

IELTS WRITING

TASK 2 - **ESSAY**

1 PLAN

5-7 mins



2 WRITE

25-30 mins



3 CHECK

5-7 mins



Task Response (Task 2)	Addressing the task (answering the questions) Giving relevant main points which are supported & developed Giving a clear position (stating an opinion when asked) Providing a conclusion www.ieltsliz.com
Coherence and Cohesion	Organising information /ideas into paragraphs Having one central idea in each paragraph (T2) Using a range of linking devices
Lexical Resource	Using a range of words & paraphrasing Using collocations Spelling Avoid errors
Grammar Range & Accuracy	Using a range of sentence structures Using a range of grammar tenses Punctuation Avoiding errors

1 PLAN

Question Types : Opinion & Non Opinion

Question Analyze

Idea Generate

Structure Planning

Question Types

1 Opinion / To what extent?

2 Discussion / Give your opinion

3 Advantages – Disadvantages / Outweigh?

4 Problems – Solutions

5 Causes – Effects

6 Double / Direct questions

Common Essay Questions

- **Art** (5 essay questions)
- **Business & Money** (17 essay questions)
- **Communication & Personality** (17 essay questions)
- **Crime & Punishment** (12 essay questions)
- **Education** (17 essay questions)
- **Environment** (12 essay questions)
- **Family & Children** (8 essay questions)
- **Food & Diet** (8 essay questions)
- **Government** (6 essay questions)
- **Health** (9 essay questions)
- **Housing** (4 essay questions)
- **Language** (2 essay questions)
- **Leisure** (1 essay question)
- **Media & Advertising** (12 essay questions)
- **Reading** (5 essay questions)
- **Society** (10 essay questions)
- **Space Exploration** (3 questions)
- **Sport & Exercise** (6 essay questions)
- **Technology** (6 essay questions)
- **Tourism** (6 essay questions)
- **Transport** (7 essay questions)
- **Work** (16 essay questions)

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic.

Nowadays, more people are choosing to socialize online rather than face-to-face.

Why is this happening? Is this a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

QUESTION
BACKGROUND

QUESTION

QUESTION
INSTRUCTION

2 WRITE

1 What type of question?

2 What is General Topic

3 What is Specific Topic

**Government should spend money on railways rather than roads.
To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

General: Government spending

Specific: on railways rather than roads

Idea Generate

1 Keep it simple

2 Do not brainstorm

3 Ask yourself a direct question

4 Select your first few thought as the points

Structure Planning

Introduction

1. Paraphrase Question BG
2. Give opinion
3. Give two main reasons/ ideas

You don't need

1. A neutral background statement
2. Memorized Phrases
3. This essay will...
4. A specific number of words
5. Fancy vocabulary

Structure Planning

Body Paragraphs

1 Topic Sentence

2 Explanation

3 Example/Conclusion

Structure Planning

Conclusion

1 Paraphrase

2 State Opinion

3 Summarize two main ideas

3 CHECK

GRAMMAR

- Identify your main areas of weakness
- Read after every completed sentence
- Read after every completed paragraph
- Read after you have completed the essay

3 CHECK

VOCABULARY

- Meaning
- Collocations
- Appropriacy
- Variance
- Level

3 CHECK

EVERYTHINGELSE

- Paragraphing
- Word count
- Coherence
- Cohesion
- Position clear throughout?
- Answer specific question?

Spelling
Subject verb disagreement
Punctuation
Conjunctions & Preposition
Tense

IDP SAMPLE

It is certainly the case in my local area that many young people choose to leave their home village or town as soon as they finish college or when they first get full-time employment.

There are several advantages to this. Firstly, it gives the individuals better opportunities to find more suitable jobs. This means they have much greater flexibility in the careers they can choose and are no longer forced to take the work available in the local area. A second benefit is that they have the chance to meet and work alongside a wider variety of people, which enriches their social and professional lives. Another relevant point is that moving to a place where they are anonymous allows people greater freedom to behave as they wish, without worrying about what those around them think.

However, there are a number of drawbacks to this development, the most serious being loss of support. It is important for humans to feel that they are part of a community and can rely on family and friends for help, on a day-to-day basis. In a place where individuals know few people it is easy to become isolated and lonely. Related to this point is the fact that when people know very little about their neighbours, it is hard for mutual trust to develop. When people have lived in the same place or village all their lives, their personal and family backgrounds are widely known and this information can help others make reliable judgements, building personal and business relationships.

On balance, I feel that this trend brings more negative outcomes than advantages and that it is leading to real problems of isolation and erosion of identity..

Do you agree or disagree?

- In some countries, an increasing number of people are suffering from health problems as a result of eating too much fast food. It is, therefore, necessary for governments to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.

Do you agree or disagree?

Introduction

- It is argued that governments should levy a tariff on junk food because the number of health risks associated with consuming this kind of food is on the rise. This essay agrees that a higher rate of tax should be paid by fast-food companies. Firstly, alcohol and tobacco companies already pay higher taxes and secondly, higher taxes could raise prices and lower consumption.

1 Body Paragraph

- Higher excise on liqueur and cigarettes has proven to be successful at curbing the harm caused by these substances. This revenue has been used to treat health problems associated with these products and has proven useful in advertising campaigns warning people about the dangers of alcohol and tobacco abuse. Tax from fast food could be used in the same way. The United Kingdom is a prime example, where money from smokers is used to treat lung cancer and heart disease.

2 Body Paragraph

- Increasing taxes would raise prices and lower consumption. Fast food companies would pass on these taxes to consumers in the form of higher prices and this would lead to people not being able to afford junk food because it is too expensive. Junk food would soon become a luxury item and it would only be consumed occasionally, which would be less harmful to the general public's health. For instance, the cost of organic food has proven prohibitively expensive for most people and that is why only a small percentage of the population buy it regularly.

Conclusion

- In conclusion, junk food should be taxed at a higher rate because of the good precedent set by alcohol and tobacco and the fact that the increased cost should reduce the amount of fast-food people buy.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Details of politicians' private lives should not be published in newspapers.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Introduction

- It is thought that the information regarding politicians' personal lives should not be shared in print media. This essay strongly agrees with this suggestion because publishing these details could be harmful to their families, and obtaining this type of information might require breaking the law.

1 Body Paragraph

- First and foremost, what makes that the details related to private aspects of politicians' lives should not be shared in newspapers is that it could be harmful not only to these individuals but also to their families. This is because revealing some details from their personal lives could expose them to unwanted comments or allegations, which might lead to a great deal of distress. In Poland, for instance, in 2015, the vice-prime minister committed suicide due to not handling the pressure caused by the paparazzi invading his and his family's private life.

2 Body Paragraph

- Furthermore, obtaining this type of information, in most cases, means breaking the law. This is because the right to privacy is one of the most fundamental policies in society, and anyone who wants to access the lives of politicians must obtain their consent. However, not only are paparazzi hired to invade properties belonging to politicians to take photos without their permission, but also politicians' colleagues and relatives are bribed to share confidential facts from their lives. For instance, an accident in which Princess Diana was killed was partly caused by the paparazzi who followed her car, trying to take photos of her and her boyfriend against their will.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I strongly support the suggestion that politicians' lives should not be subject to the interest of newspapers because revealing personal facts from politicians lives could destroy their family life and the process of obtaining these details often required wrongdoing.

DISCUSS BOTH SIDES & give opinion

Some people think that parents should teach their children how to be good members of society. Others, however, believe that school is the best place to learn this.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

1 BODY PARAGRAPH

Some people believe that children should be taught by their parents about how to function as useful members of society, while others believe that sending children to educational institutions is the best way for them to study this. Although the latter opinion can be beneficial in some cases, I believe that family upbringing plays a more important role in educating children to be good parts of the community.

2 BODY PARAGRAPH

Schools can be considered suitable places for children to learn to be good citizens. With standardized educational methods, schools can foster children's cognitive development so that they are able to contribute to society in the future. For example, Trung Vuong school and Vinschool are well known for having nurtured successful alumni such as Professor Ngo Bao, Professor Nguyen Hung who have devoted their talents to the development of the country. However, these people only represent a small fraction of the total number of students attending schools, and thus sending children to schools cannot be the best method of educating them to be good members of society.

3 BODY PARAGRAPH

- I believe that parents play a more important role in teaching them how to be good citizens. In Vietnam, the average class size is 20 students, which makes it difficult for educators to provide proper schooling for each student. One to one lessons at home, on the other hand, allow children to progress faster. Furthermore, parents form stronger bonds with their offspring and thus, it is easier for them to shape children's personalities at an early age. For example, by telling stories such as Robin Hood, Cinderella before bedtime, parents can instil a sense of compassion and integrity into them. These children are likely to become good members of society when they grow up.

CONCLUSION

- In conclusion, although sending children to schools can be seen as a way of teaching them how to be good citizens, I believe that domestic upbringing has a bigger impact on determining who they are in the future.

Advantages and Disadvantages

There is an increasing trend around the world of married couples deciding not to have children.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for couples who decide to do this.

INTRODUCTION

- An increasing number of married couples around the world choosing to remain childless. The main benefits of not having a child for couples are that they can focus on their careers and have more time for themselves. The main drawbacks are that they could not fit into their peers' group and have no one to look after them when they get old.

1 BODY PARAGRAPH

- One primary advantage of remaining childless for married couples is that they can focus on their work. This is because they have less responsibility and distractions in their lives compared to the couples that have a child. Another advantage of this is that they have more spare time. Looking after a child is a full-time job for parents and taking most of their time, while child-free couples have lots of free time after work. For example, many couples stop going out late with their friends after having a child as they have to stay at home for looking after their children.

2 BODY PARAGRAPH

- One disadvantage of couples deciding not to have children is that they can struggle to hang with their peers after most of them have children. Most parents prefer to spend more time with other couples that have children as well. Moreover, do not have anyone to look after them in their elderliness is another disadvantage. Children are the ones who take care of their parents when they get old because their parents did the same for them when they were young. For instance, the vast majority of the people who live in care homes have no child.

Conclusion

- In conclusion, the main benefits of staying child-free for couples are that they can be more career-oriented and have more free time for themselves, and the main drawbacks are that they could have problems about fitting into their friends' group and having no one to take care of them when they become older.

Advantages outweigh Disadvantages

In some countries, it is becoming increasingly common for people to follow a vegetarian diet.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Introduction

- In a number of countries, following a vegetarian diet has become very popular. Although being a vegetarian can limit the options when eating, I believe the advantages outweigh the disadvantages because it allows the body to work properly.

1 Body Paragraph

For vegetarian people it is difficult to find varied options to eat. Since the majority of the worldwide population have a diet that includes animal products, these type of food is the one that is normally available at food businesses. Therefore, people with a vegetarian diet have to choose between a limited number of plates or products when buying food or eating out. For example, in many popular restaurants in Colombia, the menu has only a short vegetarian section which includes only two or three plates that are completely vegetarian. However, I believe that those options that are offered are healthier than plates that are sold in large quantities.

2 Body Paragraph

Following a vegetarian diet allows the body to work better. This is because science has shown that when our human system digests animal products, such as meat, it has to work harder to process the food that it is not designed to receive. Thus, people that have a diet based on plants and seeds are more prone to have a healthier life because they allow their bodies to focus their energy in its normal processes. For instance, people who become vegetarian are less prone to get sick because their immune system has all the energy focused on fighting bacteria and not causing chronic inflammation because of the food. That is why I consider that following a vegetarian diet can have more benefits in the long term.

Conclusion

In conclusion, although vegetarian people have fewer options when buying products without animal ingredients, it is my belief that following a vegetarian diet has a positive impact in the body functions.

PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

In some countries, younger people are neglecting their right to vote.

What problems does this cause and what are some of the possible solutions?

INTRODUCTION

- It is argued that in certain nations youth are not using their right to vote. This would hinder the political change, and it would also result in policies made that are not beneficial for these young people. The most viable solutions would be to create awareness among the younger generation and promote them to participate in politics.

1 BODY PARAGRAPH

Not participating in elections would mean that it would be difficult to change the government which is necessary for some countries across the globe. This is because, in any functional democracy, the only way to change the ruling party is by casting votes in the electoral process. Furthermore, if young individuals forge their right to vote, it would result in policies made that do not benefit them. As a result, they would feel that the state is not addressing their concerns and end up leaving the country. For instance, every year thousands of young adults from developing countries immigrate to Europe and North America because they are unhappy with their government's performance.

2 BODY PARAGRAPH

One way to tackle these issues is to inform these people about the power of vote. Campaigns should be held in universities, and colleges to educate youth about their political rights. Another solution is to promote these young people to come into politics. Doing this it would ensure their representation and their voices being heard. For example, Nelson Mandela was a young political activist who successfully fought against racism and became the first black President of South Africa.

Conclusion

- In conclusion, neglecting to vote by the young generation would delay the necessary government change, and laws made that are not in their favor. However, encouraging youth participation in politics and awareness campaigns can be possible solutions to tackle these problems.

CAUSES - SOLUTIONS

In some countries, even though the rates of serious crimes are decreasing, people feel less safe than ever before.

What do you think are the causes of this problem and what measures could be taken to solve it?

INTRODUCTION

Although grievous offences are reducing, some people feel more insecure than they used to. The main reason behind this is the increase of cyber bullying and hate-crimes, and the solution would be to raise the general awareness among the masses and by promulgating new laws.

1 BODY PARAGRAPH

The primary cause of people not feeling safe than they used to is because the arena of crime has changed. More people are interacting virtually over the internet, which is mostly unregulated. Therefore, people are easily subject to harassment and bullying on social medias. Moreover, people are also subject to hate-crimes which is a consequence of constant portrayal of a certain group of people as evil by the media. For example, labeling the activities of criminals, who professes the Islamic faith, as terrorists has resulted in an increase in hate-crimes against Muslims across America.

2 BODY PARAGRAPH

The solution to such problems would be in educating the general people so that they are more aware. This will allow them to act more responsibly. Also, the government can play their part by enacting new laws that addresses the needs of time. This will make their citizens feel more secure because they can have their problems redressed. For instance, the government of Bangladesh recently enacted Digital Security Act, 2018 and Digital Security Rules, 2020 in order to penalize offences that take place in the cyberspace, as crimes like online harassment and cyber bullying was not previously defined as an offence.

Conclusion

- In conclusion, insecurity among some section of the population is still prevailing due to the change in the nature of crimes that are being committed nowadays. However, this can easily be addressed by making people aware and also by making new laws.

DOUBLE/DIRECT QUESTION

In modern times, children are spending less time with their families and more time with their friends.

Why has this change occurred?

Do you think parents should force their children to spend more time at home?

Introduction

- Nowadays, children spend more time with their friends than with their families. This change has occurred because children do not want to feel left out amongst their peers and parents should not force children to stay home because they will resent their parents for it.

1 Body Paragraph

Young ones do not want to miss out on social activities with their friends. Since the invention of technology, many activities that people carry out, especially teenagers, are now being posted online. As a result, children want to engage more in activities with their peers so they would also have fun stories to post on their social media pages and not be the odd one among their peers. For example, many young people in South Korea are known to shop and visit fun places with their friends rather than their parents, so as to show off the fun activities they engage in on Wechat, a popular social media platform.

2 Body Paragraph

Children whose parents mandate spending more time at home might hold a grudge towards their parents. This is because if children are forced by their parents to spend more time at home, they may interpret this as a form of punishment and develop a negative attitude towards their parents, which defeats the goal of family time. However, if they are encouraged to play with their siblings and bond with the family, children will be more willing to stay at home. For example, most children in Nigeria, even though they spend time with their friends, look forward to family time because parents in Nigeria emphasize the benefits of spending more time with family.

Conclusion

In conclusion, children want to engage in activities with their friends and not be left out, and parents should encourage their children to stay at home more, rather than force them so that their children will not resent them.

Government should spend money on railways rather than roads.

To what extent do you **agree** or **disagree**?

- There is a wide belief that states must budget their revenue for more railway lines than constructing highways for public transportation. I think rail is preferable for common transport because it is less pollution causing and cost effective for passengers.
- There is a wide belief that states must budget their revenue for more railway lines than constructing highways for public transportation. I think road is preferable for common transport because it is less time consuming and more reaching even into rural areas.

Computers are being used more and more in education. Some people say that this is a positive trend, while others argue that it is leading to negative consequences.

Discuss both sides of this argument and then give your own opinion.

- There is an ever increasing use of technology, such as tablets and laptops, in the classroom. It is often argued that this is a positive development, whilst others disagree and think it will lead to adverse ramifications. This essay agrees that an increase in technology is beneficial to learners.

First Body Paragraph

- It is clear that the internet has provided students with access to more information than ever before. Moreover, learners have the ability to research and learn about any subject at the touch of a button. It is therefore agreed that technology is a very worthwhile tool for education. Wikipedia is a prime example, where students can simply type in any keyword and gain access to in-depth knowledge quickly and easily.

Second Body Paragraph

- However, many disagree and feel that technology deprives people of real human interaction. Human interaction teaches people valuable skills such as discourse, debate and empathy. Despite this, human interaction is still possible through the internet and this essay disagrees technology should be dismissed for this reason. For instance, Skype and Facebook make it possible for people to interact in ways that were never before possible.

Conclusion

- In conclusion, while the benefits of technology, particularly the internet, allow students to tap in to limitless sources of information, some still feel that people should be wary of this new phenomenon and not allow it to curb face to face interaction. However, as long as we are careful to keep in mind the importance of human interaction in education, the educational benefits are clearly positive.

Timeless parents - agree

- B 1 Physical – Fatigue, obesity, Chronic illness
- A closer look at the various challenges faced by the uncared modern children makes it clear that their physical problems paramount than anything else. Whether they are at home or at school, every parent knows their children's health and safety are their primary concerns. Sadly, the modern Mums and Dads have to leave their kids with guardians or care takes owing to their hectic life or work abroad. This in turn result in a less quality care for the children as compared to their counterparts in the past. The increased number of children int the hospital registers, seeking medical help for Fatigue, obesity, Chronic illness and so on can undoubtedly prove the alarming scenario.