor people, who can not afford computers but need food and shelters. However, I think that computers help people gain more knowledge and experience and find a job to provide food and home for his family. So, basically, computers give people the opportunity to reach their goals and be innovative.

To sum up, I think that computer technology gives people many benefits including the opportunity to improve one's knowledge and be more self-confident, persistent and experienced in this world.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Grades (marks) encourage students to learn. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion**

From my everyday experience and observation I can stand that grades are very good indicators of knowledge. For several reasons that I will mention bellow I believe that grades encourage students to learn.

First of all, grades show students' knowledge. If a person gets a high grade on an exam it means that he understands that subject very well. Otherwise, if a student gets a low grade on an exam it means that he does not understand it completely. Personally, when I get a lower grade on an exam then I expected I know that I could be better prepared. So, next time I will spend more time and efforts to fix my lack of knowledge and do my best on the exam. In this case low grades encourage me to learn more. I try to analyze my mistakes and avoid them next time. Also, I try to arrange my time more effectively. I know exactly that I can do better than that, so I collect all my strength and focus on the incoming exam. It is like a new goal or obstacle that one should overcome in order to continue his path. When finally I get a higher grade on an exam I feel satisfaction and I am proud of myself. I think it is a great feeling. I feel stronger, more self-confident and patient. I think these qualities are essential for a person who wants to achieve something and succeed in the future.

Second of all, students have some kind of competition among each other for higher grades. When a student gets a higher grade than another one, the second student asks himself: "Why do not I have this grade? Is it something wrong with me? Is he better than me? ". I think every student at least one time asked himself this question.

To sup up, I think there is no doubt that grades encourage students to learn, gain more experience, knowledge, be more self-confident and persistent. Moreover, I am sure that these small victories will help students to win and succeed in the future.

**Groups or organizations are an important part of some people's lives. Why are groups or organizations important to people? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.**

Man, through the ages, has undergone many changes from the time when he lived in the caves to nowadays when he lives in a comfortable apartment. But one thing that remains the same is that people always lived in groups and organizations such as families, the smallest group, and tribes, the bigger group. I think that the reason why people live in groups is because we need communication and what is more important we need support to survive. So, from old times to nowadays people merged in groups because it made them stronger and helped to overcome many obstacles and difficulties. In the following paragraphs I will give my reasons and examples to support my answer.

First of all, people need to communicate with each other. We need to share out ideas and thoughts with each other. I think it is very important to know that someone think the same way one does and supports one. In addition, communication is one of the features of reasonable animals. All animals that can communicate with each other live in herds and support each other when one of them is in need.

The second reason, why I think groups and organization are important to people is because they make us stronger. For example, football team plays better then one player. Another example is the ancient hunters. At old times people gathered in order to get food and survive in severe conditions. It was impossible for one man to kill a big animal, but when people gathered in groups their chances increased. Scientists say that people survived because they lived together and supported each other.

For the reasons, which I mentioned above, I believe groups and organizations play an essential role in our life. Moreover, people's evolution would not be possible without them.

**It is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to develop your essay.**

Some people believe that it is better for children to grow up in the countryside than in a big city. However, other people think that a big city gives more opportunities and it is good for the long run. Personally, for several reasons I think that it is better for children's health to grow up in the country.

First of all, it is very important for a child to grow up in a healthy environment. Children need fresh air, not polluted by the huge amount of cars and factories of the modern city. In the country they can spend more time exercising and walking with their friends. Scientists say that now children spend the same amount of time watching TV as they do at school. Probably, the possibility to join their friends for a play will change this proportion. Another important aspect of this is that parents will have more time to spend with their children as a result of eliminating traffic jams and decreasing driving time as a whole.

From the other side, children have some advantages living in a big city. For example, they have more opportunities to choose from what they want to do. They can choose to attend ballet school, school of art, gymnastics, etc. For the long run, it is good for them. They will be better prepared for a live in a "real world" and they will have more chances to make a good career and succeed. Moreover, a big city usually has many entertaining centers with movie theatres and play stations. When I was a child I liked to go to the movie theatre with my parents to watch a premiere.

One more reason to choose a big city for a child is that a city provide better live conditions and services such as medical, dental, etc. My friend lived in the country for a while and one time he and his family had to drive a couple of hours to the nearest medical center when his child got a heavy cough.

To summarize, I agree with those people who want to raise their children in a city. The plenty of opportunities offered by a city helps children to find what they really like and be the best at it. Moreover, despite the air pollution, children get a better medical service that is good for their health.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Children should be required to help with household tasks as soon as they are able to do so. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

The issue about whether children should help with household tasks as soon as they are able to do so is open for debate. Some people say that children should devote more time for playing with their friends, watching TV and studying. However, other people believe that children should help their parents with household tasks. Personally, for several reasons, which I will explain below, I adhere to the latter point of view.

First of all, I think that every child should have his or her own responsibilities. When I was a child my parents taught me how to make breakfast in the morning. So, I woke up, went to the kitchen and prepared a couple of toasts for breakfast. It was easy and I enjoyed doing it because I liked the way my parents thanked me and I felt that they were proud of me. Also, my mom always wanted me to know how to cook, clean and iron my cloth. Thanks to the learning, nowadays, when my maid can not come to my house I handle all household tasks myself.

Second of all, performing household tasks teaches children to value the job of people who did it. When I was a child I did not imagine that cleaning house could be so time and energy consuming. So, when I began to do some of the household tasks by myself I began to respect the job of others and tried to collect all my toys after my playing with them.

Finally, doing household tasks teaches children to arrange their time. In addition to those practical benefits, help from children allows parents to have more spare time for their personal lives and for the children. A family can have more time to spend with each other talking, watching movies or just enjoying the beautiful moments.

To sum up, I think that children should help their parents with household tasks. Doing household tasks helps them to grow into independent, self-confident, and attentive persons who respect their parents.

**Should governments spend more money on improving roads and highways, or should governments spend more money on improving public transportation (buses, trains, subways)? Why? Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay.**

Many people believe that governments should spend more money on improving roads and highways. However, other people think that more money should be spent on improving public transportation. Personally, I think that both of these opinions have their advantages and disadvantages.

The first reason for improving public transportation is overpopulation. The amount of cars is rising dramatically. As a result of this fact the contamination of air is increasing that leads to irreversible aftereffects such as the presence of acid rains and different kinds of human diseases. So, the improving of public transportation will reduce pollution.

The second reason for this is the possibility to decrease the amount of traffic jams that also have a huge influence on air pollution. Moreover, it will save time and people's money. One does not have to pay for gas for his car, car insurance, repair, oil change and etc.

The third reason for this is a sharp decrease in the level of car accidents. People will feel more secure in this case.

However, despite all these advantages this decision has a few disadvantages. First of all, public transportation means the presence of schedule and working hours. So, one has to wait for a bus or for a train in a subway or call for a taxi in order to get somewhere. Second of all, it is a big chance that one has to spend some time getting to the nearest bus stop or subway entrance.

As for roads and highways, I think it is a very important and topical issue. A personal car in this modern world is an essential vehicle. It gives one freedom and independence. Improving roads and highways governments will decrease the number of car accidents and traffic jams. I believe that in several years air pollution can be dramatically reduced by using sun energy to refuel our cars.

Finally, I think that governments should spend money on improving public transportation as well as on roads and highways because it will benefit all people.

**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important for students to study history and literature than it is for them to study science and mathematics. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

Some people believe that students should study more history and literature. However, other people think that studying science and mathematics is more important. From my experience and observation I think that students should study both science and history. Below I will outline some basic reasons to support my opinion.

First of all, I believe that studying history and literature is important for the range of interests of students and people on the whole. It extends the range of interests and teach people to analyze their history. Every person should know the history of the country where he or she was born. Knowledge of one's roots and origins gives the opportunity to understand many things that are around. Second of all, I think that this kind of knowledge is essential for students who are going to be lawyers, newspapermen, political figures, etc. One more reason to study history is that it helps one to analyze mistakes made by ancestors or learn from their wise decisions.

From the other side, I think that it is also important for students to study science. Personally, I like studying mathematics because for me it is very interesting to work with figures, analyze them, develop different ways to solve the problem. It teaches one to think logically and improves one's ability to think non-typically. I think it is great.

Studying of science allows people to improve their life conditions, make discoveries, develop innovations, etc. Scientists work on new vaccines and pills to make our life longer and happier. They make researches in different fields from medicine to space. Because of this kind of knowledge humankind has opportunities to watch TV, fly, using jet airplanes, surf an Internet, play computer games, watch movies, drive cars, etc.

In conclusion, I think that students must study many things including science and literature in order to succeed in the modern world.



**Many teachers assign homework to students every day. Do you think that daily homework is necessary for students? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.**

Homework helps students to understand material more deeply. However, some people believe that homework does not bring any benefits. Personally, I think that this issue has some advantages and disadvantages. In this essay first I will focus on the reasons why I support this idea about daily homework and then I will move on to analyzing its disadvantages.

From the one side, daily homework brings many benefits. As I already mentioned, it helps students understand subjects more deeply. Also, young people learn how to arrange their time to have all things done on time. In addition to those practical benefits daily homework teaches students how to make their own research if something is not clear. Curiosity is one of the main reasons that leads a person to a success. Students learn to make their research, work with different kinds of informational resources such as an Internet, books, magazines, journals and newspapers. I think it is a great experience and it is very good for a long run.

From the other side, daily homework can bring many disadvantages. For instance, if a person has no interest in biology, but has a huge interest in music he has to spend his precious time doing his homework and reading uninteresting books instead of spending this time practicing new melodies. Another important aspect of this that a student can have no time for his physical activities. So, basically, doing daily homework will not keep him in a good shape.

To sum up, I think that an intermediate position can be taken. For example, a student will have to do his daily homework if he is going to specialize in this field in the future.

# IELTS

## Academic Module Writing Test



# **Aims of the Session**

- **To give a brief overview of the test.**
- **To look at the two types of tasks you have to do in the test.**
- **To suggest ways to prepare for the paper.**
- **To offer tips on how to do the tasks.**
- **To suggest possible resources.**

# Academic Writing Module – Test Overview

- ❖ third test
- ❖ 2 tasks (60 mins)
- ❖ Task 1 - 150 words (20 mins)
- ❖ Task 2 - 250 words (40 mins)
- ❖ under word limit penalised
- ❖ notes unacceptable
- ❖ card with task on either side
- ❖ answer booklet

# Writing Task 1

- **Given graphic or pictorial information – need to write a description.** (OHT 1)
- **Bar charts/line graphs/pie charts & tables most frequent.** (OHTs 1,2,3,4,5)
- **But sometimes – object/series of pictures /diagrams or flow charts.** (OHTs 6,7,8)
- **Could be more than one graph or chart.** (OHT 9)

# Writing Task 1

**Tests ability to:**

- **describe & interpret graphic data**
- **describe stages of a process**
- **describe an object or event or sequence of events**
- **explain how something works**

# Marking Task 1

**Assessed on:**

## **1. Task Fulfillment**

Following instructions properly.

Writing clear, accurate & relevant description of info.

Focusing on important trends presented as graphic info.

## **2. Coherence & Cohesion**

Organising writing using suitable structure.

Using connective words to link sentences & paragraphs logically.

## **3. Vocabulary & Sentence Structure**

Using a range of appropriate vocabulary.

Using a variety of sentence structures.

# How to Prepare for Task 1

**Become familiar with graph types.**

**Do practise exercises describing graphs.** (OHT 10)

**Become familiar with ways to:**

- **express percentages.** (OHT 11)
- **express numbers & statistical data.** (OHT 11)
- **express trends.** (OHT 12)
- **make comparisons between data.** (OHT 13)

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# How to Prepare for Task 1

**Look at language for:**

- **describing how something works** (OHT 14).
- **making reference to graphs/figures** (OHT 15).
- **sequencing in a process** (OHT 15).

**Think about topics in tables & graphs etc.**

# Tips on How to Do Task 1

Spend 5 minutes reading the graphs/charts etc.

Make sure you understand axes. (OHT 9)

Make sure you follow lines on graph. (OHT 16)

Focus on the key information.

If two graphs – compare.

Think about the time period – tenses.

Vary your vocabulary.

Organize information clearly.

Write neatly & cross out errors with one line.

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# Tips on How to Do Task 1

**DON'T copy phrases from the question.**

**DON'T include info. not in the graph/picture.**

**DON'T take more than 20 minutes.**

**DON'T forget to leave time to read it through.**

# Writing Task 2

**Given a discussion topic.**

**Tests ability to:**

- **discuss a problem & present a solution.**
- **present & justify opinions.**
- **compare and contrast evidence or opinions.**
- **argue a case.**
- **evaluate & challenge ideas, evidence & argument.**

(OHT 17 & 18)

# Marking Task 2

**Assessed on:**

**1. Arguments, Ideas & Evidence -**

- clear, logical, well-supported.
- support with personal experience.
- focus on topic.

**2. Communicative Quality -**

- write fluently.
- write cohesive sentences & paragraphs.

**3. Vocabulary & Sentence Structure**

- range & variety.
- good spelling & punctuation.

**Carries more weight than Task 1.**

# How to Prepare for Task 2

Look at as many sample questions as possible.

Practise underlining key points & brainstorming questions.

Do practice questions with sample answers.

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# How to Prepare for Task 2

Look at language used for:

- **linking ideas between sentences & paragraphs** (OHT 19).
- **expressing views** (OHT 20).
- **making concessions** (OHT 20).
- **giving opposing arguments** (OHT 20).
- **providing support to main points** (OHT 21).
- **referring to cause & effect** (OHT 21).
- **making comparisons & contrasts** (OHT 22).
- **concluding** (OHT 23).

# How to Prepare for Task 2

**Think about possible topics.**

**Brainstorm the topics for questions.**

**Write timed essays.**



# Tips on How to Do Task 2

**Study question carefully.**

**Underline key points.**

**Quickly brainstorm the topic.**

**Decide on main points & supporting detail.**

**Organise points in a plan.**

**Structure according to type of essay.** (OHT

# General Tips for Writing Module

## Before the exam

- Practise writing timed essays.
- Keep up-to-date with current affairs.
- Write a list of your typical errors. (OHT 26)

## During the exam

- Use a pen.
- Check your essay.

# Resources for Writing Module Practice

**IELTS Specimen Pack** - practice material with answers.

**Homesglen web site**— excellent booklet to download.

- Gives different types of graphs.
- Gives language for describing trends etc.
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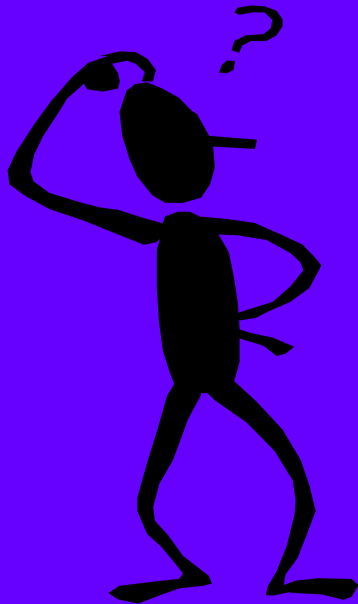
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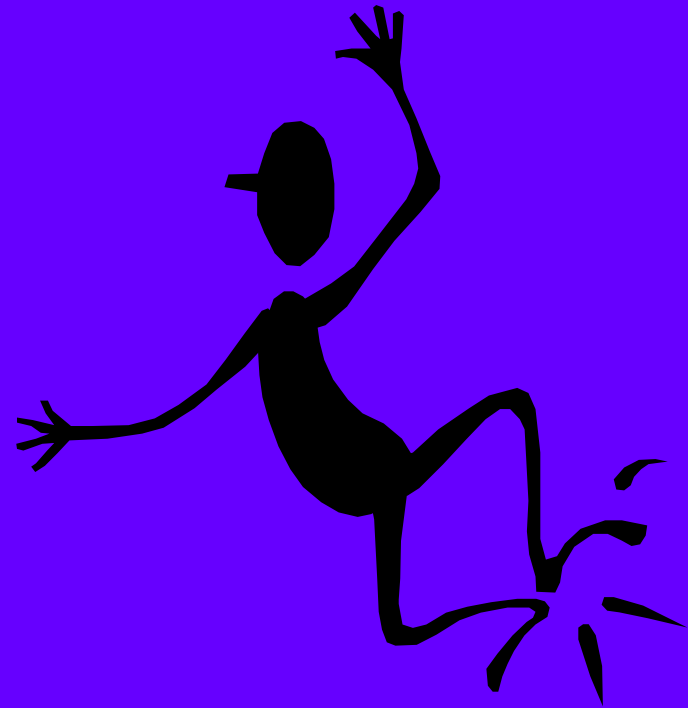
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# IELTS

## Academic Module Writing Test





# **Aims of the Session**

- **To give a brief overview of the test.**
- **To look at the two types of tasks you have to do in the test.**
- **To suggest ways to prepare for the paper.**
- **To offer tips on how to do the tasks.**
- **To suggest possible resources.**

# Academic Writing Module – Test Overview

- ❖ third test
- ❖ 2 tasks (60 mins)
- ❖ Task 1 - 150 words (20 mins)
- ❖ Task 2 - 250 words (40 mins)
- ❖ under word limit penalised
- ❖ notes unacceptable
- ❖ card with task on either side
- ❖ answer booklet

# Writing Task 1

- **Given graphic or pictorial information – need to write a description.** (OHT 1)
- **Bar charts/line graphs/pie charts & tables most frequent.** (OHTs 1,2,3,4,5)
- **But sometimes – object/series of pictures /diagrams or flow charts.** (OHTs 6,7,8)
- **Could be more than one graph or chart.** (OHT 9)

# Writing Task 1

**Tests ability to:**

- **describe & interpret graphic data**
- **describe stages of a process**
- **describe an object or event or sequence of events**
- **explain how something works**

# Marking Task 1

**Assessed on:**

## **1. Task Fulfillment**

Following instructions properly.

Writing clear, accurate & relevant description of info.

Focusing on important trends presented as graphic info.

## **2. Coherence & Cohesion**

Organising writing using suitable structure.

Using connective words to link sentences & paragraphs logically.

## **3. Vocabulary & Sentence Structure**

Using a range of appropriate vocabulary.

Using a variety of sentence structures.

# How to Prepare for Task 1

**Become familiar with graph types.**

**Do practise exercises describing graphs.** (OHT 10)

**Become familiar with ways to:**

- **express percentages.** (OHT 11)
- **express numbers & statistical data.** (OHT 11)
- **express trends.** (OHT 12)
- **make comparisons between data.** (OHT 13)

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# How to Prepare for Task 1

Look at language for:

- **describing how something works** (OHT 14).
- **making reference to graphs/figures** (OHT 15).
- **sequencing in a process** (OHT 15).

**Think about topics in tables & graphs etc.**

# Tips on How to Do Task 1

Spend 5 minutes reading the graphs/charts etc.

Make sure you understand axes. (OHT 9)

Make sure you follow lines on graph. (OHT 16)

Focus on the key information.

If two graphs – compare.

Think about the time period – tenses.

Vary your vocabulary.

Organize information clearly.

Write neatly & cross out errors with one line.

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# Tips on How to Do Task 1

**DON'T copy phrases from the question.**

**DON'T include info. not in the graph/picture.**

**DON'T take more than 20 minutes.**

**DON'T forget to leave time to read it through.**

# Writing Task 2

**Given a discussion topic.**

**Tests ability to:**

- **discuss a problem & present a solution.**
- **present & justify opinions.**
- **compare and contrast evidence or opinions.**
- **argue a case.**
- **evaluate & challenge ideas, evidence & argument.**

(OHT 17 & 18)

# Marking Task 2

**Assessed on:**

**1. Arguments, Ideas & Evidence -**

- clear, logical, well-supported.
- support with personal experience.
- focus on topic.

**2. Communicative Quality -**

- write fluently.
- write cohesive sentences & paragraphs.

**3. Vocabulary & Sentence Structure**

- range & variety.
- good spelling & punctuation.

**Carries more weight than Task 1.**

# How to Prepare for Task 2

Look at as many sample questions as possible.

Practise underlining key points & brainstorming questions.

Do practice questions with sample answers.

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# How to Prepare for Task 2

Look at language used for:

- **linking ideas between sentences & paragraphs** (OHT 19).
- **expressing views** (OHT 20).
- **making concessions** (OHT 20).
- **giving opposing arguments** (OHT 20).
- **providing support to main points** (OHT 21).
- **referring to cause & effect** (OHT 21).
- **making comparisons & contrasts** (OHT 22).
- **concluding** (OHT 23).

# How to Prepare for Task 2

**Think about possible topics.**

**Brainstorm the topics for questions.**

**Write timed essays.**

# Tips on How to Do Task 2

**Study question carefully.**

**Underline key points.**

**Quickly brainstorm the topic.**

**Decide on main points & supporting detail.**

**Organise points in a plan.**

**Structure according to type of essay.** (OHT

# General Tips for Writing Module

## Before the exam

- Practise writing timed essays.
- Keep up-to-date with current affairs.
- Write a list of your typical errors. (OHT 26)

## During the exam

- Use a pen.
- Check your essay.



# Resources for Writing Module Practice

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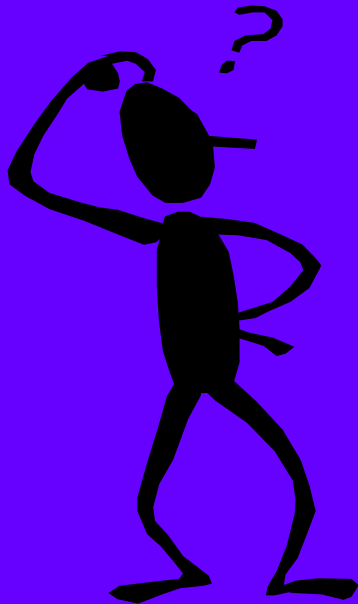
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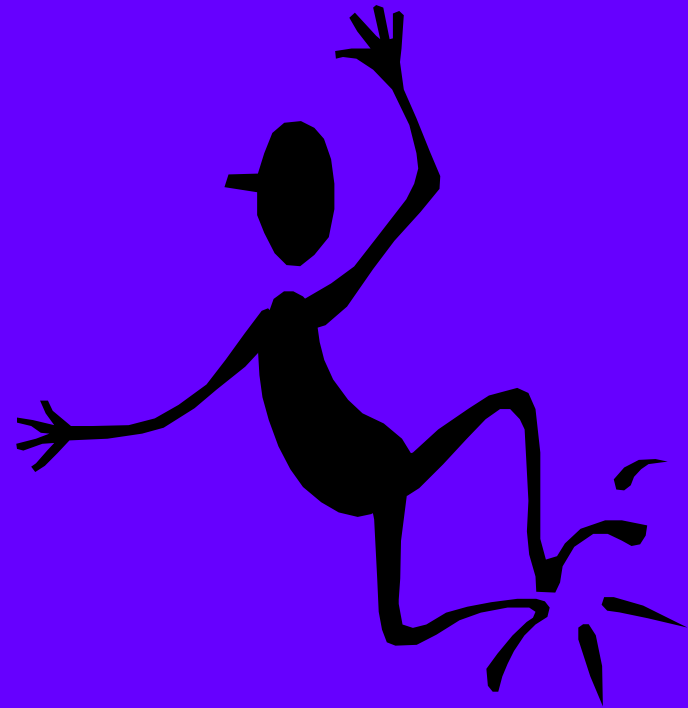
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## IELTS Sample Essays

Dear professor Moss:

I am Sandy Lee, an undergraduate student of the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. At the beginning of this semester, I registered one of your courses, African Literature and Culture. It is a two-hour course held on every Thursday afternoon. Yesterday, I received a notice from my department that a major course, Computer Principle, would be changed to Thursday afternoon. This major course conspicuously influences my credits and it is every important to me. Unfortunately, I can not study your course this semester.

Because of your reputation and my enthusiasm in literature, I hope I could study this course in next semester. I also heard that another course of yours, China Literature, is held every Friday afternoon. If the registration of this course hasn't closed yet, I will be so glad to participate in your class.

Sorry to bother you, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Sandy Lee

## 2. LETTER - AS A RESTAURANT WORKER, MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO THE RESTAURANT

Dear General Manager,

As a staff of Sales Department, I'm very glad to see the rapid development of our hotel. With the coming of New Year, I am writing to you to pre I think more on the

further improvement of our hotel;<sup>a</sup>to establish a website of our own to attract more clients.

Firstly, with the development of Internet, more and more people are willing to go to the outside world through the information on Internet. Thus if we could establish our own website and introduce ourselves on it, more friends, especially foreign friends, could know our latest promotion at home whenever they want. Secondly, according to the statistics of World Hotel Association, 33% of clients made hotel reservation through the Internet last year. And the proportion will largely increase in year 2000. Thus if we could introduce reservation system on our homepage, clients could contact us and make reservation directly. Finally, hotel promotion on Internet could reduce our operation cost greatly.

As someone says that Internet shorten the distance of the world, I believe that the one who could make use of Internet effectively today will be the winner tomorrow. We will get a lot and have a brilliant future.

Yours sincerely,

Livia Lim

### 3. TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION BY BUILDING MORE ROADS USING TAX PAYER'S MONEY

To construct and maintain roads is a public service administered by the government. However, where does the money come from? Somebody believe that the government should allocate money from national finance on the road construction; but others think that the roads are constructed for people, so every tax-payer has the responsibility for constructing and maintaining the roads. It is so called <sup>°</sup>What is taken from the people is used in the interests of the people.<sub>±</sub>

To the first opinion, since government is the administrative organ, it has responsibility to do overall plan on those public services of city construction, including constructing the road. They think that the government should do plan and allocate every penny on all things concerning people's life.

However in reality, the government cannot do all specific plans and money allocations on every detail concerning the society running. It only has the right of macro-adjustment and control. To be specific on the road construction, many people believe that based on the principle above, since the road is constructed for the convenience of people themselves, every tax-payer has duty to devote a little on the road construction, which is not only for the city overall plan, but also for their own use fundamentally. Once the constructions finish, the roads will be wider and longer, the facilities along the roads will be better in use, by then people could further improve their working efficiency, etc..

As I know, the second opinion is more reasonable and feasible, because it has two advantages: 1. The government could reduce heavy burdens, simplify and make clear the usage of money; 2. Tax-payers are clear about the usage of money they turn over, thus improve the transparency. Therefore, it is a good measure for both sides to allocate money from the tax paid by people on the road construction.

#### 4. LOST SOMETHING ON AN AIRPLANE AND WIRTE TO THE AIRPORT FOR HELP

Dear officer:

In 01/01/2000, I took flight CA983 from Beijing to Los Angeles. When the flight arrived at Los Angeles, because of my carelessness, I left my handbag, a black



leathered bag, on my seat. There are some important things in it, including my passport, ID card, credit card, some checks and one thousand US Dollars. But the most important thing is my business address book, in which record all my clients' phone numbers and appointment agenda in the following two weeks.

Since this bag is very important to me, my friends told me that I should contact your department to seek help, so I write this letter to you anxiously. Hope you and your staff can help me find my lost bag. Your meticulous and warmhearted help will be greatly appreciated.

For information about my lost thing, please contact me in the following ways.

Mobile phone: 13901160626

Home phone: 82326258

Office phone: 82326255

Yours sincerely

Will Smith

01/04/2000

5. SOMEBODY HAS DONATED CONSIDERABLE MONEY; WRITE TO SCHOOL ABOUT HOW TO USE IT

Dear President, November 11, 1999

I 'm very happy to hear that a famous author has donated considerable money to our institute. And I think we could use it to establish an education fund to aid our

teachers to study abroad.

Firstly, teachers could increase their teaching level and enrich their knowledge by studying abroad. For teachers of a language institute, this kind of experience is really necessary. Teachers would consider that as a kind of prize and therefore work harder for that. Secondly, our institute could be benefited from doing that. Since we could provide the overseas-studying chance for our teachers, graduates with high score in the Normal Colleges are more willing to come to our institute. Thirdly, that will help our students. Our last year's survey showed that 65% of our students prefer the language teachers who had overseas-studying experience.

In a word, I think that using the donated fund to assist our teachers to study abroad is a good way to promote the healthy development of our institute.

Please take good consideration of my advice. Thanks!

Yours sincerely,

Livia Liu

## 6. PRAISE A RESTAURANT FOR THE QUALITY OF THEIR FOOD AND THE IMPROVED MENU

Dear Manager:

I am a reporter from the News Weekend. Because of the demand of my work, I often come to Beijing to do interviews. Your hotel is my favorite, because of the comfortable living conditions, and the considerate service, especially your excellent food.

The restaurants in your hotel have many kinds of delicious food such as Chinese food, Japanese food, French food and so on. Among these delicious foods, I like the Beijing Toast Duck best, not only because of its Chinese characteristics but also its special taste for people from all over the world. So every time I come here I always choose this course.

Furthermore, what impressed me most is the high quality service, it always makes me feel at home. Waiters and waitresses are so kind and warmhearted that they always earnestly recommend every new or special food of the restaurant. I will recommend your hotel and restaurant to my friends without any reservation and hesitation.

Hope your hotel and restaurant will be more prosperous in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Will Smith

01/01/2000

## 7. Letter of request

Dear Sirs,

We are planing a full day party to celebrate the completion of our Business Language Training Course on June 30, 2000. The party will start at 10:00. President of our institute will deliver an opening speech. After lunch comes the singing and dancing show, followed by a cake and champion celebration at

17:00. Karaoky and disco will begin at 18:30 and end at about 12:30. There will be 100 to 150 attendees for the event and half of them will stay overnight at the hotel.

As suggested by one of our professors, your hotel offers various recreational facilities. Therefore, we would like to make your hotel as our party's venue.

Please reserve the following according to our program:

A 150-square meter meeting room, theater-style with 2 standing microphones, 5 wireless microphones and 1 podium;

A 18-meter banner;

Buffet lunch including soft drink;

60-centimeter cakes and 30 bottles of champion;

60 standard rooms

Please quote the above separately and let us know the term of payment. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Contact Way: Tel: (8610)68882150/68882151

Fax: (8610)68882250

Thank you in anticipation for your kind assistance and looking forward to your earliest reply.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Wong

Celebration Party Preparation Committee

## 8. PROS AND CONS OF POCKET MONEY

With the development of our modern society, people's living conditions become much more comfortable. But along with intense competition, parents have less time to consider children's needs in all-round. One method to solve this contradiction is to give children some pocket money. Pocket money is useful to children. But whether the children are considerable enough to make correct use of these money. There are two viewpoints about the pocket money. Some people think that giving children pocket money will make them become luxurious. Others think that will not lead to such disadvantage. In my opinion, both of them are partially reasonable.

Someone believe that giving children pocket money really has many advantages. With pocket money, children can buy their daily necessities such as pencils, little toys, and snack food they like. It will give children a certain freedom to select what they want, make them aware rules of the equivalent exchange.

Since time to parents is very precious, giving pocket money to children help them to save time spent in shopping, but used in busy working and earning money.

Others insist that there are undoubtedly some disadvantages in spending pocket money. First, young children do not know how to use pocket money appropriately, they possibly consume all the money to buy expensive merchandise that they like, and then ask for extra money from their parents.

Some parents cosset their children, and always give them a large amount of pocket money. Such conditions will make children become more and more prodigal. Second, since adults do not supervise the procedure of shopping, children could probably buy something that is not suitable for their age, such as adult magazines.

Judging these two viewpoints above-mentioned, I think that parents should give their children a limited amount of pocket money. There are some preconditions: the amount of pocket money must be finite; the parents should instruct their children how to use the money moderately and what is suitable to them; for a costly merchandise, parents themselves should take children to buy it. With these preconditions, pocket money will do no harm to their children.

#### 9. SHOULD PARENTS SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN

In China, both of the parents have their jobs. With the development of economy, people tend to pursue high quality living conditions. Most of the parents try their best to offer their children comfortable circumstances, but they seldom have time to stay with their children. In my point of view, no matter how busy they are, they should make the best use of their time to stay with their children.

First, the love between children and adults will be improved by spending more time on their children. Children could feel parents' affection through the genial conversation and sharing their pleasure with them. Every time when parents take them to amusement park, help them to prepare their birthday parties, applaud for them when they are competing in the sports meeting, the time they spend with children will become treasure in their memories.

Second, children need the direction from their parents. There are some wrong behaviors in our society such as dishonesty, corruption, violence and eroticism and so on. Children have weak resistance in defending this

detrimental influence. In this case, parents' instructions seem to be very important to children's growth. Parents should sit down and talk with them about what they should do and should not do. In addition, if parents often spend time in staying with their children, adults' good behaviors will greatly influence their children.

Here I do not deny that there are some disadvantages in spending too much time on children. Some parents restrict their children, and give them little freedom to develop their interests. Therefore, I emphasize that parents should educate and instruct their children appropriately in their spare time apart from their busy works.

## 9. WRITE TO PRAISE HOSPITAL'S SERVICES

Dear Sir:

I am a business man from America, and my name is David Smith. Last month it was the first time that I traveled to Beijing for business, signing a contract with a Chinese food company. Unfortunately I got a bad flu and then had a fever. I was sent to your hospital. Because my temperature was nearly 40 degree centigrade, I was asked to be in hospital. I worried about my business and the delay of signing the contract will lead to great losses to my company. However, After the doctors' careful treatment and nurses' patient care, I was recovered only in 4 days.

I completed the negotiation with the food company smoothly and signed the contract on time finally. So I sincerely appreciate all the staffs in your hospital who helped me full-heatedly. I was deeply impressed by the kind doctors and nurses, the pleasant and comfortable environment, and considerate services. I

have no relatives and friends in Beijing, but I felt at home in your hospital. I will always remember all those warmhearted persons and your hospital in my heart.

Best wishes to you all!

Sincerely yours,

David Smith

11. Children learn best by observing the behavior of adults and copying it.

The Process of growing up is very complex for children. Among countless factors that influence children's growth, the behavior of adults plays a significant role in shaping children's inclination and character. After the baby is born, the first and the nearest adults are his/her parents. Although the baby is just slur pronunciation, the little baby has started to learn from their parents by observing and copying the adults' talk. This learning environment is important for the babies.

There is a special case reported by the press. A baby was abandoned when she was born. A sow fed her as a piglet. When she was about eight years old, some villagers found her, her intelligence was just similar to the two-year old baby and all of her behaviors were looked like a pig. From this case, we know child is a "mirror" which will reflect the behavior of the closet adults.

Along with the children's growth, adults will influence them much more, such as logical thinking, making decision, cooperation with others, etc.. The behavior of adults can give children both good and bad influence. Most of the behaviors represent adults' inclination. For instance, if media report chiefly on the shadow



side of the society, children will easily incline to violence and excessive sex. Therefore, they will be infected with bad mental state.

Behavior is a direct and convincing method to teach children. Things are easier said than done. Parents always tell children those principles repeatedly, but most children can not accept it through these boring method. Adults' behavior is the most effective education method to let them observe the whole process of how to deal with the problems. The children will learn from you naturally.

Children are like young trees, they need to be carefully irrigated, fertilized and trimmed. Your behavior will be greatly helpful to shape them into useful talents.

12. Zoos are sometimes seen as necessary but poor alternative to a natural environment. Is it necessary to keep animals in zoos?

In the modern society, zoos are almost indispensable places in large cities for people to visit. In some large zoos, there are various animals from space to sea, and from primitive invertebrates to advanced and intelligent mammals. In the zoos, all animals, including those rare animals, such as panda, Africa elephant, and North-East tiger, could enjoy good care and protection away from any hurt. However, along with the stronger natural environmental protection consciousness, many people think that to put animals into small cages will change their living instincts, and therefore break the ecological balance.

Viewed from the basic relations between animals and human beings, animals should have the equal freedom with human beings. They are all forms of life. Animals have their own living instinct, and it is this instinct that forms the biological chain of the Earth. This relation is called "Ecological Balance" academically. For example, insect→bird→snake. If most birds in a region are

killed and locked into cages by human beings, the pests will eat out all crops, and snakes will lose a large part of food (bird)-resources, therefore leading to starvation and death.

This opinion sounds ideal theoretically. However in reality, human beings and other animals cannot stay together peacefully on the Earth. Because of human beings' lust for fortune, many valuable animals are killed or sold, especially those endangered species. Therefore, zoos appear as an active way for people to protect those poor animals. First, this is an action not only for animals but also for human being itself. Once the biological chain is broken, human beings will be punished inevitably. Next, zoos can serve a purpose of educating and entertaining people, narrowing the distance between human beings and animals.

Last, zoos can be a scientific study center to rescue more endangered species and make animals better serve people's need.

The key point of this topic is freedom or protection. In my opinion, those two aspects can be unified. It is necessary to keep animals in zoos for the purpose of protection, teaching and study. Let's think it further, the purpose of all these actions is to make animals live happier, therefore, maintain the ecological balance, hence protect our own living environment.

13. Writes an essay, considering and assessing arguments for and against the following view: As reading is important for a good education, we should encourage our children to read whatever appeals to them.

The famous English philosopher Francis Bacon said, "Reading makes a full man". Reading books can strongly shape your inclination, mature your thoughts, widen your horizon and enrich your personality. Life is limited, but knowledge is boundless. The more books we read, the more knowledge we get. Hence, We should encourage our children to read more books.

However, books can also be harmful, particularly the pornographic books. Bad books contain evil thoughts. In them, there might be much description about violence, superstition, and sex. Let's suppose that you are in the position of a parent. Would you allow your children to read whatever appeals to them? If your answer to the question is "yes", you are either extremely permissive or just plain irresponsible. If children read bad books, the evil thoughts would poison their mind gradually. They will be dispirited and perhaps commit a crime.

Good books, on the other hand, teach and help children to do good things. Good books are children's real companions, and they are both instructive and inspiring. Children know past events from history books, study communication by language book, learn space and numbers through mathematics books. In a word, different kinds of good books can give them a large amount of ideas and knowledge.

Consequently, those who read good books can be inspired to grow healthily, while those who read bad ones will lead a wicked life and meet with miserable failure. So before we encourage our children to read books, we should teach and help them to identify good and bad books.

14. Human being does not need to eat meat in order to maintain good health because they can get all their food needs from meatless products and meatless substitute.

Meat provides human beings with a lot of nutrition needed for maintaining good health. People get protein, fat, heat and cholesterol etc. from meat to build themselves stronger than ever.

However, along with the development of meatless products and meatless substitute, people can also get their nutrition needs.

Vegetarians are the best example. They don't eat meat, but only depend on vegetables, eggs and milk. They live a happy life, working everyday, doing sports, going for disco and traveling for sightseeing etc. Most of them are in such good health, they can even compete with athletes in sports games. Monks are another example. Due to their faithful religious belief, they are not allowed to eat any meat, yet they are in good shape. Children as young as 5 know Shaolin Monks, who can play Shaolin wushu. These monks are the essence of the Shaolin Temple. They protect people's interests and punish bad guys. During war time, they stood out to protect a nation's sovereignty and dignity by making use of their Kongfu. Moreover, the secret of longevity is to eat meat as little as possible, according to most of people over 100 years old.

Theoretically, people will be in good health so long as they have enough protein and vitamin. People can easily get protein from milk and egg, while get vitamin from fruits and vegetables. Science and technology makes everything possible. It can even clone sheep and cow, let alone their meat.

Based on the above, my conclusion is that people can live without meat, particularly along with the advancement of the science and technology, which can create more meatless substitutes. People can maintain good health, even if they do not eat any meat.

15. The best way to reduce the number of traffic accidents is to make all young drivers complete a safe driving education course before being licensed to drive.

Traffic accident is one of human beings' fatal enemies. The major cause for traffic accidents is lack of safety awareness. Therefore to complete a safety driving education course is a very important way to reduce the number of traffic accidents.

However, the key point for this issue is people's awareness towards safety. It is a long-term goal rather than a single course for safety driving.

Actually, the safe driving education course has already been undertaken in China. To get the driving licenses, people should attend a one-month training for traffic rules and pass the examination on regulation before they take further on-road examination. During the traffic rules training, the lecturers re-stress several times the critical role of safety in driving. During the on-road exercises, the coaches emphasize repeatedly the importance of safety in daily driving. Further, during the examination, most of the students get high marks, which indicate that they are really well equipped with all safety knowledge. However, safety related traffic accidents still occur and the peace-breakers are not only young people, but also the middle-aged and experienced.

Safe driving education is a long-term commitment and should be carried out with a regular basis. Many cities, which have implemented the quarterly safety training for those already obtained driving license, have made remarkable achievements. Their approach should be followed and gradually spread out all over the country. Only by this way can people build up their self-conscience for safety driving; only by this way can people pay enough attention to their daily driving work and only by this way can people reduce safety-related traffic accident fundamentally.

In short, the best way to reduce the number of traffic accident is to enhance people's awareness towards safety driving. A single safety driving educational course will not help too much.

16. Education is the single most important factor in the development of a

developing country.

Education is an indispensable factor for the development of a developing country. The quality of the people is the essence of a nation's economy, while education is the only way to enhance people's quality. Where there is advanced education, there is a relatively developed economy.

However, education is not the single most important issue. Reform, opening-up and infrastructure construction etc. also accounts.

Reform endows us the capacity to employ the best mechanism for the development to follow. It helps us to root out an entire unsuitable system, creating favorable environment for entrepreneurs, setting up a huge umbrella for talents and providing a blue print for people to paint. Without it, the world would be restrained to the old fashioned and outdated economic model. Opening-up endues us a broadened view to the outside world and freshens our way of thinking. By looking at the outside world, we can learn the most advanced technology to

better our lives; by looking at the outside world, we can adopt the most appropriate the method to develop our own economy and also by looking at the outside world, we can exchange our ideas, needs and feelings with the rest of the world. Without opening-up, we would never know the term of Internet, the most dynamic and magic word in today's world. Infrastructure construction paves the way for any advancement. We are connected, the logo of Nokia tells us the importance of telecommunication net work; j°to build road in order to become rich;±, saying from people at every nook in China indicates the theory of transportation infrastructure; There are many factors for the development of a developing country. They are complementary to each other.

In short, education is very important. It should go hand in hand with other elements, so as to play its due role to a country's development.