Cambridge 12 – Test 6 – Writing Task 2

At the present time, the population of some countries includes a relatively large number of young adults, compared with the number of older people.

Do the advantages of this situation outweigh the disadvantages?

Currently, in some countries, the proportion of young adults is considerably higher than elderly people. Opinions are divided on whether having more young adults than older people is beneficial or harmful. I believe that this phenomenon brings more positive effects to a country than the drawbacks.

Normally, a large number of young adults in the population of a country is beneficial for some reasons related to the workforce and the finding of talent. With regard to the former, young people who are dynamic, energetic, and productive can contribute to the workforce actively. Therefore, it is them that are more likely to bring change and innovation to their countries and drive the growth of their economy. Another point is that if a country has plenty of young adults, it will find it easy to find talented people. Take India as an example. This country is leading in ICT sector because they have so many young men with fresh minds and innovative working in this field, which make it become the leading IT exporter.

However, in any country undergoing an economic crisis, where opportunities growth and entrepreneurship are limited, having more young adults may not be a blessing. This is because in difficult times, when unemployment levels are high and wages are low, many young people will find themselves unemployed, and are consequently unable to support themselves and their families. Under circumstances like these, the energy of young adults might not be directed towards constructive activities. On the contrary, when times are hard, they may focus on less sociable pursuits including illegal ones, and a nation is likely to find itself with more crime, some of which may be violent and drug related.

In conclusion, I believe that the presence of more young adults is usually economically advantageous for s country. However, this is not the case when a country is undergoing economic difficulties, as their presence could prove to be a liability.