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Introduction to Writing Task 2

The Writing Task 2 is divided into two halves:

1) **How to achieve a band score of 6.5/7.0.**
2) **Second, how to achieve a band score of 8.0 - 9.0.**

This will help you understand the categories and the level of difficulty that you can come across while solving the many questions. It will in return help you get the overall test pattern and how you can exactly prepare for it. Since it is all about writing, you'll also get a set of tips & tricks which will help you overcome the roadblocks and the internal confusion you must be having.

Below you'll find the initial steps for achieving a higher score in this particular section:

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Step 1: Take some time to read and consider the question.
You must address every aspect of the issue or task in Writing Task 2 in a pertinent manner. You must introduce your answer to each component of the question because it is the first step toward accomplishing this goal.

Step 2: Make a broad statement first, then zero in on the specifics of the inquiry.
A wonderful strategy to start your essay is by using a general remark which is relevant to your topic and is not overly generic.

Step 3: Write it by yourself. No plagiarism!
While it is permissible for you to use the task as a model for your introduction, be careful not to use any of its content directly.

Copying the assignment's exact text gives the examiner the impression that you have a limited command of the language, which could lower your band score. Change the arrangement of the information, use synonyms, and use your own words to express more complex concepts.

Additionally, it's crucial to avoid introducing yourself with terms you've memorized that relate to the subject of the question. Examiners can identify memorized scripts since they have read thousands of responses.

Step 4: Express your opinion in reported speech for non-opinion based essays.

You must formulate a position in Writing Task 2 while examining its many components. Therefore, it's crucial that you express your stance in detail in your introduction.

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- ➔ In IELTS Writing Task 2, students are asked to write a formal essay of at least 250 words, in 4-5 paragraphs based on the given writing task 2 essay topics. The task is similar for both Academic and General
- ➔ Training with regards to the type of questions and the scoring, but the topics given for General Training will be slightly easier than Academic.

The key to success in your IELTS Writing Task 2 is to practise the right techniques and impress the examiner with your grammar and vocabulary in your writing task 2 essay.

8 Characteristics of an Excellent Essay

If you want to improve your Writing Score then there are certain ways to achieve it depending on which band score you are targeting. This will in turn help you not only improve your writing skills but also get a better grasp of the language.

These are the characteristics for an excellent essay as mentioned by IELTS Experts/Examiners.

1. Your task response/topic sentence should be very crisp and clearly stated in a short 2 line form.

2. Highlight important phrases in the task given and keep returning to the original question as you proceed to write to ensure that you are still responding to it and have not gone away from the original task.

3. Give your own viewpoint (without the use of pronouns) distinctly, by using reported speech.

4. While it is good to present both sides of an issue, you must also state which side you support and why, specifically for agree/disagree questions, which is one of the tougher sets of questions you will attempt!

5. Providing solid and relevant examples in your response to the tasks at hand to better develop your key claims. The examples should ideally not be from personal experiences.

6. If necessary, present the opposing viewpoints, but make it easily understood as to why you believe the opposing position is flawed.

7. Use two words whenever possible instead of the abbreviations – don't, isn't, or won't, instead use – Do not, is not or will not.

8. Should NOT use 'spoken' language like 'I'm gonna/I wanna' – always write 'I am going to/I want to OR slang words such as 'kids', instead you may use 'youngsters', 'children' et cetera.

Breaking Down Band Descriptors:
Where you are now and where you want to be

Determining the task focus of each portion of the IELTS syllabus is the main responsibility of the IELTS band score descriptor. The IELTS band descriptors explain how each band score is associated with a particular performance level based on the score range.

First, we will define what needs to be done in order to score a band in the 6.5 - 7 range:

Range	6.5 - 7.0
Task Response	• Addresses all parts of the task • Presents a clear position throughout the response • Supports main ideas, but there may be a tendency to overgeneralize and/or supporting ideas may lack focus

Coherence & Cohesion	• Logically organizes information and ideas; there is clear progression throughout • Uses a range of cohesive devices appropriately although there may be some under-/over-use • Presents a clear central topic within each paragraph
Lexical Resources	• Uses a sufficient range of vocabulary to allow some flexibility and precision • Uses less common lexical items with some awareness of style and collocation • May produce occasional errors in word choice, spelling and/or word formation
Grammatical Range & Accuracy	• Uses a variety of complex structures • Produces frequent error-free sentences • Has good control of grammar and punctuation but may make a few errors

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Now, let's understand how we will be able to accomplish a band score of 8.0 - 9.0:

Range	8.0 - 9.0
Task Response	• Fully addresses all parts of the task • Presents a fully developed position in answer to the question with relevant, fully extended and well supported ideas
Coherence & Cohesion	• Uses cohesion in such a way that it attracts no attention • Skilfully manages paragraphing
Lexical Resources	• Uses a wide range of vocabulary with very natural and sophisticated control of lexical features; rare minor errors occur only as 'slips'
Grammatical Range & Accuracy	• uses a wide range of structures with full flexibility and accuracy; rare minor errors occur only as 'slips'

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For Band Score 6.0 – 7.0

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Opinion Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given an opinion essay, you have to pick sides.**
- **You can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question.**
- **Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.**

An opinion essay should have:

- Introduction
- 3 Body Paragraphs
- The 3rd body paragraph is optional. It will get you a higher band score
- Conclusion

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Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea

The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body paragraph 3

This paragraph is the trickiest of all. You need to convey to the examiner that:

- You are aware of the other side of the argument.
- Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

Essay 1

Some people believe that violence on television and in computer games has a damaging effect on society. Others deny that these factors have any significant influence on people's behavior. What is your opinion?

Writing Guide to Essay 1

Step 1: You were given an opinion essay which means you had to state your point of view regarding the question.

Step 2: Once you understand the question and decide your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Introduction

State your opinion clearly (whether you agree or disagree). Explain in brief what you are going to write in the body paragraphs.

While some people argue that this trend will undoubtedly lead humans to dangerous future, others claim that it has no damaging effect on the society. I believe that in most cases media violence doesn't affect people's behavior.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1 - If someone intends to do harm to somebody, that is not because of watching TV or playing computer games, but due to that person's character and education.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2 - despite many claims and assumptions about negative effects of television and computer games I have never seen any proven connection between violent media and illegal activities in social life.

Step 6: Conclusion - Restate your opinion in clear and direct sentences.

Sample Answer

These days, the amount of violence in media is growing. While some people argue that this trend will undoubtedly lead humans to dangerous future, others claim that it has no damaging effect on the society. I believe that in most cases media violence doesn't affect people's behavior.

Firstly, I think that people act from their motives, regardless what they see on the television. That is to say, if someone intends to do harm to somebody, that is not because of watching TV or playing computer games, but due to that person's character and education. Although it is generally considered that violent media **accustomed** viewers to cruelty, I doubt this opinion. In my view, reasonable and intelligent people treat others humanely irrespective of what they see or hear in fictional stories.

Moreover, video games and television may even reduce social violence by providing a safe outlet for aggressiveness. In other words, **truculent** people may fight in virtual reality instead of **evincing** their **combative** spirit in real world. This may not only help those people, but also reduce the level of social violence in long-term perspective.

Finally, despite many claims and assumptions about negative effects of television and computer games I have never seen any proven connection between violent media and illegal activities in social life.

Taking everything into consideration, I would say that violence in contemporary media has no **substantial** influence on people's behavior. Television and computers are not the main factors that shape personal character, and they can even be useful in reducing the level of violence.

Glossary

1. **Accustomed:** customary; usual.
2. **Truculent:** eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant.
3. **Evincing:** reveal the presence of (a quality or feeling); indicate.
4. **Combative:** ready or eager to fight or argue.
5. **Substantial:** of considerable importance, size, or worth.

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Essay 2

Some people think that the best way to get news is through the newspaper, while the others disagree. Discuss both view and give your opinion.

Writing Guide to Essay 2

Step 1: You were given an opinion essay which means you had to state your point of view regarding the question.

Step 2: Once you understand the question and decide your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Introduction

State your opinion clearly (whether you agree or disagree). Explain in brief what you are going to write in the body paragraphs.

One school of thought opines that the optimal way to catch people up on the latest news is through printed newspapers while others select media-based outlets as their best choice to acknowledge the news.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1 - Firstly, prestige and reputation are critical factors for publishers and printers, so they must ensure that before their publication, the contents must be checked, edited, and censored thoroughly.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2 - On the other hand, there are also reasons people rely on social media-based outlets to receive news.

Step 6: Conclusion - Restate your opinion in clear and direct sentences.

Sample Answer

Nowadays, the demand for suitable news sources has been seriously focused on. One school of thought opines that the optimal way to catch people up on the latest news is through printed newspapers while others select media-based outlets as their best choice to acknowledge the news. This essay will discuss both views and give out my opinion.

On the one hand, the number of people counting on newspapers may be due to their high authenticity. Firstly, **prestige** and reputation are critical factors for publishers and printers, so they must ensure that before their publication, the contents must be checked, edited, and **censored** thoroughly. Furthermore, newspaper news is well-written by professional journalists and researchers with years of experience, and much more reliable than the other unofficial sources with amateur writers. And secondly, as newspapers have been introduced for a long while, they have become an **indispensable** part of people's day-to-day reading habits, chiefly among senior citizens. Looking up to our **preceding** generations, like our grandparents, we can easily recognize they stored tons of newspapers at home.

On the other hand, there are also reasons people rely on social media-based outlets to receive news. This method became **ubiquitous** with the widespread presence of the internet. With its speed, people with portable devices like smartphones, and laptops can access news storage nearly immediately through different platforms at any time, anywhere with just a few clicks. Nevertheless, it sparks concerns when, news via social media is mostly uncertificated; plus its tremendous spreading speed, thereby creating serious controversy. For instance, last year, a fan page established a piece of

news titled: Billie Eilish committed suicide, consiquently, it became a piece of hot news and left a **detrimental** impact on the singer's mental life.

In conclusion, despite all the advantages and disadvantages of the two mentioned methods. I firmly believe that receiving news online is the better way.

Glossary

1. **Prestige:** widespread respect and admiration felt for someone or something.
2. **Censored:** examine (a book, film, etc.) officially and suppress unacceptable parts of it.
3. **Indispensable:** absolutely necessary.
4. **Preceding:** coming before something in order, position, or time.
5. **Ubiquitous:** present, appearing, or found everywhere.
6. **Detrimental:** tending to cause harm.

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Essay 3

Some people believe that nowadays we have too many choices. What is your opinion on this statement?

Writing Guide to Essay 3

Step 1: You were given an opinion essay which means you had to state your point of view regarding the question.

Step 2: Once you understand the question and decide your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Introduction

State your opinion clearly (whether you agree or disagree). Explain in brief what you are going to write in the body paragraphs.

We have an enormous variety of options to choose from. However, some people argue that we don't have the liberty to make multiple choices.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1 - When purchasing online, people are now confronted with a large array of options.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2 - Technical improvements have made it easier to raise more foods, prepare them and alleviate the world's hunger problem.

Step 6: Conclusion - Restate your opinion in clear and direct sentences.

Sample Answer

Our world has become profoundly affected by **unprecedented** technological and globalization advancements, which have transformed the way we live and make decisions, both little and large. We have an **enormous** variety of options to choose from. However, some people argue that we don't have the liberty of making multiple choices. In my opinion, with developing technology and resources, our freedom of choice has greatly **enhanced**. In the following paragraphs, I shall elaborate on my viewpoint.

Primarily, we can now access reliable information on the internet at any moment, thanks to technological advancements. We have quick access to an incredible amount of materials online, and this freedom allows us to make educated decisions at every stage of our lives. When purchasing online, people are now **confronted** with a large **array** of options. Unlike **conventional** storefronts, e-commerce platforms like Amazon and eBay do not have space limits. As a result, when a customer searches for a product on these sites, hundreds or thousands of similar goods emerge.

Additionally, other technical improvements have made it easier to grow more foods, prepare new cuisines, preserve them, and **alleviate** the world's hunger problem. Take the example of toothpaste. In the past, you just chose your favorite toothpaste brand and size. However, now, each brand offers a huge number of flavors and a variety of benefits. You can decide whether you want your toothpaste to whiten your teeth, strengthen them, make your gums healthier or freshen your breath.

Nevertheless, this multitude of options creates a lot of confusion when it comes to deciding which brand to buy our clothing and fashion items from or restaurant **delicacies** to try. Similarly, we have a variety of employment

alternatives to choose from, but our options are limited when we choose to work in our hometown or establish a business.

To sum up, we are fortunate to have so many choices in our contemporary period. Though we might not have as many choices at present, technological advancement is always expanding the list and presenting us with an abundance of choices.

Glossary

1. **Unprecedented -** (adj) never done or known before.
2. **Profoundly** - (adverb) to a profound extent; extremely.
3. **Confronted** - (verb) come face to face with (someone) with hostile or argumentative intent.
4. **Array** - (noun) an impressive display or range of a particular type of thing.
5. **Conventional** - (adjective) based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed.
6. **Delicacy** - (noun) a rare and expensive food item.
7. **Alleviate** - (verb) make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.
8. **Enhanced** - (verb) intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of.

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Advantages/Disadvantages OR Positive/Negative

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given an advantages/disadvantages essay and you have to decide whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you have to list the advantages and disadvantages and decide which outweighs the other.**
- **Once you are clear about the advantages and disadvantages, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.**

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

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Body Paragraph 1

- It should contain the advantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

Body Paragraph 2

- It should contain the disadvantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

Essay 4

Some schools are very strict about their school uniforms and the appearance of their students, while other schools have a very relaxed dress code. What are the advantages and disadvantages of children of having a school uniform?

Writing Guide to Essay 4

Step 1: You are asked to write an advantages/disadvantages essay. This precisely means that you have to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Step 2: Remember to jot down all the points (advantages & disadvantages) before you begin the essay.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction:

- In some part of the world education system is more flexible as compared to others. While some academy focus on discipline and manners.
- Some academies want to let their pupil learn and grow in a pliable atmosphere. Below is the essay,we will discuss both sides of the coin.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1:

Advantages:

- Plays a very crucial part as it provides distinction based on the clothes.
- Important role in the personality development of the well-being.
- Keeps the discipline intact.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2:

Disadvantages:

- Give child freedom of its own and can opt a freestyle of its own
- In their immature age, disciples don't take freedom very positively and bullying becomes common.

Step 6: Conclusion:

- Summarized the advantages and disadvantages.

Sample Answer

In some part of the world education system is more flexible as compared to others. While some academy focus on discipline and manners. Some academies want to let their pupil learn and grow in a **pliable** atmosphere. Below is the essay,we will discuss both sides of the coin.

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Where the education system has modernized with the growing technological developments, Yet schools have a heavy responsibility to groom their students to cope up with the fast pace world. Whereas, Some educational authorities emphasize on keeping the apparel of a **juvenile** **unanimous** and discipline. The main advantage of uniform is, it plays a very crucial part as it prevents from distinction based on the clothes and saves energy to focus on studies. Not only dresses,even so, teachers also stress to keep personal hygiene to the utmost level. Training of personal hygiene and dress-coding at the early stages of life plays an important role in the personality development of the well-being. For instance, in my school girls were not allowed with the open hairstyles or fancy jewellery of any kind to maintain the discipline among others.

On the contrary, some colleges have come up with the idea of losing it a bit and give child freedom of its own and can opt a freestyle of its own. Whilst, Particularly, the agenda behind this concept is to let an offspring figure out on its own that how he/she wants to lead their life. Nevertheless, it has its own disadvantages that may lead to unfavourable outcomes. Besides, their immature age, disciples don't take freedom very positively and this brings the atmosphere where there are clearly differences, bullying becomes normal which affect the victim for a long run. For example, one minor is from a well-off family and can afford branded and expensive clothing while other tutee is on scholarship and barely able to afford the fee. Indeed, that will cause the **inferiority** complex among the children who cannot afford a luxury lifestyle.

To conclude the topic, there are both positive and negative aspects of having a uniform for the institution. The ideology behind keeping a uniform is still strong and relief to many parents who don't have to go to the trouble for choosing different wardrobe for every day.

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Glossary

1. **Pliable:** easily bent; flexible.
2. **Juvenile:** for or relating to young people.
3. **Unanimous:** fully in agreement.
4. **Inferiority:** the condition of being lower in status or quality.

Essay 5

Many people believe that using a bicycle as your main form of transport has a lot of advantages whereas others think that it has many disadvantages. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Writing Guide to Essay 5

Structure of the essay

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion. Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

Introduction:

General Statement - Bicycles are widely cited to be one of the most sustainable means of transport.

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Question Paraphrased- However, some people have pointed out that bicycles have several shortcomings, while others have lauded them as a boon.

A Thesis Statement- After some analysis, I agree with the fact that cycles are advantageous to our health as well as the environment.

Outline of the Essay - In the forthcoming sections of this essay, the essay will be elucidating both the divergent viewpoints and will put across my viewpoint.

Body Paragraph 1:

Central Idea: Advantages of using a bicycle

Supporting points:

- Firstly, the chief advantage of a bicycle is its nominal costs as compared to other means of transport.
- Secondly, it is also beneficial for health, providing an excellent opportunity for cardiovascular exercise. In addition, cycling helps people reduce weight and keeps muscles supple. For instance, research has stated that cycling can help depreciate the symptoms of disorders such as osteoarthritis.
- Lastly, it is environment-friendly as it has no harmful fume emissions, unlike other vehicles, which will decrease pollution as well as offer a sagacious solution for global warming.

Body Paragraph 2:

Central Idea: Disadvantages of using a bicycle

Supporting points:

- However, there are certain problems associated with cycling as well. It is not conducive for long-distance travel and is time-consuming.
- Further, it has hardly any capacity for storage rendering it futile for transporting goods.
- Moreover, cycling also imperils people to road accidents, as cars and other vehicles often fail to take notice of cyclists on busy roads.
- Furthermore, it involves the additional problem of leaving one to the caprices of weather, unlike other means of transport.

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Body paragraph 3 -

Supporting points:

- Cycling, in my opinion, is a more affordable and healthy option than joining a gym or investing in pricey exercise gear.
- In addition, it contributes to safeguarding the environment and conserving natural resources.

Conclusion: Thus, in conclusion, it can be stated that while cycling is not without its share of problems, it is a largely an economical means of transport which has numerous benefits for people, such as providing them with the opportunity to engage in physical exertion and remain healthy while also proving beneficial for the ecosystem.

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Sample Answer

Bicycles are widely cited to be one of the most sustainable means of transport. However, some people have pointed out that bicycles have several shortcomings, while others have lauded them as a boon. After some analysis, I agree with the fact that cycles are advantageous to our health as well as the environment. In the forthcoming sections of this essay, the essay will be elucidating both the **divergent** viewpoints and will put across my viewpoint.

Firstly, the chief advantage of a bicycle is its nominal costs as compared to other means of transport. Secondly, it is also beneficial for health, providing an excellent opportunity for **cardiovascular** exercise. In addition, cycling helps people reduce weight and keeps muscles supple. For instance, research has stated that cycling can help depreciate the symptoms of disorders such as **osteoarthritis**. Lastly, it is environment-friendly as it has no harmful fume **emissions,** unlike other vehicles, which will decrease pollution as well as offer a **sagacious** solution for global warming.

However, there are certain problems associated with cycling as well. It is not **conducive** for long-distance travel and is time-consuming. Further, it has hardly any capacity for storage **rendering** it **futile** for transporting goods. Moreover, cycling also **imperils** people to road accidents, as cars and other vehicles often fail to take notice of cyclists on busy roads. Furthermore, it involves the additional problem of leaving one to the **caprices** of weather, unlike other means of transport.

Cycling, in my opinion, is a more affordable and healthy option than joining a gym or investing in pricey exercise gear because it contributes to safeguarding the environment and conserving natural resources.

Thus, in conclusion, it can be stated that while cycling is not without its share of problems, it is a largely an economical means of transport which has numerous benefits for people, such as providing them with the opportunity to engage in physical exertion and remain healthy while also proving beneficial for the ecosystem.

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Glossary

1. **Divergent:** tending to be different or develop in different directions.
2. **Cardiovascular:** relating to the heart and blood vessels.
3. **Osteoarthritis:** degeneration of joint cartilage and the underlying bone.
4. **Conducive:** making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.
5. **Rendering:** the processing of an outline image using colour and shading.
6. **Futile:** incapable of producing any useful result
7. **Imperil:** put at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed.
8. **Caprices:** a sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behaviour.

Essay 6

Nowadays the differences between countries are becoming less evident because people follow the same media. Do the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?

Writing Guide to Essay 6

Step 1: You are asked to write an advantages/disadvantages essay. This precisely means that you have to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Step 2: Remember to jot down all the points (advantages & disadvantages) before you begin the essay.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction:

- Globalization has allowed people to adopt a homogeneous culture in terms of entertainment, fashion and other areas.
- However, there are some people who believe such uniformity isn't quite beneficial. This essay shall discuss both sides of this phenomenon.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1:

Advantages:

- Same kind of preferences helps get around the world easily
- Getting familiar with other country's culture to blend in there
- The differences between countries are eliminated
- No longer restricted to brands of home country

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2:

Disadvantages:

- People feel a country's own ethnicity will be lost
- Watching TV shows or movies from a foreign country may influence and alter the mannerisms
- Some cultures are rigid when it comes to clothing

Step 6: Conclusion:

- Summarized the advantages and disadvantages.

Sample Answer

Globalization has allowed people to adopt a **homogeneous culture** in terms of entertainment, fashion and other areas. **However,** there are some people who believe that such **uniformity** isn't quite beneficial. This essay shall discuss both sides of this phenomenon.

Having the same kind of preferences helps people get around the world easily. If we watch TV shows or advertisements of a certain country, we get familiar with its culture, thereby making it easier for us to **blend** in there. The more we get to know each other, the more the differences between countries are **eliminated**, making the world one **harmonious** community. We are no longer restricted to brands of our own country but are **exposed** to international products and services.

People who don't support such a development are the ones who feel a country's own **ethnicity** will be lost if the citizens try to adopt the prevailing global culture. Watching TV shows or movies from a foreign country may influence and alter the **mannerisms**. **Also**, some cultures are **rigid** when it comes to clothing, and the acceptance of universal fashion trends is not easy for them. And then, there are some nations that still differentiate

between genders. **Thus**, following a global trend could turn out to be an issue for them.

To conclude, I agree that the advantages of the **phenomenon** of having a uniform culture worldwide **outweigh** the disadvantages. Every subject has pros and cons, and the cons here can be ignored easily, especially when such an acceptance makes life easier.

Glossary

1. **Globalization:** Globalization means the speedup of movements and exchanges (of human beings, goods, and services, capital, technologies or cultural practices) all over the planet.
2. **Homogenous Culture:** of the same or a similar kind or nature.
3. **Uniformity:** the quality or state of being uniform.
4. **Harmonious:** tuneful; not discordant.
5. **Mannerisms:** a habitual gesture or way of speaking or behaving.

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Discussion Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given a discussion essay, you have to write about both sides of the statement.**
- **Offer your opinion, only if you are asked to.**
- **Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.**

A discussion essay should have:

- Introduction
- 3 Body Paragraphs
- The 3rd body paragraph is optional. It will get you a higher band score
- Conclusion

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement (if asked for opinion) – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea

The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body paragraph 3

It should contain your opinion along with supporting points for your opinion. This can be done in the conclusion paragraph too but it may be a bit weird. Thus, it's always better to have a body paragraph with your opinion.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

Essay 7

Some people say that traveling abroad is necessary to get knowledge about other countries, while others suggest that TV and the internet can also help people know about foreign countries. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Writing Guide to Essay 7

Step 1: You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion. Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

Step 2: Remember to jot down all the opinions on this particular topic before you begin the essay.

Step 3: Introduction - With the ease of transport and an emerging array of globalization, it has become significantly facile and plain-sailing to move across the world and plan one's international voyage. To this, a sizeable number of people deem it extremely essential to get one's horizon of information tumefied while others don't really consider international trips to be as necessary as is touted, owing to the presence of the internet and digital gadgets such as television.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1

Central Idea: Modernization and the onset of the digital era have assuredly metamorphosed the way we used to live almost a decade or so ago.

Supporting points:

- On the one hand, with televisions where one may get painted with the vibrant colors of the world, which otherwise were eccentric and unknown to one's knowledge, the internet, on the other hand, has enveloped the world to the minuscule screens of our digital gadgets.

- Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality have made their belief and propulsion ever more herculean as such technologies create a simulation at par with the real-time venture into different nooks and corners of the world, where information, tradition, culture, and heritage are presented with a glimpse and tinge of shimmery globe-trotting.
- Therefore, some people contend and question the necessity of traveling to different locations just for the sake of information and entertainment

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2

Central Idea: The need of traveling across the globe

Supporting points:

- An entire spectrum and gradations of cultural richness of a particular place are better practically experienced rather than skimming it through via supported satellites and contrivances alike.
- "What can be felt in reality can't be heard in virtuality," and that's where the entire point of contrast and comparison comes to the foreground. People who travel and visit a place would any day outshine the virtually-inclined counterparts when it comes to knowledge, information, and experience one gets upon landing in a region per se.
- The recreational shades that one gets and the hormones that are released such as, Dopamine and Serotonin during such trips tend to etch a profound impression in the human nervous system, thereby enhancing the retention of the details one gets during the journey.
- Adding to that, the subsidiary perks one gets as stress relief, amicability among humans, peculiarities of a culture, so forth, and so on, are incongruent and hence, deeming international tours obligatory for a plethora of reasons

Step 6: Conclusion

Hence, to sum up, we may say that though digitization and digital pangs have made life easier as far as minimum requirements are concerned such as gathering information before actually planning a trip, finding a comfortable stay, etc., considering it to be a substitute to displace and eschew the thrills of real-time ventures is untenable.

Sample Answer

With the ease of transport and an emerging array of globalization, it has become significantly **facile** and plain-sailing to move across the world and plan one's international voyage. To this, a sizable number of people deem it extremely essential to get one's horizon of information tumefied. In contrast, others do not really consider international trips to be as necessary as is touted, owing to the presence of the internet and digital gadgets such as television. However, I agree with the former school of thought that foreign **excursions** are indeed important for sundry reasons. In the subsequent paragraphs, this essay shall elucidate both viewpoints and illustrate my reasons as to why such tours are required.

Modernization and the onset of the digital era have assuredly metamorphosed the way we used to live almost a decade or so ago. On the one hand, with televisions where one may get painted with the vibrant colours of the world, which otherwise were eccentric and unknown to one's knowledge, the internet, on the other hand, has enveloped the world to the minuscule screens of our digital gadgets. And, therefore, some people contend and question the necessity of traveling to different locations just for the sake of information and entertainment. Moreover, Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality have made their belief and propulsion ever more **herculean** as such technologies create a simulation at par with the real-time venture into different nooks and corners of the world, where information,

tradition, culture, and heritage are presented with a glimpse and tinge of shimmery globe-trotting.

In stark contrast, the notion that supports and **proselytizes** the need to travel across the globe put forth that an entire spectrum and gradations of cultural richness of a particular place is better practically experienced rather than skimming it through via supported satellites and **contrivances** alike. I am completely convinced with this proposition. As a dictum goes, "What can be felt in reality can't be heard in virtuality," and that's where the entire point of contrast and comparison comes to the foreground. People who travel and visit a place would any day outshine the virtually-inclined counterparts when it comes to knowledge, information, and experience one gets upon landing in a region per se. Moreover, the recreational shades that one gets and the hormones that are released, such as Dopamine and Serotonin during such trips, tend to etch a profound impression in the human nervous system, thereby enhancing the retention of the details one gets during the journey. Adding to that, the **subsidiary** perks one gets as stress relief, amicability among humans, peculiarities of a culture, so forth, and so on, are **incongruent** and hence, **deeming** international tours **obligatory** for a **plethora** of reasons.

Hence, to sum up, we may say that though digitization and digital pangs have made life easier as far as minimum requirements are concerned, such as gathering information before actually planning a trip, finding a comfortable stay, etc., considering it to be a substitute to displace and **eschew** the thrills of real-time ventures is **untenable.**

Glossary

1. **Facile:** ignoring the true complexities of an issue; superficial.
2. **Excursions:** a short journey or trip, especially one taken as a leisure activity.
3. **Herculean:** requiring great strength or effort.
4. **Proselytizes:** convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.
5. **Contrivances:** the use of skill to create or bring about something, especially with a consequent effect of artificiality.
6. **Subsidiary:** less important than but related or supplementary to something.
7. **Incongruent:** (of melting, dissolution, or other process) affecting the components of an alloy or other substance differently.
8. **Deeming:** regard or consider in a specified way.
9. **Obligatory:** required by a legal, moral, or other rule; compulsory.
10. **Plethora:** a large or excessive amount of something.
11. **Eschew:** deliberately avoid using; abstain from.
12. **Untenable:** not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.

Student Space

Essay 8

Some people believe that individuals over 65 should not be allowed to continue working. Others think that people should be allowed to work for as long as they choose. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Writing Guide to Essay 8

Step 1: You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion. Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

Step 2: Remember to jot down all the opinions on this particular topic before you begin the essay.

Step 3: Introduction

Population has given emergence to severe and stark competition. Owing to this, employment, employability, employees, and employers are often spotted in a series of knots and crosses networks. Some people put forth that one should be allowed to work on their own accord till the time one wants to, while some proselytize that one shouldn't be permitted to be employed over the age of 65 years.

Step4: Body Paragraph 1

Central Idea: People should be allowed to work regardless of age

Supporting points:

- To satiate and suffice the needs and desires of one's family members and oneself, one has to toil and drudge hard irrespective of what age they are of.
- The ailing population index has caused strife among inhabitants of the world, where one has to work one's fingers to the bone to make resources both available and attainable.

- Some old-aged people work for their happiness and pleasure and thus, as some people argue, one shouldn't be curbed from working past a certain age

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2

Central Idea: People should not be allowed to work past a certain age

Supporting points:

- In a corporate environment that generally keeps on hunting for seasoned professionals, the freshers generally have to settle and swallow the consolation amount against their tags that deem them as freshers.
- Taking a scenario wherein a family yet again has a sole penny-maker, their being relatively newer and novice in the field of their concerned stream makes them do nothing but to put up with the ongoing trend, thereby only causing a thrust and pressure over such individuals.
- Corporate recruitment generally works on the principle of demand and supply, where the retired employees are substituted by the recruits, therefore, not putting up a certain age bracket would not only mar the entire flow but also would make the profit of an organization diminutive.
- Taking into account the health factor, as is often reconnoitered, human efficiency decreases dramatically over the age of 60 years, hence, a well-defined age bracket that allows people to work until a certain limit is very essential.

Step 6: Conclusion

We may say in conclusion that although working till the time one wants to could at times seem appealing and required, its ramifications and deleterious effects couldn't be subsided. Therefore, there should be a fixed age limit post which one shouldn't be allowed to work.

Sample Answer

The population has given emergence to severe and stark competition. Owing to this, employment, employability, employees, and employers are often spotted in a series of knots and crosses networks. Some people put forth that one should be allowed to work on their own accord till the time one wants to, while some proselytize that one shouldn't be permitted to be employed over the age of 65 years. In the paragraphs to follow, I shall be enlightening both the opinions and would **peddle** my thoughts as to why setting a threshold is essential in today's era.

As is known to all, our population waves have been flowing up the brink of nature's carrying capacities, and this has caused **umpteen** issues and **indispositions** when it comes to management. The employment crisis is most certainly one of them. To satiate and suffice the needs and desires of one's family members and oneself, one has to toil and drudge hard irrespective of what age they are of. Moreover, the ailing population index has caused strife among inhabitants of the world, where one has to work one's fingers to the bone to make resources both available and attainable. In such a scenario, it becomes all the more **obstreperous** when a household has only one bread-earner. In addition to that, some old-aged people work for their happiness and pleasure and thus, as some people argue, one shouldn't be **curbed** from working past a certain age.

In an entirely different direction, another pool of thought says that given to a heavy and **tempestuous** scarcity of resources and the paucity of job opportunities, a fair share of chance should be given to the younger generation, which otherwise gets muffled in the fleet of experienced and senior employees. I somehow find myself swinging in the same direction. As the population havoc has caused rifts across the populace, young people are afflicted the most. In a corporate environment that generally keeps on hunting for seasoned professionals, the freshers generally have to settle and

swallow the consolation amount against their tags that deem them as freshers. Taking a scenario wherein a family yet again has a sole penny-maker, they being relatively newer and novice in the field of their concerned stream makes them do nothing but to put up with the ongoing trend, thereby only causing a thrust and pressure over such individuals. Corporate recruitment generally works on the principle of demand and supply, where the retired employees are substituted by the new recruits, therefore, not putting up a certain age bracket would not only mar the entire flow but also would make the profit of an organization **diminutive**. Also, taking into account the health factor, as is often **reconnoitered,** human efficiency decreases dramatically from the age of 60 years, hence, a well-defined age bracket that allows people to work till a certain limit is very essential.

Hence, we may say in conclusion that although working till the time one wants to could at times seem appealing and required, its ramifications and deleterious effects couldn't be subsided. Therefore, there should be a fixed age limit post which one shouldn't be allowed to work.

Glossary

1. **Peddle:** try to sell (something, especially small items) by going from place to place.
2. **Umpteen:** indefinitely many; a lot of.
3. **Indispositions:** mild illness.
4. **Obstreperous:** noisy and difficult to control.
5. **Curbed:** restrain or keep in check.
6. **Tempestuous:** characterized by strong and turbulent or conflicting emotion.
7. **Diminutive:** extremely or unusually small.
8. **Reconnoitered:** make a military observation of (a region).

Essay 9

Some people think that zoos are cruel and should be closed down. Others, however, believe that zoos can be useful in protecting wild animals.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Writing Guide for Essay 9

Step 1: You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Step 2: Discuss both views, choose a side and state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Introduction –

- **Question Paraphrased**- Some people argue that zoos help to preserve wild creatures, while others say that they are inhumane and should be abolished.
- **A Thesis Statement & Outline** - While the development of breeding programmes contributes to the preservation of endangered species, I believe that the poor conditions that many animals held in captivity are kept in make the existence of zoos unacceptable.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1 –

Central idea: Breeding programmes for endangered species, some species saved from extinction.

Supporting Points:

- On the one hand, there are many projects in existence in zoological parks around the world where species facing extinction have been successfully bred in captivity and their numbers increased substantially.

- This is important for ensuring the survival of animals under threat from poaching and the destruction of their natural environments.
- A good example of this is the golden lion tamarin from Brazil which nearly died out because of logging and mining activities which are destroying its habitat. Today, a third of wild golden lion tamarins were raised in captivity.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2 –

Central idea: Cramped cages & unnatural environments, animals distressed.

Supporting Points:

- On the other hand, a significant percentage of zoos house their animals in cramped cages with very little space to move around or behave naturally.
- This can lead to them becoming distressed and depressed as well as suffering physically through lack of exercise.
- A friend of mine recently visited a wildlife park while on holiday abroad and was very upset to see the lions pacing up and down in a narrow, bare pen and eagles in enclosures so small that they were unable to fly.

Step 6: Conclusion

In conclusion, although zoos do help to safeguard dwindling populations of particular species, the suffering experienced by many captive creatures due to unsuitable living conditions amounts to cruelty and they should not be allowed to exist.

Sample Answer

Some people argue that zoos help to preserve wild creatures, while others say that they are **inhumane** and should be abolished. While the development of breeding programmes contributes to the preservation of endangered species, | believe that the poor conditions that many animals held in captivity are kept in make the existence of zoos unacceptable.

On the one hand, there are many projects in existence in zoological parks around the world where species facing extinction have been successfully bred in captivity and their numbers increased substantially. This is important for ensuring the survival of animals under threat from **poaching** and the destruction of their natural environments. A good example of this is the golden lion tamarin from Brazil which nearly died out because of **logging** and mining activities which are destroying its habitat. Today, a third of wild golden lion tamarins were raised in captivity.

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On the other hand, a significant percentage of zoos house their animals in **cramped** cages with very little space to move around or behave naturally. This can lead to them becoming distressed and depressed as well as suffering physically through lack of exercise. A friend of mine recently visited a wildlife park while on holiday abroad and was very upset to see the lions pacing up and down in a narrow, bare pen and eagles in enclosures so small that they were unable to fly.

In conclusion, although zoos do help to safeguard **dwindling** populations of particular species, the suffering experienced by many **captive** creatures due to unsuitable living conditions amounts to cruelty and they should not be allowed to exist.

Glossary

1. **Dwindling** - gradually diminishing in size, amount, or strength.
2. **Captive** - a person who has been taken prisoner or an animal that has been confined.
3. **Inhumane** - without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel.
4. **Poaching** - illegally hunt or catch (game or fish) on land that is not one's own or in contravention of official protection.
5. **Logging** - the activity or business of felling trees and cutting and preparing the timber.
6. **Cramped** - uncomfortably small or restricted.

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Agree/Disagree Essays

General Structure

There are two ways in which you can write this essay. You can either choose to agree/disagree with the question statement (Type I) or partially agree (Type II).

Type I:

Instructions to follow

If you are given an agree or disagree essay, you have to pick sides.
You can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question.
Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should have a general statement.
- The question should be paraphrased. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.
- An outline of the essay - This should talk about what the forthcoming paragraphs entail.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea

The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

Type II:

Instructions to follow

- **With the Type II of an agree or disagree essay, you partially agree with the given opinion.**
- **In the first paragraph, you can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question.**
- **However, in the second paragraph, you will have to subtly mention your awareness of the other side as well.**
- **Once you partially agree with the opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.**

An agree or disagree essay should have:

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should have a general statement.
- The question should be paraphrased. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your partial agreement.
- An outline of the essay - This should talk about what the forthcoming paragraphs entail.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea

The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around your awareness of the other side but you will still be supporting your opinion.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Conclusion: Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

Essay 10

Some believe it is important for cities and towns to invest heavily in building large outdoor public spaces. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Writing Guide to Essay 10

Step 1: You were given an Agree/Disagree essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

1. **Do you agree** that it is important for cities and towns to invest heavily in building large outdoor public spaces?

OR

2. **Do you disagree** that it is important for cities and towns to invest heavily in building large outdoor public spaces?

Step 2: Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1:

Central idea: Benefits of public outdoor areas

Supporting points:

- Important, not only for aesthetic reasons
- Provides opportunities to engage with other people
- Improves quality of life

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Ways outdoor spaces promotes tourism

Supporting points:

- Enhances area's natural beauty
- Boosts tourism
- Promotes economic development

Step 5: Conclusion:

Reiterated that investing in outdoor spaces improves the look of a city and helps to promote tourism and supported the side taken in introduction.

Sample Answer

As we are progressing towards development and well-built infrastructure, many people claim that it is **indispensable** for cities to invest substantially in the innovation of large outdoor public spaces. In my opinion, it is true that the authorities should invest in building huge outdoor spaces for the public, as it will boost tourism and public health. In the forthcoming paragraph, I shall explain my point of view in detail.

Primarily, as we are moving towards development, the **injunction** for outdoor public space is also doubling. Outdoor public places are important for more than just aesthetic reasons. It provides a communal area for people to connect with nature and other people. It also allows youngsters to participate in eclectic outdoor activities, such as the famous Lodhi Garden of Delhi. This Park helps appreciate the beauty of the town while also providing prospects for people from various areas to come and spend leisure time and improve their general health.

Besides that, outdoor spaces also help to **stimulate** tourism. It **entices** visitors from all over the world to view and enjoy the area's **pristine** beauty. New York City's Central Park is a definitive example. The city was well-known for business visits prior to its development. The construction of Central Park

not only entitled locals to **partake** in a variety of activities but also **lured** non-business visitors from all over the world for its indescribable beauty.

However, some people think that spending too much money on outdoor spaces is a complete waste of money. But it is also equally true that we cannot overlook the reality of the growing demand for oxygenated air and lush green.

In conclusion, investing in outdoor spaces enhances the look of a city and helps to promote tourism. Authorities should allocate a well-balanced budget based on the necessities of the city's growth.

Glossary

1. **Indispensable:** absolutely necessary.
2. **Injunction:** an authoritative warning or order.
3. **Stimulate:** raise levels of physiological or nervous activity in (the body or any biological system).
4. **Entices:** attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage.
5. **Pristine:** in its original condition; unspoilt.
6. **Partake:** eat or drink (something).
7. **Lured:** tempt (a person or animal) to do something or to go somewhere.

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Essay 11

The education of young people is highly prioritized in many countries. However, educating adults who cannot write or read is even more important and governments should spend more money on this. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Write at least 250 words.

Writing Guide to Essay 11

Step 1: You were given an Agree/Disagree essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

1. **Do you agree** that educating adults who cannot write or read is even more important than educating children and governments should spend more money on this?

OR

2. **Do you disagree** that educating adults who cannot write or read is even more important than educating children and governments should spend more money on this?

Step 3: Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Step 4: Essay Introduction

- **Question Paraphrased** - A discussion on educational parameters have always been permeative and immanent among intellectuals. When it comes to literacy and edification, there is a certain school of thought that peddles the need of educating the children and younger

generation. Contrastingly, significant others say that a major focus and the principal budget should be invested in the education of adults.

- **Opinion:** I find myself standing tall with the former viewpoint and consider investing and accentuating both the focus and the capital in the fortification of the younger cohort.
- **A thesis statement** - In subsequent paragraphs, this essay shall see my thoughts on the topic.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1:

Possible Central idea: Education of children should not be compromised.

Supporting points:

- "Childhood shows the man, as the morning shows the day," that perspicuously endows the essence of educating children, as they are the building blocks of the imminent scenario that shall prevail in the times to come.

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- Diverting the focus or the economic budget that is planned to be bequeathed to the nurturing of the younger minds shall impede the entire agenda and the propitious growth of substantial human resources at the same time.

- Education is inexorably mandatory. However, when it comes to the educational refinement of the adults, not only do the procedural alignments become pretty arduous, but also time consuming. Therefore, the point of allocating the major budget to adult education, in accordance with my prudence, is a bit faltering.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2:

Possible Central idea: Comparing the learning capacities of the children and the adults.

Supporting points:

- When we compare the learning ambit of children and adults, it has always been found, as per various reconnoiters, that children outsmart adults when it comes to grasping and retaining countenance.

- The potential scope of laying the herculean foundation for the future can be well established with considerable economic assets, gnawing it off would not contribute to the significance of the development.

- From the tangential tinge of substantial development, too, it is both providential and prudential to foster the virtues of the buds that would culminate in the inflorescence of the prosperity of a nation.

Step 6: Conclusion:

Hence, conclusively we may say that education is ineluctably a necessity and edifying and capitalizing on the young budding talents is mandatory. Naturally, therefore, it should be more attentively dealt with without having them in a comparative equation.

Sample Answer

A discussion on educational parameters has always been **permeative and immanent** among **intellectuals**. When it comes to literacy and **edification**, a certain school of thought peddles the need to educate the children and younger generation. **Contrastingly**, significant others say that a major focus and the principal budget should be invested in the education of adults. However, I find myself standing tall with the former viewpoint and consider investing and **accentuating** both the focus and the capital in the fortification of the younger **cohort**. In subsequent paragraphs, this essay shall see my thoughts on the topic.

To begin with, the **eminent adage** - "The childhood shows the man, as the morning shows the day," - **perspicuously endows** the essence of educating children as they are the building blocks of the **imminent scenario** that shall prevail in the times to come. In that case, diverting the focus or the economic budget that is planned to be **bequeathed** to the nurturing of the younger minds shall impede the entire agenda and the propitious growth of substantial human resources at the same time. Education is **inexorably** mandatory. However, when it comes to the educational **refinement** of the adults, not only do the procedural alignments become pretty arduous, but also time consuming. Therefore, the point of allocating the major budget to adult education, in accordance with my prudence, is a bit faltering.

Moreover, as is researched, when we compare the learning ambit of children and adults, it has always been found, as per various **reconnoiters,** that children outsmart adults when it comes to grasping and retaining countenance. In such a scenario, where the potential scope of laying the herculean foundation for the future can be well established with considerable economic assets, **gnawing it** off would not contribute to the

significance of the development. Therefore, from the tangential tinge of substantial growth, too, it is both providential and prudential to foster the virtues of the buds that would culminate in the **inflorescence** of the prosperity of a nation.

Although I don't deny the essence of soft training and coaching of adults, and that the **andragogy** should as well be seen with **punctilio** as far as the present developmental **strides** are concerned, the very thought process to dedicate the lion's share in favour of adult education, thereby, rendering the pedagogy of children undervalued, doesn't go well. Hence, conclusively we may say that education is **ineluctably** a necessity and **edifying** and capitalizing on the young budding talents is mandatory. Naturally, therefore, it should be more attentively dealt with without having them in a comparative equation.

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Glossary

1. **Permeative -** Spreading or spread throughout
2. **Immanent -** existing or operating within; inherent.
3. **Edification -** the moral or intellectual instruction or improvement of someone
4. **Contrastingly** - In a contrasting manner; by way of contrast.
5. **accentuating** - make more noticeable or prominent.
6. **Cohort -** a group of people with a shared characteristic.
7. **Adage** - a proverb or short statement expressing a general truth.
8. **bequeathed -** leave (property) to a person or other beneficiary by a will.
9. **inexorably** - in a way that is impossible to stop or prevent.

Essay 12

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 the government to impose a higher tax on this kind of food. Do you agree or disagree ?

Writing Guide to Essay 12

Step 1: You were given an agree-disagree essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

1. **Do you agree** that it is necessary for the government to impose a higher tax on this kind of food.

   OR

2. **Do you disagree** that it is unnecessary for the government to impose a higher tax on this kind of food?

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Step 2: Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Introduction

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

Step 4: Body Paragraphs

- **Paragraph 1** – Talk about how a higher tax shall be imposed on fast food because the health of the citizens is essential to the country's development.
- **Paragraph 2** – Mention how a higher tax shall be imposed on fast food because it can remove people's choice when choosing what type of food to consume.
- **Paragraph 3** – Acknowledge the flip side of the argument.

Step 5: Conclusion

A good conclusion should restate your thesis statement and your main supporting points.

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Sample Answer

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; secondly, higher taxes could raise prices and lower consumption.

Higher excise on liquor and cigarettes has proven to **curb** 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.

Increasing taxes would raise prices and lower consumption. Fast food companies would pass on these taxes to consumers in the form of higher prices, leading 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 buys it regularly.

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.

Glossary

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1. **Levy** - impose (a tax, fee, or fine).
2. **Prohibitively** - used to emphasize a cost that is so high as to prevent something being done or bought.
3. **Precedent** - an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.
4. **Curb** - a check or restraint on something.
5. **Campaigns** - an organized course of action to achieve a goal.

Cause/Solution Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions.**
- **Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.**

A cause/solution essay should have:

- Introduction
- 2 Body Paragraphs & each paragraph can contain:
- Either a problem solution paragraph
- Problems in one paragraph and solutions in the other
- Conclusion

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Introduction

Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

Body Paragraph 1

- Problems
- Real-life examples

Body Paragraph 2

- Solutions
- Real-life examples

Conclusion

Your conclusion paragraph should paraphrase the question.

Essay 13

Natural resources such as oil, forests, and freshwater are being consumed at an alarming rate. What problems does this cause? How can we solve these problems?

Writing Guide to Essay 13

Step 1: You were given a problem/solution question essay for which you had to talk about the problem and the solution to the problem.

Step 2: Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

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Step 3: Body paragraph 1-

Problems-

- Talking about the problems, the most eminent one that is caused by the excessive misuse of natural resources is the fragmentation and loss of natural habitat for wild animals. It has been rife how wildlife has been marred and corroded due to the overexploitation of trees and timber for man's use without taking the deleterious effects of it on earth as a whole, into consideration.

- Secondly, the impertinent usage of water and water bodies pollution have been severely cataclysmic to aquatic life, and not only has it wreaked havoc on the marine environment, but also human consumption.

- The seething malice that humans have caused to our planet owing to their impudent and improvident practices have made us lose heavily on biodiversity particularly, that has not only made the world today fall apart at the seams, but has put all the living organisms under peril.

Step 4: Body paragraph 2

Solutions-

- The remedies to that should be focussed on eradicating the reckless behavior that has been widespread among human beings today. When all of us would be acknowledged about the caprice it has caused to the health and wealth of Earth, only then could we come to terms with the thought of protecting it further.

- We should be more cognizant about attenuating the usage of these resources or at least, utilizing them judiciously. That shall prevent the reckless expenditure of our precious resources.

- Controlling deforestation, wildlife conservation, saving water bodies, and coming forth to safeguard nature shall help the cause and would instill the proclivity of conservation of natural resources in the long run.

Step 5: Conclusion

Conclusively, it could thus be said that the resources that nature has gifted us are on the brink of getting extinguished. Taking the aforementioned precautionary measures would certainly help it get out of the danger zone.

Sample Answer

Natural resources have been overhauled and are being squandered more than ever now. The growing population and a **maladroit** use of resources by them have **exacerbated** the status of natural resources today. In the paragraphs to come, this essay shall annotate the problem caused by such scurrying usage of natural resources and the **plausible** remedial measures that could be taken to **assuage** such problems.

Talking about the problems, the most prominent one that is caused by the excessive misuse of natural resources is the **fragmentation** and loss of natural habitat for wild animals. It has been rife how wildlife has been marred and corroded due to the overexploitation of trees and timber for man's use without taking the deleterious effects of it on earth as a whole. Secondly, the impertinent usage of water and water bodies pollution has been severely cataclysmic to aquatic life, and not only has it wreaked havoc on the marine environment, but also human consumption. Moreover, the seething malice that humans have caused to our planet owing to their impudent and **improvident** practices have made us lose heavily on biodiversity particularly, that have not only made the world today fall apart at the seams, but has put all the living organisms under the peril.

The remedies to that should be focussed on eradicating the reckless behaviour that has been widespread among human beings today. When all of us would be acknowledged about the caprice it has caused to the health and wealth of earth, only then could we come to terms with the thought of protecting it further. Other than that we should be more cognizant about attenuating the usage of these resources or at least, utilizing them **judiciously**. That shall prevent the reckless expenditure of our precious resources. Controlling deforestation, wildlife conservation, saving water

bodies, and coming forth to safeguard nature shall help the cause and would instill the **proclivity** of conservation of natural resources in the long run.

Conclusively, it could thus be said that the resources that nature has gifted us are on the brink of getting extinguished. Taking the aforementioned **precautionary** measures would certainly help it get out of the danger zone.

Glossary

1. **Maladroit:** inefficient or inept; clumsy.
2. **Exacerbated:** make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.
3. **Plausible:** seeming reasonable or probable.
4. **Assuage:** make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense.
5. **Fragmentation:** the process or state of breaking or being broken into fragments.
6. **Improvident:** not having or showing foresight; spendthrift or thoughtless.
7. **Judiciously:** having, showing, or done with good judgement or sense.
8. **Proclivity: a** tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition towards a particular thing.
9. **Precautionary:** a measure taken in advance to prevent something dangerous.

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Essay 14

Some health professionals suggest that older people spend more time socializing with others and playing sports to stay healthy, but many retired people have experienced loneliness and a lack of fitness. Why has this happened? What can be done to address this?

Writing Guide to Essay 14

Step 1: You were given a cause/solution question essay for which you had to talk about the cause and the solution to the problem.

Step 2: Once you are clear about the causes you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Step 3: Body paragraph 1-

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Causes-

- It is pervasively seen how the older section of our society is agonized and secluded owing to various reasons and dynamics of the modern world. The first and the foremost cause of that is the over-ballooning population and the competition thereof.

- It has been seen and observed how people tend to forget to live while they earn when their major priorities should have revolved around living more than existing. This has caused them to overlook the human foreground and their prime responsibilities which are to spend time with their kins and pals. The affliction of older people being left all by themselves without getting their emotional needs satiated is the root effect of this phenomenon.

- The digitalization and the unwavering velocity of digital gradations have been nailing the plight of the older generation. Where people were seen more engrossed in the physical activities in the earlier times, be it walking, strolling, or engaging in social titbits, today has been badly abrogated with the advent of digital convenience. This has acutely abraded the mental well-being of senior citizens.

Step 4: Body paragraph 2

Solutions-

- Talking about the possible remedies to extenuate such harrowing experiences of senior citizens shall be to, first of all, realize that something needs to be done about making them feel exuberant, loved, and bringing them to the exhilaration of life.

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- Our procrastination has severely decayed the spirit out of our elder generation. Talking about all the aspects of health, emotional and mental well-being are the most essential of them all, and if this is dabbled up with, the whole essence of living is rendered sullied.

- They need to be motivated to be a part of social activities and hearty discussions. Time and again it has been proved how making one feel good about themselves has miraculously worked for the status of one's health owing to the release of dopamine and serotonin.

- In addition to that, instilling the essence of adding healthy vigor in their daily regime shall be extremely important in this regard, and hence, they should be encouraged to be physically active.

Step 5: Conclusion

Hence, in conclusion, it could be said that older generations are being seen getting in the shades of dilapidation and loneliness. However, instilling the aforementioned solutions would remarkably upgrade their life.

Sample Answer

The population today is suffering from various health ailments as per various surveys. From their mental health to physical well-being, people seem to be falling apart at the brinks. This issue is even more pronounced in our older generation. This situation has deteriorated even more given the retired and elderlies are not engaged in social activities and physical vigour. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall talk about the causes of this menace and the possible solutions to mitigate it.

It is **pervasively** seen how the older section of our society is agonized and secluded owing to various reasons and dynamics of the modern world. The first and the foremost cause of that is the over-ballooning population and the competition thereof. It has been seen and observed how people tend to forget to live while they earn when their major priorities should have revolved around living more than existing. This has caused them to overlook the human foreground and their prime responsibilities, which are to spend time with their kins and pals. The **affliction** of older people being left all by themselves without getting their emotional needs **satiated** is the root effect of this phenomenon. Secondly, digitalization and the unwavering velocity of digital gradations have been nailing the **plight** of the older generation. Where people were seen more engrossed in the physical activities in the earlier times, be it walking, **strolling,** or engaging in social titbits, today has been badly abrogated with the advent of digital convenience. This has acutely **abraded** the mental well-being of senior citizens.

Talking about the possible remedies to extenuate such **harrowing** experiences of senior citizens shall be to, first of all, realize that something needs to be done about making them feel **exuberant,** loved, and bringing them to the exhilaration of life. Our procrastination has severely decayed the spirit out of our elder generation. Talking about all the aspects of health, emotional and mental well-being are the most essential of them all, and if this is dabbled up with, the whole essence of living is rendered sullied. Secondly, they need to be motivated to be a part of social activities and hearty discussions. Time and again, it has been proved how making one feel good about themselves has miraculously worked for the status of one's health owing to the release of dopamine and serotonin. In addition to that, instilling the essence of adding healthy vigour in their daily regime shall be extremely important in this regard, and hence, they should be encouraged to be physically active.

Hence, in conclusion, it could be said that older generations are being seen getting in the shades of **dilapidation** and loneliness. However, instilling the aforementioned solutions would remarkably upgrade their life.

Glossary

1. **Pervasively:** that is present or noticeable in a thing or place.
2. **Affliction:** a cause of pain or harm.
3. **Satiated:** another term for state.
4. **Plight:** a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.
5. **Strolling:** walk in a leisurely way.
6. **Abraded:** scrape or wear away by friction or erosion.
7. **Harrowing:** acutely distressing.
8. **Exuberant:** full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.
9. **Dilapidation:** the state or process of falling into decay or being in disrepair.

Essay 15

Influence of human beings on the world's ecosystem is leading to the extinction of species and loss of bio-diversity. What are the primary causes of loss of bio-diversity? What solutions can you suggest?

Writing Guide to Essay 15

Step 1: You were given a cause/solution question essay for which you had to talk about the problem and the solution to the problem.

Step 2: Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

Step 3: Introduction

- Despite knowing about biodiversity's importance for a long time, human activity has been causing massive extinctions of different species.
- This essay will examine the main causes of loss of biodiversity and possible solutions of this problem.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1

- The two main causes of species extinction are change of their habitats and overexploitation of natural resources.
- When humans artificially transform the environment, they destroy vegetation and animals' natural habitat. For instance, to build new roads people are cutting down the trees and cementing the soil, altering the environment. Because of that, a lot of species are dying out.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2

- Some possible solutions to this problem are protecting natural areas and promoting awareness among people.
- By protecting areas where human activity is limited and avoiding overexploitation of its resources, we can save the untouched environment and prevent species from dying out. Moreover, the next step in fighting bio-diversity loss is informing the general population about the dangers of this problem. This way, people will be more conscious of the environment and won't overuse or destroy its resources.

Step 6: Conclusion

To conclude, people's activities that change the environment have negative impact on the world's ecosystem.

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Sample Answer

Despite knowing about biodiversity's importance for a long time, human activity has been causing massive extinctions of different species. This essay will examine the main causes of loss of biodiversity and possible solutions of this problem.

The two main causes of species extinction are change of their habitats and overexploitation of natural resources. When humans **artificially** transform the environment, they destroy vegetation and animals' natural habitat. For instance, to build new roads people are cutting down the trees and cementing the soil, **altering** the environment. Because of that, a lot of species are dying out. Also, when the activities connected with capturing and harvesting a natural resource are too intense in a particular area, the resource becomes exhausted. For example, too frequent fishing doesn't leave

enough time for fish to reproduce and makes them disappear. In other words, human activities often deplete local flora and fauna and cause loss of bio-diversity.

Some possible solutions to this problem are protecting natural areas and promoting awareness among people. By protecting areas where human activity is limited and avoiding **overexploitation** of its resources, we can save the **untouched** environment and prevent species from dying out. Moreover, the next step in fighting bio-diversity loss is informing the general population about the dangers of this problem. This way, people will be more conscious of the environment and won't overuse or destroy its resources.

To conclude, people's activities that change the environment have a negative impact on the world's ecosystem. However, we can significantly lessen the extinction of species by protecting natural areas and **enlightening** people as to this problem.

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Glossary

1. **Overexploitation** - the action or fact of making excessive use of a resource.
2. **Untouched** - not handled, used, or tasted.
3. **Enlightening** - give (someone) greater knowledge and understanding about a subject or situation.
4. **Artificially** - by means of human intervention rather than naturally.
5. **Altering** - change in character or composition, typically in a comparatively small but significant way.

Two Part Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

If you are given a two-part question essay, all you have to do with it is answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

A two-part question essay should have:

- Introduction
- Body Paragraphs vary according to the number of questions
- Conclusion

Introduction

Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

Body Paragraphs

Your body paragraph should revolve around the answer to the question. But it should be according to this format:

- A central idea
- Supporting ideas
- Example (optional, would help you to score a higher band)

A central idea: The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points: Added points that support your central idea.

Example: Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Conclusion: Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

Essay 16

Some parents buy their children whatever they ask for, and allow their children to do whatever they want. Is this a good way to raise children? What consequences could this style of parenting have for children as they get older?

Writing Guide to Essay 16

Step 1: You were given a two part question essay.

All you have to do with the two part question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

Step 2: Introduction

- **Question Paraphrased** - In today's society, some parents are becoming increasingly permissive. They do not impose sufficient discipline on their children, and in some cases buy them too many things.

- **Thesis Statement**- This essay will explore why this is not a good way to raise children and why it will have negative impacts upon them in future.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: Harmful effects of fulfilling needs of children

Supporting points:

- An overwhelming feeling of entitlement
- Encouraging unnecessary whims
- Exploiting morales for materialistic things.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Some ways to solve this problem

Supporting points:

- Parents can teach their children discipline.
- Children who's needs are fulfilled can focus on studies easily.

Step 5: Conclusion

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In conclusion, although it is tempting to give children whatever they want, parents ought to set rules and boundaries, and to be careful with how they reward children. If parents fail to impose a basic level of discipline, children may grow up with a poor attitude that will cause them and others to suffer.

Sample Answer

In today's society, some parents are becoming increasingly permissive. They do not impose sufficient discipline on their children, and in some cases buy them too many things. This essay will explore why this is not a good way to raise children and why it will have negative impacts upon them in future.

While it is understandable that parents want to give their children expensive toys and let them run freely in the streets, this is actually not really an

appropriate method of parenting. Having too many toys encourages children to be materialistic and does not offer them the same change to develop social skills like sharing. Furthermore, when children have asked for the toys, it gives them a sense of entitlement and even power over their parents. As for giving children too much freedom, there are obviously a great many dangers in this world from which they need to be kept safe. Children also need rules and boundaries to encourage them to develop into mature and responsible adults.

If parents insist on this permissive style of parenting, their children will grow up with very different values from those of stricter parents. Children who were never forced to study will end up with poorer grades in school, and those who were given everything they wanted as children will expect everything to come easily as adults. In short, they will lead difficult and disappointing lives, in contrast with what their parents hoped.

In conclusion, although it is tempting to give children whatever they want, parents ought to set rules and boundaries, and to be careful with how they reward children. If parents fail to impose a basic level of discipline, children may grow up with a poor attitude that will cause them and others to suffer.

Glossary

1. Undeniable – clear, true or certain.

2. Game console – a piece of electronic equipment for playing games on

3. Depicted – to show somebody/something in a painting or drawing.

4. Enticed – to persuade somebody to do something or to go somewhere by offering him/her something nice.

5. Comprehend – to understand something completely.

6. Pop-up adverts - a form of online advertising on the World Wide Web.

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Essay 17

In recent times, economic growth has helped many become richer, both in developed and developing countries. However, those in developed countries are not as happy as they were in the past.

Why is this? What can be learned from this?

Writing Guide to Essay 17

Step 1: You were given a two part question essay.

All you have to do with the two part question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

Step 2: Introduction

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As global wealth increases, there has been a surprising decrease in reported levels of happiness in developed nations. In my opinion, this is due to lifestyle changes, and it teaches that money is merely a baseline requirement for happiness.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: Less happiness - relates to how people live

Supporting points:

- Fewer free time options
- Modern lifestyles are predicated around isolation

- 21st century habits are a passive means of achieving low levels of contentment and pleasure

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Wealth is only the foundation of happiness

Supporting points:

- The lesson from this development is that wealth is only the foundation of happiness.
- Money only serves to guarantee basic necessities
- Happiness is an active byproduct of action

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Step 5: Conclusion

Lower levels of happiness are due to modern ways of living and this illustrates the relative importance of wealth. Happiness itself should not be an aim but rather a result of pursuing worthier life goals.

Sample Answer

As global wealth increases, there has been a surprising decrease in reported levels of happiness in developed nations. **In my opinion,** this is due to lifestyle changes, and it teaches that money is merely a baseline requirement for happiness.

The main reason individuals in wealthy nations are less happy today relates to how people live. **In the past**, people had fewer free time options and this led to more time being outside and socializing. Modern lifestyles are predicated on isolation. For example, the average worker or student after a long day is likely to spend at least a few hours watching movies on Netflix, messaging friends, checking social media, and listening to music. These 21st century habits would seemingly elevate happiness levels, but they are in fact a passive means of achieving low levels of **contentment** and pleasure. **In the aggregate**, this minimum **threshold** of commitment pales in comparison to more **substantial** activities.

The lesson from this development is that wealth is only the foundation of happiness. Many would claim that money has no relationship to happiness; **however,** this is **naive** since families living in poverty must obsess over simple matters such as shelter and nutrition. Money only serves to guarantee basic necessities, and happiness is an active byproduct of action. This can be seen most clearly in nations that score high on happiness surveys, such as Northern Europe and Japan. Individuals in these countries tend to have more focused lives and feel they are part of a community and culture that requires active engagement. These societies prioritise involvement with others and community responsibility and ignore the conventional hobbies that have led to dissatisfaction in other developed nations.

In conclusion, lower levels of happiness are due to modern ways of living and this **illustrates** the relative importance of wealth. Happiness itself should not be an aim but rather a result of pursuing worthier life goals.

Glossary

1. Contentment - a feeling of happy satisfaction.

2. Aggregate - formed or calculated by the combination of several separate elements; total.

3. Threshold - the level at which something starts to happen.

4. Substantial - large in amount.

5. Naive - without enough experience of life and too ready to believe or trust other people.

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Essay 18

Parents often give children everything they ask for and do what they like.

Is it good for children? What are the consequences when they grow up?

Writing Guide to Essay 18

Step 1: You were given a two part question essay.
All you have to do with the two part question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

Step 2: Introduction: Providing kids has emerged as a widespread parenting issue in many contemporary families. Given my viewpoint, this behaviour could have both short-term and long-term negative effects on children.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1 – Over-indulgence may cause some delay in the process of children learning important life skills. We can see this in a variety of age groups, ranging from toddlers to teenagers.

Step 4: Paragraph 2 – The consequences are even direr as over-indulged children grow up. If parents unconditionally satisfy all their children's needs, they may inadvertently make their children over-reliant on other people.

Step 5: Conclusion

With the above problems, it can be inferred that consuming may have a lot of negative impacts on children, such as postponing the acquisition of important life skills like self-feeding and the long-term effect of preventing future adults from being able to deal with situations.

Sample Answer

Indulging children has become a common parenting problem in many modern families. **From my perspective,** this practice may create some immediate adverse impacts on children and also results in long-term consequences for them.

In the short term, over-**indulgence** may cause some delay in the process of children learning important life skills. We can see this in a variety of age groups, ranging from **toddlers** to teenagers. For example, many over-caring parents spoon-feed their children until they are five or six, the developmental stage in which they should have already been able to eat independently. Also, there is a common practice in our country that parents assist their **preadolescent** children in taking a bath or a shower. As a result, children may fail to acquire basic personal hygiene skills at the right time.

In the long run, the consequences are even direr as over-indulged children grow up. If parents unconditionally satisfy all their children's needs, they may **inadvertently** make their children over-reliant on other people. When these children enter adulthood, the inability to live independently can cause some difficulties for them to maintain their overall well-being; for instance, they may be unaware of what to do when they catch a fever. **Furthermore,** it is a norm that over-indulgent parents are lenient and do not require children to face the consequences of their misbehavior. In general, this **deprives** children of the opportunities to learn from mistakes, which may cause their problem-solving skills to be severely lacking in the future.

From the issues outlined above, one can conclude that over-indulgence may produce a number of unfavourable effects on children, including the delay in gaining crucial life skills such as self-feeding and the long-term consequence of lacking the ability to cope with problems as adults in the future.

Glossary

1. **Indulgence:** allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of.
2. **Toddlers:** a young child who is just beginning to walk.
3. **Pre-adolescent:** (of a child) having nearly reached adolescence.
4. **Inadvertently:** without intention; accidentally.
5. **Deprive:** prevent (a person or place) from having or using something.

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Opinion Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- If you are given an opinion essay, you have to pick sides.
- You can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question.
- Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea

The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body paragraph 3

This paragraph is the trickiest of all. You need to convey to the examiner that:

- You are aware of the other side of the argument.
- Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

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Essay 1

Some people argue that it is the government's responsibility to transport children to school, while others believe parents should do that. Give your opinion.

Writing Guide to Essay 1

Step 1: Children's transportation to and from the school has always been a matter of high priority and concern.

Step 2: While some feel it lies with the government, others believe it is the lone responsibility of parents.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction:

- **Essay Type:** Opinion Essay
- **Introduction**
    - Paraphrase the topic sentence using synonyms.
    - Mention the view on the topic.

Step 4: Body paragraph 1-

Central idea: Benefits that the government gains from an educated community.

Supporting points:

- The reason behind the former group contemplating in such a way is in regards to a plethora of benefits the government is anticipating to accumulate from an educated community.
- It is highly essential that the government takes charge to ensure everybody gets free travel.
- This will also take off some burden from parents' shoulders, giving them a helping hand with expenses.

Step 5: Body paragraph 2-

Central idea: The security and safety of children should be the parent's liability.

Supporting points:

- The security and safety of the children should be given more priority in comparison to free travel.
- There is an increasing rate of several unfortunate incidents, such as child abuse, rape, and kidnapping.
- A majority of such events occur when children are not adequately transported from and to the schools.

Step 6: Body paragraph 3-
Supporting points:

- In my opinion, parents should take the sole responsibility of transporting their children to school.
- And this is the ideal solution to avoid a bad situation.
- This also strengthens the bond between parents and their children, which is more essential in the modern world.

Step 7: Conclusion: To conclude, there is no denying the fact that the government has responsibility for children's transportation, considering the benefits they would get. However, I believe that in this world of uncertainty, we must concentrate more on the children's safety.

Sample Answer

Children's transportation to and from the school has always been a matter of high priority and concern. **In this regard**, there is a **consistent controversy** as well. While some feel it lies with the government, others believe it is the responsibility of parents. I believe that the latter view is more **rational**. The forthcoming essay shall discuss both aspects of it and explain why I believe in the latter.

On the one hand, the reason behind the former group thinking in such a way is in regards to a plethora of benefits the government is **anticipating** to **accumulate** from an educated community. **Keeping this in mind**, it is highly essential that the government takes charge to ensure everybody gets free travel. This will also take off some burden from parents' shoulders, giving them a helping hand with expenses.

On the contrary, the latter group believes that the security and safety of the children should be given more priority in comparison to free travel. **To put it down clearly**, there is an increasing rate of several **unfortunate incidents**, such as child abuse, rape, and kidnapping. A majority of such events occur when children are not **adequately** transported from and to the schools.

In my opinion, parents should take the sole responsibility of transporting their children to school. And this is the **ideal** solution to avoid a bad situation. Not just that, this also strengthens the bond between parents and their children, which is more essential in the modern world.

To conclude, there is no denying the fact that the government has responsibility for children's transportation, considering the benefits they would get. **However,** I believe that in this world of uncertainty, we must concentrate more on the children's safety.

Glossary

1. **Rational:** based on or in accordance with reason or logic.
2. **Controversy:** prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion.
3. **Accumulate:** gather together or acquire an increasing number or quantity of.
4. **Adequately:** satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity.
5. **Ideal:** satisfying one's conception of what is perfect; most suitable.

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Essay 2

Some people think that famous people can help international aid organizations to draw attention to important problems. Others believe that the celebrities can make the problems seem less important. Give your opinion on this topic.

Writing Guide to Essay 2

Step 1: You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion. Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

Step 2: Many individuals hold the perspective that international assistance organizations frequently use celebrities to promote public awareness about social concerns like poverty, malnutrition and many other problems. In contrast, others believe that celebrities' activities can be used to minimize the severity of problems.

I believe that engaging celebrities in such activities can help create global awareness.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1:

Central Idea: Impact of negative endorsement on social issues by celebrities

Supporting points:

- Certain celebrities are not concerned in the severity of the issues
- Concerned about improving their public image
- Charge hefty amount of money for promotion

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Central Idea: Impact of positive endorsement on social issues by celebrities

Supporting points:

- Gains more attention than it would have otherwise
- Draw attention to people on such issues

Step 5: Conclusion:

Reiterated that celebrities have the ability to bring attention to subjects that otherwise go unnoticed and supported the side taken in introduction.

Sample Answer

Many individuals hold the perspective that international **relief aid** programs frequently use celebrities to promote public awareness about social concerns like **poverty, malnutrition** and many other problems. **In contrast,** others believe that celebrities' activities can be used to **minimize the severity** of problems. I believe that engaging celebrities in such activities can help create global awareness. **In the forthcoming paragraphs**, I shall discuss both views and give reasons to support my point of view.

On the one hand, there are many who believe that promoting such important topics with the help of well-known celebrities is **inappropriate**. Celebrities are usually unconcerned about these problems and are solely interested in enhancing their public image. Also, some celebrities charge **exorbitant fees** to promote such activities. **Furthermore,** most individuals who attend these gatherings are more interested in seeing celebrities than in the severity of the issues.

On the other hand, events that are **frequently** connected with famous celebrities receive more attention than those that are not, as many individuals follow and are inspired by these superstars. Angelina Jolie, for example, is a well-known actress who is also known for her **charitable efforts**

throughout the world. **As a result**, her participation in social gatherings has drawn attention to topics that might otherwise go unnoticed.

To summarise, celebrities have the ability to bring attention to subjects that may otherwise be overlooked. If handled with care and sensitivity, the icon can play a key role in **implementing change**. **However,** if that person uses the issue to benefit him- or herself, rather than the other way around, they can do **tremendous** harm to society in general.

Glossary

1. **Relief Aid:** To deal with emergencies from all over the world giving money to countries which have been affected by natural disasters.
2. **Severity:** the fact or condition of being severe.
3. **Exorbitant:** (of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high.
4. **Implement:** put (a decision, plan, agreement, etc.) into effect.
5. **Tremendous:** very great in amount, scale, or intensity.

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Essay 3

A high salary is much more important than job satisfaction. What is your opinion on this statement?

Writing Guide to Essay 3

Step 1: You were given an opinion essay which means you had to state your point of view regarding the question.

Step 2: Once you understand the question and decide your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction:

- **Essay Type:** Opinion Essay
- **Introduction**
    - Paraphrase the topic sentence using synonyms.
    - Mention the view on the topic.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1: Big Salary is a status symbol and satisfies needs to make one happy.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2: A big salary encourages to work more and leads to development of person and company.

Step 6: Conclusion: Sum up the points and state the final opinion.

Sample Answer

Rather than high job satisfaction, big salaries have become the trend in recent years. Despite the fact that jobs are not appealing, people argue that a **hefty** pay package can be more **lucrative** than job satisfaction. I completely agree that individuals who earn a high salary remain energetic and **blissful**.

It is obvious that money serves much more than merely to meet one's needs in this **materialistic** world. As well as a status symbol, it represents wealth and power. An employee who receives a **prestigious** salary can rent a home, purchase health insurance, travel, and have recreational time. A hefty salary keeps people happy and exultant. The reverse can occur when an individual does not receive a high remuneration. This may produce diseases, such as depression and heart ailments, as a result of dissatisfaction and distress.

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Another important reason for high income is that it keeps a person motivated at work. When a business pays them high salaries, employees feel content and passionate about their jobs. As a result, the staff work with greater efficiency and develop a tendency to appreciate the benefits that are provided. Consequently, it is a catalyst for the growth of the individual and the company.

A **substantial** amount of pay comes with a large amount of work, so some people may notice strained relationships with their relatives, but when a higher paycheck comes, these conditions are worth it.

In conclusion, being well-paid gives you a greater sense of fulfillment and encourages you to keep working, resulting in happiness and achievement.

Glossary

1. **Hefty**: extremely large
2. **Lucrative** - producing much money or making a large profit
3. **Blissful** - extremely or completely happy
4. **Materialistic** - believing that having money and possessions is the most important thing in life
5. **Prestigious** - very much respected and admired, usually because of being important or of high quality
6. **Recreational** - Something done for pleasure or to relax, or such activities
7. **Exultant** - filled with or expressing great joy or triumph : jubilant
8. **Remuneration** - amount of money that they are paid for the work that they do.

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Advantages/Disadvantages OR Positive/Negative

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- If you are given an advantages/disadvantages essay and you have to decide whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you have to list the advantages and disadvantages and decide which outweighs the other.
- Once you are clear about the advantages and disadvantages, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

Body Paragraph 1

- It should contain the advantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

Body Paragraph 2

- It should contain the disadvantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

Essay 4

Social media enables people to keep in touch with each other and learn about news events. Do advantages outweigh disadvantages?

Writing Guide to Essay 4

Step 1: You are asked to write an advantages/disadvantages essay. This precisely means that you have to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Step 2: Social media has a pervasive influence on our lives and has become a contentious issue in recent times.

In this essay, both aspects of social media will be discussed to reach a conclusion of whether the disadvantages eclipse its merits.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1:

Disadvantages -

- One of the major drawbacks of social media is that it has increased cyberbullying. The anonymity and distance provided by social media platforms often make it easier for people to troll or bully known persons or strangers online. This has also led to a surge in cybercrimes.
- Another demerit is that social media contributes to poor mental well-being and fosters feelings of isolation, depression, and anxiety among people. For example, people often report experiencing a fear of missing out due to constantly being overwhelmed with a plethora of news and updates about what others are doing.

- Instead of bringing people closer, social media has adversely impacted the quality of interpersonal connections. Some say that social media is causing people to become increasingly egocentric and reducing their concern for others.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Advantages -

- However, social media does have a few virtues. Firstly, it enables people to build personal and professional networks which can help them grow as individuals and connect people from different parts of the world which would not have been possible otherwise.
- It can allow people to showcase their talents online or gain new skills such as video editing or digital art.
- Additionally, it can also keep people informed about the latest information and make them aware of what is happening in the world around them. For instance, from the comfort of their homes, everyone is updated on the latest news about the Russia-Ukraine war, the inflation in America, the Globe Awards, etc.

Step 5: Conclusion:

Thus, in the end, it can be said that while social media does have a few positive effects, for the most part, it has played a largely detrimental role in our lives hence, its disadvantages can be considered to exceed its advantages.

Sample Answer

Social media has a **pervasive** influence on our lives and has become a **contentious** issue in recent times. Although there are some beneficial effects such as allowing people to connect and contact each other, it is not completely safe. In this essay, both aspects of social media will be discussed to reach a conclusion of whether the disadvantages eclipse its merits.

One of the major drawbacks of social media is that it has increased **cyberbullying**. The anonymity and distance provided by social media platforms often make it easier for people to troll or bully known persons or strangers online. This has also led to a surge in cybercrimes. Another demerit is that social media contributes to poor mental well-being and **fosters** feelings of isolation, depression, and anxiety among people. For example, people often report experiencing a fear of missing out due to constantly being **overwhelmed** with a plethora of news and updates about what others are doing. Instead of bringing people closer, social media has adversely impacted the quality of **interpersonal** connections. Some say that social media is causing people to become increasingly **egocentric** and reducing their concern for others.

However, social media does have a few virtues. Firstly, it enables people to build personal and professional networks which can help them grow as individuals and connect people from different parts of the world which would not have been possible otherwise. It can allow people to showcase their talents online or gain new skills such as video editing or digital art. **Additionally**, it can also keep people informed about the latest information and make them aware of what is happening in the world around them. **For instance,** everyone is updated on the latest news about the Russia-Ukraine war, the **inflation** in America, the Globe Awards, etc, from the comfort of their homes.

Thus, in the end, it can be said that while social media does have a few positive effects, for the most part, it has played a largely **detrimental** role in our lives hence, its disadvantages can be considered to **exceed** its advantages.

Glossary

1. **Pervasive:** in a way that is present or noticeable in every part of a thing or place.
2. **Contentious:** causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.
3. **Cyberbullying:** the use of electronic communication to bully a person, typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature.
4. **Foster:** encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable).
5. **Overwhelmed:** bury or drown beneath a huge mass of something, especially water.
6. **Egocentric:** thinking only of oneself, without regard for the feelings or desires of others; self-centred.
7. **Inflation:** the rate of increase in prices.

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Essay 5

Information technology is changing many aspects of our lives and now dominates our home, leisure and work activities. To what extent do the benefits of information technology outweigh the disadvantages?

Writing Guide to Essay 5

Step 1: You were given an advantage-disadvantage essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Step 2: It has not escaped anyone's attention and notice as to how the world has evolved digitally with the advent of technology and the internet.

This essay shall reflect over the advantages and disadvantages of the internet and technology and also, how its demerits have considerably trampled the society.

Step 3: Body paragraph 1-

Central idea: Advantages of the digital world.

Supporting points:

- The waves of technology have taken the conventional ways of life and brought in the modern ways of living along with it. Technology has revolutionised each and every aspect of it.
- Right from the way we used to shop to the medium of education everything has evolved and revolved around the internet. From ordering of food items, the foundation of e-learning to cutting down

the hassles of walking extra miles and wasting the time unnecessarily, the techno-wizardry has blown the world away.

- In addition to the day to day life innovation, from the business point of view as well, the technology has transformed the ways businesses were carried prior. From online retail websites to their execution, technology has made it possible for people to carry out their endeavours without spending much on the budget.
- Moreover, the data, analytics and business analytics have made the businesses and entrepreneurs to make informed decisions associated with the data.

Step 4: Body paragraph 2-

Central idea: Disadvantages of the digital world.

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Supporting points:

- The IT sector and its rapid advancement over a period of time has made people languid and passive.
- The internet has wide opened the perils of graphical violence and the potentially hazardous content for the public that has proved to have aggravated the misdemeanour and delinquency of the society.
- Moreover, has made the younger and credulous generation to fall prey to threatening environs of the digital. Coming to the health point of view, it has made people immensely languorous.
- With nearly everything available online and the availability of the desired commodities such as ration and confectionary items at our fingertips and doorsteps have struck the question off the consideration to even walk up to the stores and restaurants, etc.

- In addition to that, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have exacerbated the menace of unemployment across the world with the lack of the requirement of manual workers.

Step 5: Conclusion:

Conclusively it could thus be said that considering the flip side of technology, it won't be wrong to say that the IT sector has caused more disadvantages than its pros.

Sample Answer

It has not escaped anyone's attention and notice as to how the world has evolved digitally with the advent of technology and the internet. Our lives have been changed upside down and revolve around the **zenith** of technology that has impacted all the **nuances** of our lives and the way we live. Everything comes with its pros and shortcomings, and so is the case herewith. However, the cons of the internet have been extremely considerable as per various surveys. This essay shall reflect on the advantages and disadvantages of the internet and technology and how its demerits have considerably **trampled** society.

The waves of technology have replaced the **conventional** ways of life and **revolutionised** each and every aspect of it. Right from the way we used to shop to the medium of education, everything has evolved and revolved around the internet. From the ordering of food items, the foundation of e-learning to cutting down the hassles of walking extra miles and wasting time unnecessarily, techno-wizardry has blown the world away. In addition to the day to day life innovation, technology has transformed the ways businesses were carried prior. From online retail websites to their execution, technology has made it possible for people to carry out their endeavours without spending much on the budget. Moreover, data, analytics and

business analytics have helped businesses and entrepreneurs make informed decisions associated with the data.

In contrast to its advantages, a substantial pool of brains think that the IT sector and its rapid advancement over a period of time have made people **languid** and passive. The internet has wide opened the perils of graphic violence and the potentially hazardous content for the public that has aggravated the **misdemeanour** and **delinquency** of the society. Moreover, has made the younger and credulous generation fall prey to threatening environs of the digital. Coming to the health point of view, it has made people **immensely languorous.** With nearly everything available online and the availability of the desired commodities such as ration and confectionary items at our fingertips and doorsteps have struck the question off the consideration to even walk up to the stores and restaurants, etc. In addition to that, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have **exacerbated** the menace of unemployment across the world with the lack of the requirement of manual workers.

Conclusively, it could thus be said that considering the flip side of technology, it won't be wrong to say that the IT sector has caused more disadvantages than its pros.

Glossary

1. **Zenith:** the time at which something is most powerful or successful.
2. **Nuances:** a subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, or sound.
3. **Trampled:** tread on and crush.
4. **Conventional:** based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed.

5. **Revolutionized:** change (something) radically or fundamentally.
6. **Languid:** (of a person, manner, or gesture) having or showing a disinclination for physical exertion or effort.
7. **Misdemeanour:** a minor wrongdoing.
8. **Deliquency:** (typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime.
9. **Languorous:** characterized by tiredness or inactivity, especially of a pleasurable kind.
10. **Exacerbated:** make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

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Essay 6

A lot of places in the world rely on tourism as a main source of income. Unfortunately, tourism can also be a source of problems if it is not managed correctly. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of tourism in the modern world.

Writing Guide to Essay 6

Step 1: You were given an advantages/disadvantages essay and you have to decide whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Step 2: Once you are clear about the advantages and disadvantages, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction

Nowadays tourism generates a significant portion of national income for many countries, but it has certain drawbacks too. This essay will examine the advantages and disadvantages of tourism and provide a logical conclusion.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1: Advantages

- The two main advantages of a developed tourism industry are a boost in a country's economy and a large number of new job openings for the local people.
- Firstly, tourists spend money on a wide range of services, including hotels, amusements, transportation, food and medical services. This way, tourism yields an additional income, greatly supporting the countries' economies.

- Secondly, tourism increases the level of employment by bringing new jobs. For instance, the influx of tourists results in a larger demand in restaurant workers, tour guides, hotel staff and employees of retail services, exhorting business owners to hire more people for these positions.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2 - Disadvantages

- However, tourism also has some major disadvantages like destruction of popular tourist destinations and development of illegal economic activities.
- Ancient buildings, temples and monuments struggle to cope with a vast amount of visitor's traffic and get damaged. Also, the large number of tourists can cause environmental problems. For instance, when places of interest are overcrowded, natural resources often become overexploited.
- What's more, tourism can create more serious situations where criminal issues are involved. The presence of a considerable number of tourists with a lot of money to spend, and often carrying valuables such as cameras and jewelry, increases the attraction for criminals and brings with it activities like robbery and drug dealing.
- However, proper hospitality management and correct usage of tourism revenue by the local government can eliminate these disadvantages.

Step 6: Conclusion

To conclude, although tourism has certain disadvantages like destructive effects and growth of crime rate, it has an extremely positive impact on a country's economy and provides a large number of new jobs for the local people. I believe that these benefits of tourism outweigh its drawbacks.

Sample Answer

Nowadays tourism generates a significant portion of national income for many countries, but it has certain drawbacks too. This essay will examine the advantages and disadvantages of tourism and provide a logical conclusion.

The two main advantages of a developed tourism industry are a boost in a country's economy and a large number of new job openings for the local people. Firstly, tourists spend money on a wide range of services, including hotels, amusements, transportation, food and medical services. This way, tourism yields an additional income, greatly supporting the country's economy. Secondly, tourism increases the level of employment by bringing new jobs. For instance, the influx of tourists results in a larger demand in restaurant workers, tour guides, hotel staff and employees of retail services, **exhorting** business owners to hire more people for these positions.

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But tourism also has some major disadvantages like destruction of popular tourist destinations and development of illegal economic activities. iAncient buildings, temples and monuments struggle to cope with a vast amount of visitor's traffic and get damaged. Also, the large number of tourists can cause environmental problems. For instance, when places of interest are overcrowded, natural resources often become **overexploited**. What's more, the presence of a considerable number of tourists with a lot of money to spend, and often carrying valuables such as cameras and jewelry, increases the attraction for criminals and brings with it activities like robbery and drug dealing. However, proper **hospitality** management and correct usage of tourism revenue by the local government can eliminate these disadvantages.

To conclude, although tourism can have certain negative effects like **destructive** impact and growth of crime rate, it has an extremely positive influence on a country's economy and provides a large number of new jobs for the local people. I believe that these benefits of tourism outweigh its drawbacks.

Glossary

1. **Destructive** - causing great and irreparable damage.
2. **Hospitality** - the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.
3. **Overexploited** - use (a resource) excessively.
4. **Exhorting** - strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something

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Discussion Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given a discussion essay, you have to write about both sides of the statement.**
- **Offer your opinion, only if you are asked to.**
- **Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.**

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement (if asked for opinion) – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

Possible central idea

- The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.
- Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

- Possible central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea. Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.
- Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body paragraph 3

- It should contain your opinion along with supporting points for your opinion. This can be done in the conclusion paragraph too but it may be a bit weird. Thus, it's always better to have a body paragraph with your opinion.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

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Essay 7

Many people argue that in order to improve educational quality, high school students should be encouraged to question and offer criticisms of their teachers. Others think this will lead to a loss of respect and discipline in the classroom. Discuss both views and give your perspective.

Writing Guide to Essay 7

Step 1: You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Step 2: In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall discuss both views and give reasons to support my point of view.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1:

Central Idea: Teachers' positions require respect

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Supporting points:

- A teacher who is consistently being interrupted by students will not be able to lecture and assign and mark homework well.
- Many students might exploit a rule that encourages questions to derail lessons and undermine the teacher intentionally.
- There is also the possibility that the negative attitude of some students will create general unrest that is not conducive to gaining knowledge.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Central Idea: The free discussion of ideas is essential to the best learning.

Supporting points:

- Students sitting quietly and feigning interest in class are likely to become less motivated.

- If a class is studying a work of literature or an event in history, students will engage more fully in lessons if they are allowed to ask questions in a planned way.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 3:

Central Idea: Support your viewpoint.

Supporting points:

- Therefore, I believe by asking questions, even if these queries are loosely defined as criticisms of what is being taught, they will suddenly have a reason to learn, and the lesson will become more memorable for all students.
- The questions might also lead the class to novel insights if the teacher is confident enough to embark on collaborative explorations.
- The appearance of respect when most students question their teachers in private holds little value beyond preserving unwarranted pride.

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Step 6: Conclusion:

Reiterated that although certain educational institutions fear that questions may undermine teachers, they are the foundation of a positive learning environment and supported the side taken in the introduction.

Sample Answer

Our education system has been **clinging** to the same old beliefs throughout the decades. Today, some **contend** that high school students should have greater space to critique and question their teachers, despite the risks this presents for classroom management. I am firmly in agreement, as this enables the ideal learning environment. **In the forthcoming** paragraphs, I shall discuss both views and give reasons to support my point of view.

Critics of this shift in mentality point out that teachers' positions require respect. A teacher who is consistently being interrupted by students will not be able to lecture and assign and mark homework well. Many students might exploit a rule that encourages questions to distract lessons and undermine the teacher intentionally. There is also the possibility that the negative attitude of some students will create general unrest that is not **conducive** to gaining knowledge.

On the other hand, the free discussion of ideas is essential to the best learning. Students sitting quietly and pretending to be interested in class are likely to become less motivated. **Moreover**, if a class is studying a work of literature or an event in history, students will engage more fully in lessons if they are allowed to ask questions in a planned way.

Therefore, I believe by asking questions, even if these queries are loosely defined as criticisms of what is being taught, they will suddenly have a reason to learn, and the lesson will become more memorable for all students. The questions might also lead the class to novel insights if the teacher is confident enough to embark on **collaborative explorations**. **Moreover,** the appearance of respect when most students question their teachers in private holds little value beyond preserving **unwarranted** pride.

In conclusion, although certain educational institutions fear that questions may undermine teachers, they are the foundation of a positive learning environment. Schools should embrace academic **rigour** in all its forms.

Glossary

1. **Clinging:** hold on tightly to.
2. **Contend:** struggle to surmount (a difficulty).
3. **Conducive:** making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.
4. **Unwarranted:** not justified or authorized.
5. **Rigour:** the quality of being extremely thorough and careful.

Essay 8

Some parents think that helping their children with homework is a good idea, others believe that individuals should do their homework on their own. Discuss both the views and give your opinion.

Writing Guide to Essay 8

Step 1: You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion. Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Step 2: In the forthcoming sections of this essay, I will be elucidating both the inclinations and will put across my viewpoint as to why making children do their homework is preferable.

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Step 3: Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: Reasons parents should guide their children to complete their homework.

Supporting points:

- Helping children might seem like an ineluctable way to make them do their homework by some parents. For example, children are too naive to decipher the essence of doing their homework and hence might slip it aside, considering it not to be essential. This way, it becomes highly likely that children will procrastinate their assigned tasks and not pay attention to what is required of them.
- Not only will this get them subjected to being on the receiving end of their teachers' rebuke, but it will also make them lose the race.

- Further, helping the young ones in their daily studies builds a strong bond between the parent and the child as they get to spend time together and discuss various topics.
- In addition to that, children might not be potent enough to be able to do their homework and, therefore, would require thorough guidance from their parents.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Benefits helping children to do their homework.

Supporting points:

- Contrary to that, the other side of the argument buttresses the need for parents to let their children do their own work.
- Childhood is the most delicate period for a human. It is the phase where one learns and makes the most out of various learning experiences. For instance, if a child is supported unwarrantedly in regular events such as homework, it would cripple and maraud their learning opportunities. Not letting a child do their homework incapacitates their potential. It is surveyed that a human learns the most in the early years of their life.
- If the liberty of learning independently is curbed, the entire intellectual capabilities are dismayed. Hence, we should let children do their homework. Even if they don't deliver it to the expected quality, they should be able to figure out better ways to make it right.

Step 5: Body paragraph 3 -

Supporting points:

- I find myself completely aligned with the latter point of view.

- It is because allowing a child to find the solution the hard way to not only develop their problem-solving faculties but also make them self-reliant and enable them to achieve a lot more than others.

Step 6: Conclusion: Hence, it may be concluded that children should be given the liberty to do their homework on their own without enfeebling their self-learning objectives.

Sample Answer

Education and **didactics** have always been a bone of contention. There has always been a stark **dichotomy** between different schools of mind. Some people propel children to do their homework independently, while others propagate the idea of helping children do their homework. **In the forthcoming** sections of this essay, I will be elucidating both the inclinations and will put across my viewpoint as to why making children do their homework is preferable.

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Helping children might seem like an ineluctable way to make them do their homework by some parents. **For example,** children are too naive to decipher the essence of doing their homework and hence might slip it aside, considering it not to be essential. This way, it becomes highly likely that children will procrastinate their assigned tasks and not pay attention to what is required of them. Not only will this get them subjected to being on the receiving end of their teachers' **rebuke**, but it will also make them lose the race. **Further,** helping the young ones in their daily studies builds a strong bond between the parent and the child as they get to spend time together and discuss various topics. **In addition to that,** children might not be **potent** enough to be able to do their homework and, therefore, would require thorough guidance from their parents.

Contrary to that, the other side of the argument buttresses the need for parents to let their children do their own work. Childhood is the most delicate period for a human. It is the phase where one learns and makes the most out of various learning experiences. For instance, if a child is supported unwarrantedly in regular events such as homework, it would **cripple** and maraud their learning opportunities. Not letting a child do their homework incapacitates their potential. It is surveyed that a human learns the most in the early years of their life. If the liberty of learning independently is curbed, the entire intellectual capabilities are **dismayed**. Hence, we should let children do their homework. Even if they don't deliver it to the expected quality, they should be able to figure out better ways to make it right.

I find myself completely aligned with the latter point of view. It is because allowing a child to find the solution the hard way to not only develop their problem-solving faculties but also make them **self-reliant** and enable them to achieve a lot more than others.

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Hence, it may be concluded that children should be given the liberty to do their homework on their own without enabling their self-learning objectives.

Glossary

1. **Didactics:** intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction as an ulterior motive.
2. **Dichotomy:** a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different.
3. **Rebuke:** express sharp disapproval or criticism.
4. **Potent:** having great power, influence, or effect.
5. **Cripple:** deprive of the ability to function normally.
6. **Dismayed:** cause (someone) to feel concern and distress.
7. **Self-Reliant:** reliant on one's own powers and resources.

Essay 9

It is commonly believed that nowadays the main factors that affect a child's development are media, pop culture and friends. A different point of view is that family plays the most significant role.

Writing Guide to Essay 9

Step 1: You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Step 2: Discuss both views, choose a side and state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Essay Introduction:

- **General Statement:** It is often held that teachers, peers and the media have a significant influence on the life of children.
- **Sentence Paraphrase:** While some people argue that these factors are predominant in shaping a child's future, others believe that parents impact their offspring in more critical ways.
- **Outline:** This essay will discuss both these points of view and argue in favor of the latter.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1:

- **Possible Central idea**: External factors have a more considerable influence on a child's development.
- **Supporting Points:**
    - Children tend to copy the behaviour of their favourite fictional characters.
    - Children spend a lot of time with their peers.
    - Technology has an all-pervasive impact on children.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2:

- **Possible Central idea**: The family has a greater influence on a child's development.
- **Supporting Points:**
  - Parents are always present in the life of a child.
  - The younger the children are, the more malleable their character is.
  - Parents can set boundaries and have more control over their children.

Step 6: Body Paragraph 3

- In the 3rd body paragraph, you can give your opinion.
- In my opinion, children's choice of friends, books or music depends on the values instilled in them by their parents. Therefore, parents hold more substantial sway over their offspring than media, pop culture and friends circle.

Step 7: Conclusion

In conclusion, the outside world influences the intellectual and social development of children. However, I believe that it is parents who set the stage for these developments by laying a strong foundation from a very young age.

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Sample Answer

It is often held that teachers, peers and the media have a significant influence on the life of children. While some people argue that these factors are **predominant** in shaping a child's future, others believe that parents impact their offspring in more critical ways. This essay will discuss both these points of view and argue in favour of the latter.

On the one hand, the books children read and the music they listen to form their belief system. In other words, children tend to copy the behaviour of their favourite personality or fictional character. Moreover, when little ones work and play in groups, they are influenced by their **peers**. Finally, other factors, like the media, **prompt** children to want things regarded as fashionable. For instance, children demand toys that they see on television.

On the other hand, a child's personality is **malleable** at a very young age, and parents are always present in their life at this stage. Also, very young children love to imitate. For example, children who come from a dysfunctional family often exhibit behavioural problems at school. An emotionally secure environment at home is critical for the child's confidence. Moreover, parents also teach children about setting **boundaries**.

In my opinion, children's choice of friends, books or music depends on the values **instilled** in them by their parents. Therefore, parents hold more substantial sway over their offspring than media, pop culture and friends circle.

In conclusion, the outside world influences the **intellectual** and social development of children. However, I believe that it is parents who set the stage for these developments by laying a strong foundation from a very young age.

Glossary

1. **Predominant** - present as the strongest or main element.
2. **Peers** - look with difficulty or concentration at someone or something.
3. **prompt** - encourage (a hesitating speaker) to say something.
4. **Malleable** - easily influenced; pliable.
5. **Boundaries** - a line which marks the limits of an area; a dividing line.
6. **Instilled** - gradually but firmly establish (an idea or attitude) in a person's mind.
7. **Intellectual** - a person possessing a highly developed intellect.

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Agree/Disagree Essays

General Structure

There are two ways in which you can write this essay. You can either choose to agree/disagree with the question statement (Type I) or partially agree (Type II).

Type I:

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given an agree or disagree essay, you have to pick sides.**
- **You can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question.**
- **Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.**

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Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should have a general statement.
- The question should be paraphrased. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.
- An outline of the essay - This should talk about what the forthcoming paragraphs entail.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea

The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Conclusion

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

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Type II:

Instructions to follow

- **With the Type II of an agree or disagree essay, you partially agree with the given opinion.**
- **In the first paragraph, you can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question. However, in the second paragraph, you will have to subtly mention your awareness of the other side as well.**
- **Once you partially agree with the opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.**

An agree or disagree essay should have:

Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should have a general statement.
- The question should be paraphrased. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your partial agreement.
- An outline of the essay - This should talk about what the forthcoming paragraphs entail.

Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

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A central idea

The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around your awareness of the other side but you will still be supporting your opinion.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Conclusion: Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

Essay 10

Big salary is much more important than job satisfaction.

Do you agree or disagree?

Provide relevant examples if necessary.

Writing Guide to Essay 10

Step 1: paraphrase the statement (you can use 'it is argued/considered/thought that' to start):

It is often argued that it is more advantageous to choose a job with high wage, even if it doesn't appeal to you at all.

Step 2: say whether you agree or disagree with it and extend your opinion:

I completely disagree with this opinion and think that job satisfaction is much more important than salary.

Step 3: Body paragraph 1 - the 1st reason you agree/disagree

State the first reason you agree/disagree.

This sentence should contain the main idea of the whole 1st paragraph. Use words firstly or first of all to introduce the first reason. In our case we'll use the reason that job satisfaction gives you a sense of fulfillment:

First of all, I believe that job satisfaction gives people a sense of fulfillment that no money can guarantee.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2

To explain the reason effectively, you can imagine that your examiner has no knowledge of this subject at all and you have to explain every detail:

Even if someone is earning a high salary, but feels tensed and compromises with his conscience, this person won't enjoy his life. While pursuing one's interests will always bring pleasure and feeling of satisfaction.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 3:

It's always good to give examples in your body paragraphs, even if you're not asked to do it. In our case, the task asks you to provide relevant examples:

For example, a lot of famous researchers made their career choices not because of appealing wages, but because they were passionate about science.

Step 6: Conclusion:

That's why it's more important to choose the kind of work that makes you happy than to look only at a high salary.

Sample Answer

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It is often argued that it is more advantageous to choose a job with high wage, even if it doesn't appeal to you at all. I completely disagree with this opinion and think that job satisfaction is much more important than salary.

First of all, I believe that job satisfaction gives people a sense of fulfillment that no money can guarantee. Even if someone is earning a high salary, but feels tensed and **compromises** with his **conscience**, this person won't enjoy his life. While pursuing one's interests will always bring pleasure and feeling of satisfaction. For example, a lot of famous researchers made their career choices not because of appealing wages, but because they were passionate about science. That's why it's more important to choose the kind of work that makes you happy than to look only at a high salary.

Secondly, doing what you like keeps you motivated and therefore leads to a career growth. In other words, there is a strong relation between job satisfaction and productivity. People who love their jobs can easily excel in

their fields of work and achieve better results than those, who put salary on the first place. For instance, Henry Miller decided to leave his everyday job despite a good wage and **ventured** to become a writer. And after **enduring** years of ups and downs he became one of the most famous and well-paid authors of the twentieth century. Thus, advantages of jobs that keep you satisfied outweigh the drawback of a low salary in a long-term perspective.

To conclude, I strongly believe that job satisfaction is more beneficial than high salary because it makes people happy and motivated.

Glossary

1. **Compromise:** settle a dispute by mutual concession.
2. **Conscience:** a person's moral sense of right and wrong.
3. **Ventured:** undertake a risky or daring journey or course of action.
4. **Enduring:** lasting over a period of time; durable.

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Essay 11

To succeed in a business, one needs to know math's. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Writing Guide to Essay 11

Step 1: You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- **Do you agree** that if a business wants to succeed, they need to know math's?

(OR)

- **Do you disagree** that if a business wants to succeed, they need to know math's?

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Step 2: Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

You can put forward your perspective of agreeing or disagreeing.

In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 1:

Topic: Ways additional resources besides math's can help to run a business.

Supporting points:

- Using additional help like hiring experts
- Recruiting specialists

Step 4: Body Paragraph 2:

Topic: Requirement of additional skills for business

Supporting points:

- Business software that help
- Importance of managerial and organizational skills
- Leadership qualities that help

Step 5: Conclusion:

Reiterated that success of the business is not just based on math but also on proper resource management of resources and supported the side taken in the introduction.

Sample Answer

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People have regularly shared their ideas for success in business. Many individuals feel that mathematics is essential for commercial success. **In my opinion**, I disagree with this concept. I believe that in order to thrive in business, one must have proper **managerial** skills. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

Many people believe that it is essential to excel in math's to be a great businessman. **Math aids** in gaining a good understanding of **computations** and figures. However, it's not true. One can always hire employees like accountants and financial experts to manage the business flow. The recruited personnel are specialists in their professions and can assist owners in **predicting** future earnings and losses.

Additionally, the business owner who does not even understand basic math can avoid being **duped** by their staff by purchasing business plan software's. Entrepreneurs just have to put in the **appropriate** numbers and the software

will generate professional results. Besides that, the success of the firm is determined by the owners' managerial abilities, organizational skills, and capability to use employees for maximum efficiency. **Furthermore, entrepreneurs** must possess excellent leadership qualities, such as the ability to establish a clear company strategy and vision. **Above all,** an entrepreneur should be aware of their own **SWOT**, as well as what they can contribute to the table.

However, it might be true that the nature of business involves calculations for monetary transactions. Therefore, all the activities in a company are indirectly related to math's, and not having the basic knowledge of math's is a significant disadvantage. Irrespective of this common belief, the recent technological advancements do not allow math's to impede anybody's success.

To sum up, commercial success is based not only on math but also on proper **resource management** in organizations.

Glossary

1. **Math aid:** supplementary materials used by teachers.
2. **Predict:** say or estimate that (a specified thing) will happen in the future.
3. **Duped:** deceive; trick.
4. **Appropriate:** suitable or proper in the circumstances.
5. **SWOT:** SWOT analysis is a strategic planning and strategic management technique used to help a person or organization identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.

Essay 12

It is impossible to help all people around the world in need so governments should focus on people from their own country. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Writing Guide to Essay 12

Step 1: You were given an agree-disagree essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

1. **Do you agree** that it is impossible to help people around the world in need so governments should focus on people from their own country?

OR

2. **Do you disagree** that it is impossible to help people around the world in need and that governments should focus on people from their own country?

Step 2: Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Step 3: Essay Introduction:

- **Question Paraphrased** - Countless people today have recommended that governments should prioritise supporting their own people over donating overseas.
- **A thesis statement** - I strongly agree with this statement as global involvements generally do more harm than good, and governments get better control regarding national help.

Step 4: Body Paragraph 1:

Central idea: Nations facilitated by external relief either end up misusing the contributions or become overly reliant on.

Supporting points:

- Certain dishonest governments would often control the aid to preserve their autocratic position.
- There is a strong probability of establishing a dependency.

Step 5: Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Governments can impact their own populace better.

Supporting points:

- There is an array of techniques that these authorities can choose.

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Example:

- In China, the public authority has colossal influence over both public and private elements.

Step 6: Conclusion:

All in all, governments can mediate most successfully in their own countries. I agree with the fact that it is better if governments helped people in their own countries.

Sample Answer

Countless people today have recommended that governments should prioritise supporting their own people over donating overseas. I strongly agree with this statement as global involvements generally do more harm than good, and governments get better control regarding national help.

First, foreign help could be a bit difficult for every nation to acquire. **Amidst** the ones that are **facilitated** by external relief, a majority of nations either end up misusing the contributions or become overly reliant on them. A good instance of this would be the **assistance** sent to numerous African countries during times of public chaos. Certain dishonest governments would often control the aid, whether food supplies or financial support, to preserve their **autocratic** position. Even in the occasional cases where help reaches its planned targets without intrusion from governments or non-governmental organisations, there is a strong probability of establishing a dependency. People usually profit more long-term from developing features related to **self-reliance** rather than becoming **submissive** in a dependent relationship.

Furthermore, governments can impact their own population better. There is an array of techniques that these authorities can choose, for example, subsidizing a **comprehensive** social government assistance net, letting individuals keep a greater amount of their tax money, and more. A good illustration of this would be in China where the public authority has colossal influence over both public and private elements. This guarantees that their help isn't abused and that it upholds really **weak fragments** of the **populace.** Their oversight and information on their own nation means a more productive allotment of assets, and this applies for the most part to governments all around the world. Although contributing to the global economy periodically is acceptable, it’s better if it does not become a habit.

All in all governments can mediate most successfully in their own countries. Consequently, unfamiliar assistance ought to be restricted to situations of outrageous emergency.

Glossary

1. **Facilitated** - make (an action or process) easy or easier.
2. **assistance** - the action of helping someone by sharing work.
3. **autocratic** - relating to a ruler who has absolute power.
4. **self-reliance** - reliance on one's own efforts and abilities.
5. **submissive** - ready to conform to the authority or will of others; meekly obedient or passive.
6. **comprehensive** - including or dealing with all or nearly all elements or aspects of something.
7. **fragments** -a small part broken off or separated from something.
8. **Populace** - the people living in a particular country or area.

Student Space

Problem/ Solution OR Cause/ Solution Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions.**
- **Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.**

Introduction

Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

Body Paragraph 1

- Problems
- Real-life examples

Body Paragraph 2:

- Solutions
- Real-life examples

Conclusion: Your conclusion paragraph should paraphrase the question.

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Essay 13

The internet has transformed the way information is shared and consumed, but it has also created problems that did not exist before.

What are the most serious problems associated with the internet and what solutions can you suggest?

Writing Guide to Essay 13

Step 1: You were given a cause/solution question essay for which you had to talk about the cause and the solution to the problem.

Step 2: Once you are clear about the causes & solutions you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction

- **General Statement** - The enormous growth in the use of the internet over the last decade has led to radical changes to the way that people consume and share information.

- **Paraphrasing** - It is important that action is taken to combat these problems because if not taken seriously, they might be harmful and destroy things in the long-run.

- **Outline of the Essay** - In the following paragraphs of this essay, the problems resulting from this and possible solutions will be discussed.

Step 4: Body paragraph 1-

- **Problems -**

- One of the first problems of the internet is the ease with which children can access potentially dangerous sites.

- Another major problem is the growth of online fraud and hacking. These days, there are constant news stories about government and company websites that have been hacked.

Step 5: Body paragraph 2-

Solutions-

- Governments should ensure that adequate legislation and controls are in place.
- Companies must also improve their onsite IT security systems to make fraud and hacking much more difficult by undertaking thorough reviews of their current systems for weaknesses.

- Parents also have a part to play. They need to closely monitor the activities of their children and restrict their access to certain sites.

Step 7: Conclusion-

- To conclude, the internet is an amazing technological innovation that has transformed people's lives, but not without negative impacts. However, with the right action by individuals, governments and businesses, it can be made a safe place for everyone.

Sample Answer

The **enormous** growth in the use of the internet over the last decade has led to **radical** changes to the way that people consume and share information. Although serious problems have arisen as a result of this, there are solutions.

One of the first problems of the internet is the ease with which children can access potentially dangerous sites. For example, pornography sites are easily accessible to them because they can register with a site and claim to be an adult. There is no doubt that this affects their thoughts and development, which is a negative impact for the children and for society. Another major problem is the growth of online fraud and hacking. These days, there are constant news stories about government and company websites that have been hacked, resulting in sensitive information falling into the hands of criminals.

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It is important that action is taken to **combat** these problems. Governments should ensure that **adequate legislation** and controls are in place that will prevent young people from accessing dangerous sites, such as requiring more than simply confirming that you are an adult to view a site. Parents also have a part to play. They need to closely monitor the activities of their children and restrict their access to certain sites, which can now be done through various computer programs. Companies must also improve their onsite IT security systems to make fraud and hacking much more difficult by undertaking thorough reviews of their current systems for weaknesses.

To conclude, the internet is an amazing technological innovation that has transformed people's lives, but not without negative impacts. However, with the right action by individuals, governments and businesses, it can be made a safe place for everyone.

Glossary

1. **Enormous:** very large in size, quantity, or extent.
2. **Radical:** relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough.
3. **Combat:** fighting between armed forces.
4. **Adequate:** satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity.
5. **Legislation:** laws, considered collectively.

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Essay 14

One problem faced by almost every large city is traffic congestion.

What do you think the causes are? What solutions can you suggest?

Writing Guide to Essay 14

Step 1: You were given a cause/solution question essay for which you had to talk about the cause and the solution to the problem.

Step 2: Once you are clear about the causes & solutions you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction

- **General Statement** - One of the most serious issues facing the majority of large urban areas is traffic jams.

- **Paraphrasing** - One of the most serious issues facing the majority of large urban areas is traffic jams.

- **Outline of the Essay** - The main reason for this is that there are too many private cars on the roads these days and a viable solution is to introduce more park-and-ride schemes.

Step 4: Body paragraph 1-

Problems -

- Too many cars on the roads – increasing numbers of people own cars, more convenient than buses & trains
- Inadequate public transport – crowded, old & dirty
- Poor road layout
- Rush hour traffic – most people travel to & from work at the same times each day

Step 5: Body paragraph 2-

Solutions-

- Car sharing, park-and-ride scheme, congestion charge
- Improve public transport – more frequent and better quality
- Improve infrastructure – bus lanes, cycle lanes will make it safer for people to cycle
- Flexible working hours

Step 7: Conclusion-

- To conclude, the major urban problem of traffic congestion caused by the excessive number of private cars on city roads can be partly alleviated by the introduction of park- and-ride systems on city fringes. I would certainly use one if it was introduced in my area.

Sample Answer

One of the most serious issues facing the majority of large urban areas is traffic jams. The main reason for this is that there are too many private cars on the roads these days and a viable solution is to introduce more park-and-ride schemes.

The number of people owning cars increases year on year, with most families now having more than one car. Most people like the **convenience** of travelling at the time they want to rather than being restricted to public transport timetables, so they prefer to drive themselves around rather than taking the bus or train. This is despite the fact that they frequently have to sit in long traffic **queues** as they near the city centre. Whenever I have to attend a meeting in the city, I always drive because it means that I can leave home when I want to rather than getting stressed about getting to the station in time to catch the train.

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A solution that is proving successful in many areas is park-and-ride **schemes**. This is where you park your car for free in a large car park on the **outskirts** of the city and take a bus for the final part of your journey. The fee you have to pay for the bus trip is usually very small and this public transport system is generally very regular, running every ten minutes or so. A survey carried out in the city of Exeter showed that the rush hour **congestion** decreased by 10% when the council set up a **park-and-ride** scheme to the north of the city. There was an additional drop of another 10% in traffic volume when a second scheme began operating to the south.

To conclude, the major urban problem of traffic congestion caused by the excessive number of private cars on city roads can be partly **alleviated** by the introduction of park- and-ride systems on city fringes. I would certainly use one if it was introduced in my area.

Glossary

1. **Convenience:** the state of being able to proceed with something without difficulty.
2. **Queues:** a line or sequence of people or vehicles awaiting their turn to be attended to or to proceed.
3. **Schemes:** a large-scale systematic plan or arrangement for attaining a particular object or putting a particular idea into effect.
4. **Outskirts:** the outer parts of a town or city.
5. **Congestions:** the state of being congested.
6. **Park-and-ride:** a system for reducing urban traffic congestion, in which drivers leave their cars in car parks on the outskirts of a city and travel to the city centre on public transport.
7. **Alleviated:** make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.

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Essay 15

In some parts of the world, people have become more focused on themselves than their communities. What problems can this situation cause and how can they be solved?

Writing Guide to Essay 15

Step 1: You were given a cause/solution question essay for which you had to talk about the cause and the solution to the problem.

Step 2: Once you are clear about the causes & solutions you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

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Step 3: Essay Introduction

- **General Statement** - In today's materialistic era, people are driven by self-interest to a large extent rather than concern for others.
- **Paraphrasing** - This may be due to individuals today being tied down by more responsibilities and commitments than in the past.
- **Outline of the Essay** - In the following paragraphs of this essay, the problems resulting from this and possible solutions will be discussed.

Step 4: Body paragraph 1-

Problems -

- To begin with, one of the major adverse ramifications of people becoming preoccupied with themselves is their tendency to participate in harmful acts such as littering and smoking, which shows their disregard for others.
- Another important consequence is driven by the contemporary consumer culture, which has led people to be overly concerned with making avaricious gains at the cost of building connections and nurturing relationships with others. Self-interest coupled with strong rapacious desires has led many people to resort to unethical means to make profits.
- Lastly, the most concerning problem caused by increased egotism is the blatant lack of concern for the lives of others and a steep decline in altruism.

Step 5: Body paragraph 2-

Solutions-

- Some viable solutions to the aforementioned problems can be increasing community involvement by providing more opportunities for people to socialize and contribute to society. For example, starting social outreach programs and organizing community-based activities can prove useful.
- Secondly, having the concerned authorities enact stringent laws about pernicious activities such as smoking and littering can help reduce the problems mentioned above.

- Encouraging social welfare can also turn people's focus towards others.

Step 7: Conclusion-

- To sum it up, the increasing focus of people on others has caused disastrous problems for society in the present day and age. However, if adequate measures are implemented, the issues can be resolved and build a hospitable society.

Sample Answer

In today's **materialistic** era, people are driven by self-interest to a large extent rather than concern for others. This may be due to individuals today being tied down by more **responsibilities** and commitments than in the past. In the following paragraphs of this essay, the problems resulting from this and possible solutions will be discussed.

To begin with, one of the major adverse **ramifications** of people becoming **preoccupied** with themselves is their tendency to participate in baneful acts such as **littering** and smoking, which shows their **disregard** for others. Another important consequence is driven by the contemporary consumer culture, which has led people to be overly concerned with making **avaricious** gains at the cost of building connections and nurturing relationships with others. **For instance**, self-interest coupled with strong **rapacious** desires has led many people to resort to **unethical** means to make profits. Lastly, the most concerning problem caused by increased **egotism** is the **blatant** lack of concern for the lives of others and a steep decline in **altruism.**

Some viable solutions to the **aforementioned** problems can be increasing community involvement by providing more opportunities for people to

socialize and contribute to society. **For example**, starting social outreach programs and organizing community-based activities can prove useful. Secondly, having the concerned authorities enact stringent laws about **pernicious** activities such as smoking and **littering** can help reduce the problems mentioned above. Encouraging social welfare can also turn people's focus towards others.

To sum it up, the increasing focus of people on others has caused **disastrous** problems for society in the present day and age. However, if adequate measures are implemented, the issues can be resolved and build a **hospitable** society.

Glossary

1. Materialistic - excessively concerned with material possessions; money-oriented

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2. Ramification - a complex or unwelcome consequence of an action or event.

3. Preoccupied - not paying attention to somebody/something because you are thinking or worrying about somebody/something else.

4. Littering - make (a place or area) untidy with rubbish or a large number of objects left lying about.

5. Disregard - to take no notice of somebody/something; to treat something as unimportant.

6. Avaricious - having or showing extreme greed for wealth or material gain.

7. Altruism - the fact of caring about the needs and happiness of other people more than your own.

Two Part Essays

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- **If you are given a two-part question essay, all you have to do with it is answer the questions given in each body paragraph.**

Introduction

Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

Body Paragraphs

Your body paragraph should revolve around the answer to the question. But it should be according to this format:

A central idea: The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points: Added points that support your central idea.

Example: Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

Conclusion:

Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

Essay 16

Many people prefer to watch foreign films rather than locally produced films. Why could this be? Should governments give more financial support to local film industries?

Writing Guide to Essay 16

Step 1: You were given a two-part question essay. All you have to do with two-part question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

Step 2: Essay Introduction

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It is true that foreign films are more popular in many countries than domestically produced films. There could be several reasons why this is the case, and I believe that governments should promote local film-making by subsidising the industry.

Step 2: Body Paragraph 1

- **Possible Central idea:** There are various reasons why many people find foreign films more enjoyable than the films produced in their own countries. The poor quality, low-budget filmmaking in many countries suffers in comparison.

- **Supporting points:**

    - Firstly, the established film industries in certain countries have huge budgets for action, special effects and to shoot scenes in spectacular locations.

    - Secondly, another reason why these big-budget films are so successful is that they often star the most famous actors and actresses, and they are made by the most accomplished producers and directors.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 2:

- **Possible Central idea:** In my view, governments should support local film industries financially. In every country, there may be talented amateur film-makers who just need to be given the opportunity to prove themselves.

- **Supporting points:**
    - In every country, there may be talented amateur film-makers who just need to be given the opportunity to prove themselves. To compete with big-budget productions from overseas, these people need money to pay for film crews, actors and a host of other costs related to producing high-quality films.

    - If governments did help with these costs, they would see an increase in employment in the film industry, income from film sales, and perhaps even a rise in tourist numbers.

Step 6: Conclusion

- In conclusion, I believe that increased financial support could help to raise the quality of locally made films and allow them to compete with the foreign productions that currently dominate the market.

Sample Answer

It is true that foreign films are more popular in many countries than domestically produced films. There could be several reasons why this is the case, and I believe that governments should promote local film-making by **subsidising** the industry.

There are various reasons why many people find foreign films more enjoyable than the films produced in their own countries. Firstly, the established film industries in certain countries have huge budgets for action, special effects and to shoot scenes in spectacular locations. Hollywood **blockbusters** like 'Avatar' or the James Bond films are examples of such productions, and their global **appeal** is **undeniable**. Another reason why these big-budget films are so successful is that they often star the most famous actors and actresses, and they are made by the most accomplished producers and directors. The poor quality, low-budget filmmaking in many countries suffers in comparison.

In my view, governments should support local film industries financially. In every country, there may be talented amateur film-makers who just need to be given the opportunity to prove themselves. To compete with big-budget productions from overseas, these people need money to pay for film crews, actors and a host of other costs related to producing high-quality films. If governments did help with these costs, they would see an increase in employment in the film industry, income from film sales, and perhaps even a rise in tourist numbers. New Zealand, for example, has seen an increase in

tourism related to the 'Lord of the Rings' films, which were partly funded by government subsidies.

In conclusion, I believe that increased financial support could help to raise the quality of locally made films and allow them to compete with the foreign productions that currently **dominate** the market.

Glossary

1. **Subsidy:** a sum of money granted by the state or a public body to help an industry or business keep the price of a commodity or service low.
2. **Blockbuster:** a thing of great power or size, in particular a film, book, or other product that is a great commercial success.
3. **Appeal:** make a serious, urgent, or heartfelt request.
4. **Undeniable:** unable to be denied or disputed.
5. **Dominate:** have power and influence over.

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Essay 17

Advanced technology has brought many beneficial changes to the world. However, some old people today struggle with the use of technologies such as mobile phones and the Internet.

How can the elderly benefit from using advanced technologies?

How can the elderly be encouraged to use consumer electronics more often?

Writing Guide to Essay 17

Step 1: You were given a two-part question essay. All you have to do with two-part question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

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Step 2: Essay Introduction

The advances made in the field of technology are not shared equally by all age demographics. In my opinion, the elderly in particular could benefit more in terms of convenience and this could be achieved by businesses transitioning to primarily online business models.

Step 2: Body Paragraph 1

- **Possible Central idea:** Improved capability with consumer electronics engenders a more convenient life.
- **Supporting points:**

- During the recent Covid-19 pandemic many older individuals first learned how to place orders for food and other necessities online.

- Secondly, smartphones in particular today are essential for remaining in contact with one's family. Most older people value family relations above all else and would be able to make video calls and message their children and grandchildren if they were more tech-savvy.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 2:

- **Possible Central idea:** In order to achieve this level of convenience, companies should continue to encourage customers to engage online.

- **Supporting points:**
  - The Coronavirus pandemic is again an illustrative example as it demonstrated that only when forced to adapt did older people begin to learn the full functionality of their phones.

  - Companies today are already increasingly emphasizing online orders and by phasing out in-person discounts and physical stores they will compel the elderly to adapt to modern conveniences.

Step 6: Conclusion

- In conclusion, older people can lead easier lives if they utilize developments in technology that companies have already begun to embrace. Naturally, children should also help educate their older parents about these benefits.

Sample Answer

The advances made in the field of technology are not shared equally by all age demographics. In my opinion, the elderly in particular could benefit more in terms of convenience and this could be achieved by businesses **transitioning** to primarily online business models.

Improved capability with consumer electronics **engenders** a more convenient life. This improvement would be immediately evident when shopping online. During the recent Covid-19 pandemic many older individuals first learned how to place orders for food and other necessities online. Since the pandemic restrictions have eased, many now continue to use these applications to shop for the best prices, remain at home, and be assured of the quality of their purchases. Moreover, smartphones in particular today are essential for remaining in contact with one's family. Most older people value family relations above all else and would be able to make video calls and message their children and grandchildren if they were more **tech-savvy**.

In order to achieve this level of convenience, companies should continue to encourage customers to engage online. Older individuals will not be convinced simply by the benefits of technology as many may be **stubborn**. The Coronavirus pandemic is again an **illustrative** example as it demonstrated that only when forced to adapt did older people begin to learn the full functionality of their phones. Companies today are already increasingly emphasizing online orders and by phasing out in-person discounts and physical stores they will compel the elderly to adapt to modern conveniences. For instance, hopeful travelers must essentially learn to navigate an airline's website to book flights these days.

In conclusion, older people can lead easier lives if they utilize developments in technology that companies have already begun to **embrace**. Naturally, children should also help educate their older parents about these benefits.

Glossary

1. **Transition:** the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another.
2. **Engenders:** cause or give rise to (a feeling, situation, or condition).
3. **Tech-Savy:** well informed about or proficient in the use of modern technology, especially computers.
4. **Stubborn:** having or showing dogged determination not to change one's attitude or position on something, especially in spite of good arguments or reasons to do so.
5. **Illustrative:** serving as an example or explanation.
6. **Embrace:** hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.

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Essay 18

In both education and employment, some people work much harder than others. What makes people work harder than others?

Is it always a good thing to work hard?

Writing Guide to Essay 18

Step 1: You were given a two-part question essay. All you have to do with two-part question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

Step 2: Essay Introduction

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It is ubiquitously seen these days that that competition has severed and intensified more than ever given to various emerging dynamics. To out maneuver and outshine others in the race and contention, some people toil harder than all others, be it in the field of education or the stream of employment.

Step 2: Body Paragraph 1

- **Possible Central idea:** Population has been exceeding exponentially thereby causing a dearth of almost everything.
- **Supporting points:**
    - Right from education, to finding concomitant and worthy employment as per one's stature and qualification, everything

has been covered with a netted wire that could only be disentangled by a rigorous amount of work done.

- Secondly, some people also tend to grind away more than their gamut of potential in order to make some fundamental bolts available to them in order to survive against all odds and fellow contenders. This situation is exacerbated in the case of solely responsible individuals.
- 'Survival Of the Fittest' adage by Darwin plays its role immaculately well in almost all eras and every layer of existence.

Step 3: Body Paragraph 2:

- **Possible Central idea:** Whether or not it is a good practice to make oneself peg away by working harder is an entirely subjective case. However, an excess of everything is detrimental.
- **Supporting points:**
  - As may the circumstantial dynamics be, it is utterly discretional if someone should work hard, as, at times, certain prevalent devastations one might be going through are beyond the scope of circumspection and judgment.
  - That being said, an excess of everything is clamorous and dire to one's peace of mind and harmony.
  - As is suggested by various reports that every third adult today is going through an acute stress disorder owing to work pressure. Therefore, one must not knock oneself out just to make a living or to exist so much so that the entire essence of living and existing is rendered drab and hackneyed.
  - Hard work never goes in vain and is completely justified to make oneself glimmer with the uniqueness or at times, just to get balanced with the waves of adversaries; nevertheless, one must not get loose on the hold of a fundamental rope of living merrily

while one works, and not incapacitating oneself while working to make a living.

Step 6: Conclusion

- Conclusively, we could therefore say that though there are a plethora of reasons making one work like a trojan, however, one must not forget the very fragrance of living blithely.

Sample Answer

It is **ubiquitously** seen these days that competition has severed and intensified more than ever, given various emerging dynamics. To **outmaneuver** and outshine others in the race and contention, some people toil harder, be it in the field of education or the stream of employment. In the sections underneath, this essay shall **propagate** the reasons for this and see if it is really good to put in the hardest of efforts always.

The first spoke of the wheel that rides along the way of competition today, making people work hard is the strife faced as the population has been exceeding **exponentially**, thereby causing a dearth of almost everything that was easily leveraged almost a decade ago. Right from education, to finding concomitant and worthy employment as per one's stature and qualification, everything has been covered with a netted wire that could only be **disentangled** by a rigorous amount of work done. Secondly, some people also tend to grind away more than their gamut of potential to make some fundamental bolts available to them in order to survive against all odds and fellow contenders. This situation is **exacerbated i**n the case of solely responsible individuals. Darwin's 'Survival of the Fittest' adage plays its role **immaculately** well in almost all eras and every layer of existence.

Whether or not it is a good practice to make oneself peg away by working harder is an entirely subjective case. As may the **circumstantial** dynamics be, it is utterly **discretional** if someone should work hard, as, at times, certain prevalent **devastations** one might be going through are beyond the scope of **circumspection** and judgment. However, that being said, an excess of everything is **clamorous** and dire to one's peace of mind and harmony, as is suggested by various reports that every third adult today is going through an acute stress disorder owing to work pressure. Therefore, one must not knock oneself out just to make a living or to exist, so much so that the entire essence of living and existing is rendered drab and hackneyed. Hard work never goes in vain and is completely justified to make oneself glimmer with the uniqueness or at times, just to get balanced with the waves of adversaries; nevertheless, one must not get loose on the hold of a fundamental rope of living merrily while one works, and not incapacitating oneself while working to make a living.

Conclusively, we could therefore say that though there are a **plethora** of reasons making one work like a trojan, however, one must not forget the very fragrance of living **blithely.**

Glossary:

1. **ubiquitously** - existing or being everywhere at the same time : constantly encountered
2. **Outmaneuver** - evade (an opponent) by moving faster or with greater agility.
3. **Exponentially** - (with reference to an increase) more and more rapidly.
4. **Disentangled** - free (something or someone) from something that they are entangled with.

5. **Immaculately** - in a perfectly clean, neat, or tidy manner.
6. **circumstantial** - pointing indirectly towards someone's guilt but not conclusively proving it
7. **circumspection** - the quality of being wary and unwilling to take risks; prudence.
8. **clamorous** - making a loud and confused noise.

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