



IELTS WRITING TASK 2



SAMPLE



Academic and General Training Writing

About the Writing Test

The IELTS Academic/General Training Writing Test takes 60 minutes. You have to complete two writing tasks. In writing task 2 you must either argue, that is, you must present an opinion and give reasons to support your opinions or express the causes or consequences of a situation. Sometimes you should either predict what might happen in the future or give solutions to a problem. In task 2 you must organize your writing in a good standard manner and you must use appropriate language and ideas.

Task 2

- You have about 40 minutes
- You must write an essay of at least 250 words
- You are writing for an educated non-specialist audience and not a university lecturer. Therefore, your language does not need to be that formal
- You are, in most cases, expected to give your opinion. You may also have to include your life experience and some relevant examples



Points to apply in Task 2, Essay Writing

- The topics of the questions will be of general interest, and so specialist knowledge is required. For example, topics can include travel, accommodation, current affairs, shops and services, health and welfare, health and safety, recreation, social and physical environment.
- You must write in complete sentences. Notes are not acceptable
- Do not copy whole sentences or long phrases from the question. The examiner will recognize them, and they will not count towards the minimum number of words you must write.
- You may write on the question sheet if, for example, you want to underline key words or to write notes. The examiner who marks your writing will not see the question sheet.

A few key things to remember

- Read the question and instructions carefully, no matter how many times you have seen them
- Analyze the topic and the task
- Brainstorm ideas to be used in your writing
- Decide what you think about the topic and take sides if you are asked to
- Fit your ideas into an essay plan divided into paragraphs
- Always have a plan before you start writing
- Begin writing your essay now



Essay 1

Overpopulation in urban areas has led to numerous problems.

Identify one or two serious one and suggest ways to tackle this problem.

Answer:

The problem of overpopulation that it is a global threat and has always been a challenge in progress of a country, with many people claiming that it is hazardous Even urbanization in which people migrates from village to city is quite debatable as well as controversial. It is negative development which causes imbalance in population. This essay will shed light in the innumerable problems associated with it along with the remedial measure to tackle the problem.

There are myriad of reasons which will further explain this argument as problematic issues in relation to urbanization but the most preponderant one stem from the fact that, it causes shortage of resources such as water and land As overpopulation creates imbalance in available resources. Shortage of land, water, traffic jams and pollution all are related with over-population in urban areas. Unemployment and poverty has also increased due no over-population, It is leading people as jobless.

There are many steps to deal with this problem but the most significant ones are not complicated but accessible and practical, rural area should be equally developed. Facilities like education, hospital and transport should be available in rural areas so that people do not migrate and cause problems in urban areas. Besides, even people should be educated about consequences of overpopulation also aware the people about the family planning through brochures, flyers and campaigns.



Essay 2

Millions of people every year move to English speaking countries in order to better education. Should they learn in their own country and migrate or should they go there or learn?

Answer:

The importance of communication which was always debatable has now come more controversial with many people claiming that it is beneficial while others reject this notion. The substantial influence of this trend has sparked the controversy over the potential impact in recent years. In my opinion, learning English from native country appears to be more rational. This essay will further elaborate my views for favoring the positive impact of this trend and thus will lead to a logical conclusion.

Analyzing the statement and explaining further, the first and foremost reason behind this is that translation is the only mode and media to understand performance. Another striking benefit in this regard is that a student is able to study and work side by side. Categorically discussing, it cannot be ignored that the main reason behind this is that it helps in the adjustments in foreign countries because language is the only binding factor.

Probing ahead, one of the main underlying reasons stem from the fact is that English is becoming a popular language. Moving further, it is pertinent to mention that multinational companies are spreading their business all over and students work hard to develop skills, polish their personalities and improve their qualifications. So, they learn the language before migration. Apart from the reasons mentioned above; it can be clearly stated that why many are in favor of end.



Essay 3

Some people prefer to spend their lives doing the same things and avoiding change. Others, however, think that change is always a good thing. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Answer:

It is rightly said and believed that change is a law of nature and it always happens for good. The statement reflects the opinion of two ideologies. That some people always do the same thing throughout their entire life, whereas others try to learn something new for a change. I believe change is always good, and doing things repeatedly may lead to a monotonous life.

There are some valid reasons why some people feel the need to make significant changes in their lives from time to time. Any new situation can be a learning opportunity and a person grows from it. Moreover, it is the psychology of a daring person to accept or change the circumstances for his progress. It can be related to their personal or professional life. Another additional benefit of doing new things is that it makes the person innovative and helps in developing problem-solving techniques. Moreover, it also helps in moulding his overall personality by opening his mind to new experiences.

On the other hand, some people keep on doing the same things repeatedly. This causes monotony in the work that they are doing, and eventually makes them uninterested which affects the efficiency and the outcomes. The productivity of a person is hugely affected, which leads to frustration and, subsequently, a person starts questioning his own capabilities. Such types of people are always insecure in life which has an effect on their decision making.



To conclude with, I strongly believe that change is something that is a basic requirement for a healthy lifestyle as it prevents a person from becoming dull. If one continues to lead a life in which there is no change it will make a person frustrated and would also put effect on his personality.

Essay 4

**Universities should accept equal numbers of male and female students in every subject.
To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

Answer:

In my opinion, men and women should have the same educational opportunities. However, I do not agree with the idea of accepting equal proportions of each gender in every university subject.

Having the same number of men and women on all degree courses is simply unrealistic. Student numbers on any course depend on the applications that the institution receives. If a university decided to fill courses with equal numbers of males and females, it would need enough applicants of each gender. In reality, many courses are more popular with one gender than the other, and it would not be practical to aim for equal proportions. For example, nursing courses tend to attract more female applicants, and it would be difficult to fill these courses if fifty per cent of the places needed to go to males.



Apart from the practical concerns expressed above, I also believe that it would be unfair to base admission to university courses on gender. Universities should continue to select the best candidates for each course according to their qualifications. In this way, both men and women have the same opportunities, and applicants know that they will be successful if they work hard to achieve good grades at school. If a female student is the best candidate for a place on a course, it would be wrong to reject her in favour of a male student with lower grades or fewer qualifications.

Essay 5

We cannot help everyone in the world that needs help, so we should only be concerned with our own communities and countries. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Answer:

Some people believe that we should not help people in other countries as long as there are problems in our own society. I disagree with this view because I believe that we should try to help as many people as possible.



On the one hand, I accept that it is important to help our neighbours and fellow citizens. In most communities there are people who are impoverished or disadvantaged in some way. It is possible to find homeless people, for example, in even the wealthiest of cities, and for those who are concerned about this problem, there are usually opportunities to volunteer time or give money to support these people. In the UK, people can help in a variety of ways, from donating clothing to serving free food in a soup kitchen. As the problems are on our doorstep, and there are obvious ways to help, I can understand why some people feel that we should prioritize local charity.

At the same time, I believe that we have an obligation to help those who live beyond our national borders. In some countries the problems that people face are much more serious than those in our own communities, and it is often even easier to help. For example, when children are dying from curable diseases in African countries, governments and individuals in richer countries can save lives simply by paying for vaccines that already exist. A small donation to an international charity might have a much greater impact than helping in our local area.

In conclusion, it is true that we cannot help everyone, but in my opinion national boundaries should not stop us from helping those who are in need.



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