

TASK 1

This is part of an email you received from your English speaking friend, Ann.

She asked you for some information for her next trip in your hometown.

Read part of her email below.

***I'm planning to visit your city next month and I'm really excited about the trip.
Can you suggest somewhere to stay and tell me a little bit about what I can do in
your hometown? What clothes should I bring?***

Write an email responding to Ann.

Dear Ann,

I'm delighted that you are coming to Vietnam next month. I think it would be great if you could stay with me and my family, who send you their best wishes. Otherwise, if you prefer, I can easily book you a cheap but comfortable hotel in the city centre so you can be more independent.

There are lots of things to do in my city. If I were you, I'd spend some days sightseeing in the city and then another few days discovering Hanoi surrounding. There are several interesting museums and temples which I'm sure you will enjoy. When you are here, I will show you around Hanoi especially some places of interest including The Temple of Literature, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Sword Lake, West Lake and so on. Moreover, we can also try some Vietnamese traditional foods which are really delicious.

About the weather, the winter is coming soon, so you need to bring some warm clothes such as coats, pullovers, scarves and so on. You know, Vietnam is famous for cheap but high quality clothes, so why don't you buy some here instead of packing too many clothes from home?

Please let me know exactly when you're coming so that I can meet you at the airport. It'll be great to see you again so we can get up-to-date with all our news!
Love,

NGUYEN DANG HAI

TASK 2

Shopping online has grown rapidly recently. According to Ho Chi Minh city Department of Industry and Trade, the city has had 92,910 commercial websites of which 80,000 carry on e-commerce.

Nowadays shopping on the Internet has become increasingly popular. Ho Chi Minh city Department of Industry and Trade states that 80,000 out of 92,910 commercial websites carry on e-commerce. This essay will describe both benefits and drawbacks of buying things on the Internet.

On the one hand, there are some merits of buying items online. Firstly, it is quicker and cheaper to shop on the Internet. For example, instead of going to traditional stores, people can just stay at home and order the products they wish. Therefore, it enables them to save time and cost of travelling. Another advantage of purchasing on the Internet is that it allows people to have a wider range of products at a competitive price. As almost everything is sold online nowadays, it is possible for people to do research of the desired product from various providers. Thus, they are able to compare different brands and shops in terms of price, quality, guarantee policy and so on.

On the other hand, making a purchase on the Internet can be negative in several ways. The first drawback is that customers cannot try the products before buying them. As a result, they might not be satisfied with them when the products get delivered home. For example, it is impossible for people to try on clothes to see if they fit or not. Furthermore, products sold online are often less reliable. To be specific, customers might see unreal pictures of the products online and the things they buy might have poorer quality than expected.

In conclusion, it can be seen that shopping on the Internet has both merits and downsides. However, I believe that the advantages still outweigh the disadvantages.