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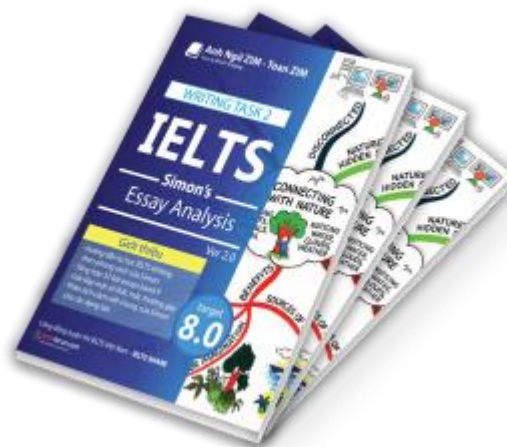
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IELTS WRITING TASK 2 – 2016 REVIEW bao gồm 36 bài mẫu **band 8** cho tất cả các chủ đề xuất hiện vào năm 2016 nhằm giúp các sĩ tử IELTS có cái nhìn tổng quát và thực tế về độ khó của bài thi viết task 2 cũng như xu hướng ra đề thi viết IELTS. Cuốn Review là một nguồn đáng tin cậy và hữu ích dành cho người học IELTS, với chủ biên là thầy Toàn ZIM - Giám Đốc Học Thuật Anh Ngữ ZIM cùng các giảng viên chuyên môn tại ZIM.

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"Good writers feed on failures

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HƯỚNG DẪN SỬ DỤNG TÀI LIỆU

1 HIỂU ĐỀ - TÌM IDEA

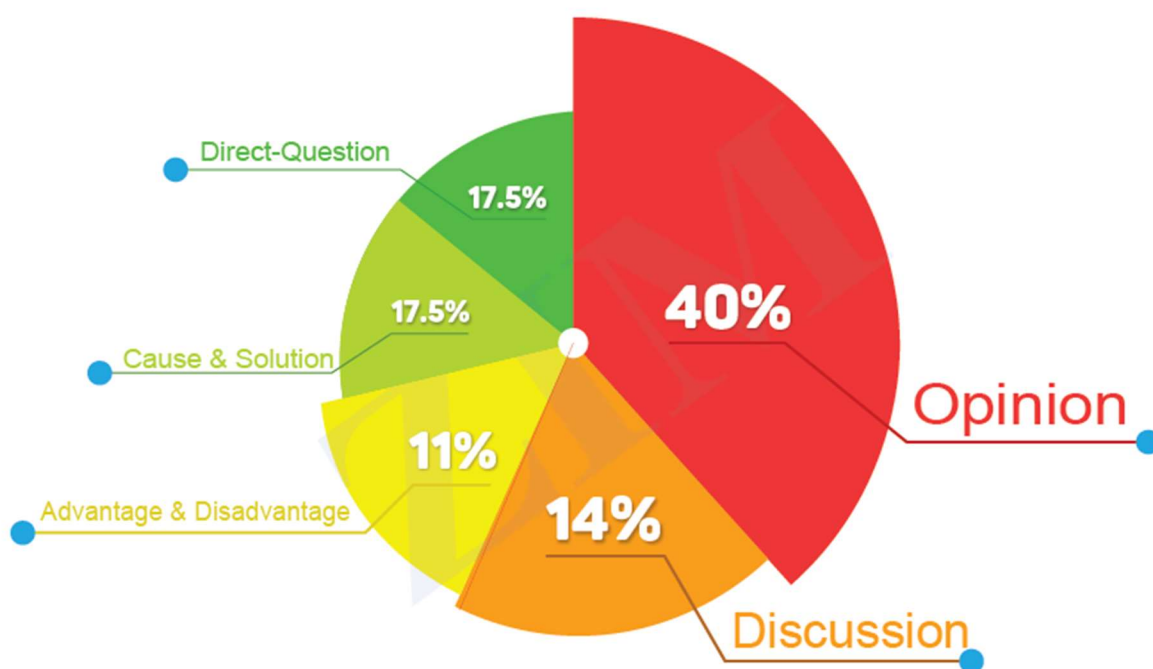**2** NGHIÊN CỨU BÀI MẪU - CẤU TRÚC CÂU, ĐOẠN. TỪ VỰNG VÀ CỤM TỪ VỰNG

3 THỰC HÀNH VIẾT BÀI - ÁP DỤNG CÁC CẤU TRÚC CỦA BÀI MẪU

Review về các chủ đề trong năm 2016

Trong 35 chủ đề ra vào năm 2016 này có đủ 5 dạng essay: Opinion, Discussion, Advantage & Disadvantage, Cause & Solution và Direct-Question.

- Opinion: 14
- Discussion: 5
- Advantage & Disadvantage: 4
- Cause & Solution: 6
- Direct-Question: ra 6

Như thống kê ở trên có thể thấy dạng đề được ra nhiều nhất 2016 là **Opinion**. Độ khó của đề thi không giống nhau qua các tháng trong năm:

- Đề khó rơi vào các **tháng 2,3,4,7 và 8.**
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Về xu hướng ra đề, hiện tại nhiều đề viết IELTS tập trung vào những mảng rất nhỏ của đời sống như: *"tại sao con người lại phí phạm một lượng lớn thức ăn"* hay *"tại sao bây giờ người ta lại chuộng cách ăn mặc kiểu Tây"*. Những đề như vậy đòi hỏi tư duy và kiến thức tốt cũng như vốn từ khá lớn để có thể viết tốt. Xu hướng này có thể vẫn tiếp tục trong Năm 2017.

DANH MỤC BÀI MẪU

It is more important for schoolchildren to learn about local history than world history.

To what extent to you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Thorough insights into:** *Hiểu biết cặn kẽ về cái gì.*
2. **Patriotism:** *Lòng yêu nước.*
3. **Sovereignty:** *Chủ quyền.*
4. **Take pride in their origin:** *Tự hào về lòng yêu nước.*
5. **Traditional values and identity:** *Những giá trị truyền thống và con người.*
6. **Well-rounded perspective of life:** *Một cái nhìn quan điểm toàn diện hơn về cuộc sống.*
7. **Historical backgrounds:** *Bối cảnh lịch sử.*
8. **Company culture:** *Văn hóa doanh nghiệp.*

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Answer

Many people have valued the role of local history to schoolchildren over that of world history. In my opinion, I disagree with those people as both of them are equally essential for young learners.

Studying the history of their hometown is for sure an indispensable part of school's curriculum during students' early education. I believe having **thorough insights into** what happened in the past at one's locality develops his **patriotism**. For example, children of primary and secondary schools in my village are taught about how their ancestors defended their land against outside intruders and reclaimed **sovereignty**. Therefore, those young children would **take pride in their origin** and treasure the life they have today. Additionally, I think it is not only students' privilege but also their responsibility to know about their own history to understand their hometown's **traditional values and identity**.

From another angle, learning about world history shares equal importance just as local one. Acquiring knowledge about the world's past events equips students with a more **well-rounded perspective of life**. Lessons about the World War or Feminism protest against women's abuse and discrimination would help those learners enhance their understanding about various aspects of the world. Furthermore, I think that being taught about the other countries' **historical backgrounds** would benefit young learners in their future career. Students who accumulate knowledge of this particular field at an early age would possess a golden selling point to work for foreign enterprises, especially those who highly value **company culture** like Japan.

In conclusion, I believe the significance of domestic and international history cannot be brought into comparison to see which one is more necessary because they have distinctively equal meanings to children.

Word count: 279

TOPIC : 14-1-2016

Many museums and historical sites are mainly visited by tourists but not local people. Why is this the case and what can be done to attract more local people to visit these places?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Tend to pay a visit to museums:* Có xu hướng đi thăm bảo tang.

2. *Visually unattractive to local residents:* Không thu hút được dân cư địa phương vì bề ngoài.

3. *Pick tourists' curiosity:* Lấy được sự tò mò từ du khách.

4. *Education and entertainment purposes:* Mục đích giáo dục và giải trí.

5. *Didactic as well as recreational competitions:* Những cuộc thi vừa giải trí vừa mang tính giáo dục

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Many museums and historical sites have become an attraction to tourists although they fail to increase the number of local visitors. This essay will analyze some main reasons for this as well as measures to encourage more local people to visit such places.

The causes for a huge difference in the number of the two mentioned types of visitors are varied. First, people who live in the neighborhood seem to be familiar with their traditional customs and history. Going to those places would be therefore a waste of time and money owing to the entrance cost; and people would not pay an amount of money to see what they have already known. Meanwhile, tourists from other places **tend to pay a visit to museums** to know more about a new culture when travelling to a new region. Second, the design of museums and historical sites almost remained unchanged throughout decades, which can be **visually unattractive to local residents** who have been there at least once in earlier years. However, these places always **pick tourists' curiosity** during their first trip.

Some measures can be taken to stimulate more local inhabitants to visit museums and historical places. To begin with, those places should serve both **education and entertainment purposes**. More game zones should be constructed or **didactic as well as recreational competitions** should be conducted to increase the number of the local who come enjoy their time. Furthermore, if the layout of museums and historical sites is renovated with more decorations and ornate designs of the interior, not only tourists but also more local visitors will come.

In conclusion, there are two principal causes for the locals' disinterest in spending their time in nearby museums and historical places as mentioned, and actions should be taken to encourage people to go to such places.

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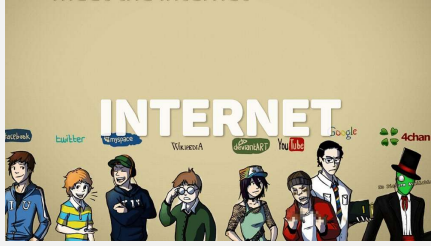
TOPIC: 23-1-2016

Although more and more people read the news on the Internet, newspaper will remain the most important source of news for the majority of people.

Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

Useful vocabulary:

1. ***To hold the most vital position:*** *Giữ vai trò thiết yếu*
2. ***To access huge storage of news:*** *Tiếp cận trữ lượng thông tin lớn*
3. ***To take over the position of printed newspaper:*** *Chiếm lấy vị trí của báo in*
4. ***To unfold the possibility to upload videos and voice records:*** *Mở ra khả năng đăng tải video và băng ghi âm*
5. ***The most crucial source of information:*** *Nguồn thông tin quan trọng nhất*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Some people believe that despite the widespread popularity of the online media, traditional newspaper will still **hold the most vital position** among news readers. In my opinion, this idea is rather absurd as the Internet has become increasingly dominant due to the benefits it offers.

The first thing that attracts people to reading news on the online sources is their easy access. With the presence of the Internet around almost every corner of the world, people with a portable device such as a mobile phone can **access huge storage of news**. In fact, latest events, for example IS Terrorist attacks, would be updated immediately on CNN or New York Times. By contrast, with prolonging procedures including editing and printing, traditional newspaper might not be able to compete with the Internet in terms of the updating speed.

Another benefit with which the Internet can, from my point of view, **take over the position of printed newspaper** is the new experience it brings to readers. One limitation of newspaper is that it cannot convey visual messages to the people who read news on a regular basis. Meanwhile, non-stop progress of the technology industry has **unfolded the possibility to upload videos and voice records** on various online websites. For instance, soccer fans these days can re-watch their favorite matches anytime they want with only a laptop connected to the Internet, which a mere paper cannot do.

In conclusion, I disagree that printed newspaper would continue to be **the most crucial source of information** because more and more people will be drawn to use the Internet.

Word count: 262

TOPIC: 30-1-2016

Prison is the common way in most countries to solve the problem of crime. However, a more effective solution is to provide people a better education. Do you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Illegality:** *Hành động bất hợp pháp*
2. **Social endorsement:** *Sự ủng hộ từ xã hội*
3. **Eliminate the problem from its root:** *Loại bỏ nguồn góc của vấn đề*
4. **To be of necessity:** *Là một sự cần thiết không thể thiếu (nhấn mạnh)*
5. **Social security:** *An ninh xã hội*
6. **To be imprisoned:** *Bị bỏ tù*
7. **Heinous actions:** *Hành động tội ác*
8. **To be a deterrent against sth:** *Là một rào cản chống lại cái gì đó*
9. **To be condemned to jail:** *Bị tống vào tù*
10. **To serve as a remedy for the origin of crimes:** *Như là một liều thuốc cho nguồn gốc của tội phạm*
11. **To heighten people's intellect:** *Nâng cao dân trí*
12. **A civilized society:** *Một xã hội văn minh*
13. **Vocational training:** *Học nghề*
14. **To dispel any ideas of committing crimes:** *Loại bỏ bất kì ý định muốn phạm tội*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Although prison sentences are commonly thought to effectively control **illegalities**, improvements on education have gained **social endorsement** as a means to **eliminate the problem from its root**. In my opinion, I disagree that education is the better one as it is rather impossible to compare these two methods' effectiveness owing to their distinct impacts.

On the one hand, the reasons why prisons **are of necessity** for **social security** are varied. They are the place to keep people who have broken the law contained, ensuring the safety of other citizens. Especially, dangerous criminals such as murderers or rapists have to **be imprisoned** for their **heinous actions**. Furthermore, severe prison sentences act as a **deterrent against** crimes. Knowing there might be a chance of **being condemned to jail**, which also means losing freedom and living a miserable life in a cell, ones who are having the intention of committing illegalities would reconsider going down the path.

On the other hand, education **serves as a remedy for the origin of crimes**. Education contributes greatly to **heighten people's intellect** and to form a **civilized society**. With access to better educational services, citizens would be well-informed about the damage that committing crimes would cause to their community and themselves, which eventually leads to the decline in crime rates. Additionally, the possession of certain qualifications through fundamental education like **vocational training** could secure a person's stable life, which would dispel any **ideas of committing crimes**.

In conclusion, I believe there is no absolute way to deduce whether imprisonment policies or better education would take the dominant role in dealing with crimes as they both tackle the problem just in different ways.

Word count: 275 words

TECHNOLOGY

TOPIC: 18-2-2016

New technologies have changed the way children spend their free time.

Do advantages of this outweigh disadvantages?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Satisfy children of different preferences for entertainment:** *Thỏa mãn trẻ em với những sở thích giải trí khác nhau*

2. **Develop a passive lifestyle:** *Phát triển lối sống thụ động*

3. **If exposed frequently:** *Nếu tiếp xúc thường xuyên*

4. **Exposure to technology could lead to deterioration in health:** *sự tiếp xúc với công nghệ có thể dẫn đến tình trạng sức khỏe bị giảm sút*

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Answer

The advent of new technologies has led to changes in young children's recreational activities. In my view, the drawbacks of those changes are more significant than the benefits.

On the one hand, the appearance of new devices has brought certain values to children. First, more choices are now available on computers or any other electrical devices that are connected to the Internet. This would **satisfy children of different preferences for entertainment**, such as watching movies, listening to music or playing games on online platform. Second, some useful skills and necessary qualities can be either initially obtained or horned by playing electronic games. Scientifically, racing games help develop motor skills in later life. Also, creativity and fast reflexes which are of great use in the future can be enhanced though puzzle or shooting games.

Despite those said advantages, I still believe that the downside of the emergence of modern technological devices in children's leisure time is more worrying. The first drawback is that children might **develop a passive lifestyle** and possibly isolate themselves from society. This is because this way of entertainment is extremely addictive, and children therefore are likely to spend hours in their room without any communication with the outside world **if exposed frequently**. Furthermore, **exposure to technology could lead to deterioration in health** as hours spent on using computers can cause tremendous harm to eyesight. In fact, children at school age are suffering from short-sight due to playing video games or browsing Facebook for a long time.

In conclusion, it seems to me that, regarding children's leisure activities, the benefits of newly introduced technological devices are eclipsed by the disadvantages**.**

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TOPIC: 20-2-2016

Some people believe government should spend money on building train and subway lines to reduce traffic congestion. Others think that building more and wider roads is the better way to reduce traffic congestion. Discuss both views and give your opinion

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Tackle congested roads:** *Giải quyết tắc đường*
2. **Alleviate the current travelling overload:** *Giảm nhẹ tình trạng quá tải*
3. **Relieves the density of passengers on public vehicles:** *Giảm thiểu sự đông đúc của hành khách trên những phương tiện công cộng*
4. **Exceeds the capacity of the current system:** *Vượt quá khả năng của hệ thống hiện tại*
5. **The enhancement of living standards:** *Sự tăng lên về mức sống*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Opinions diverge greatly on how to tackle traffic congestion. Although constructing more railways and subway lines partly solves the problem, I would argue that the government should allocate their financial resources to widen roads.

On the one hand, I understand why some people think that having more train and subway lines built could **tackle congested roads**. First, this mode of transportation would **alleviate the current travelling overload** because it decrease the increased number of daily travelers on main streets in either city centers or suburbs. There would be less people on street during rush hours because trains or subways are able to carry hundreds of passengers at the same time. Second, rail transportation systems are established separately from other systems or, sometimes, outside crowded city areas, and this **relieves the density of passengers on public vehicles**, hence reducing congestions caused by those means of transportation.

On the other hand, I would side with those who think that the mentioned investment on railroads or subway lines is only temporary and less effective than improving the size of roads and streets. Traffic jam is attributable to the density of vehicles that **exceeds the capacity of the current system**. Increasing the size of roads would allow a higher volume of traffic and enable more vehicles, such as private cars or buses, to circulate smoothly. Also, expanding roads, although expensive and time-consuming, is believed to be a permanent solution to the situation of traffic jam. Private car owners are increasing in numbers owing to **the enhancement of living standards**, and they are unlikely to resort to trains or subways since using their own cars is much more convenient. Therefore, better railway systems only encourage a part of citizens to use this type of public transport.

In conclusion, it appears to me state money should go to the expansion of road systems, while it is difficult to deny some provisional change brought by railroads or subway lines.

Word count: 322

TOPIC: 27-2-2016

More and more young people from wealthy countries are spending a short time doing unpaid work such as teaching or building houses for communities in poorer countries.

Why young people choose to do so? Who will benefit more: young people or the communities?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *A great deal of rewarding experience:* có nhiều kinh nghiệm quý báu

2. *Have profound understanding of:* Có hiểu biết sâu về cái gì

3. *Fosters a great sense of humanity and altruism:* Gia tăng tính cộng đồng và lòng vị tha

4. *Heighten social living standards:* Nâng cao mức sống xã hội

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Answer

There is a growing number of young people from rich countries coming to less developed countries to participate in voluntary projects. There are some underlying reasons for this, and both volunteers and the community gain equal benefits.

The phenomenon can be attributable to two principal factors. First, short trips to less developed nations to aid the local communities bring about **a great deal of rewarding experience**. For example, when young people from wealthy nations visit underprivileged regions in Vietnam such as Quang Binh province, they can **have profound understanding of** the misery and hardship of the impoverished. This therefore **fosters a great sense of humanity and altruism**. Second, this situation is linked to the fact that young people want their resume to be polished by getting involved in social activities such as teaching or providing accommodation for the poor.

Not only people who travel to third world countries to do voluntary work but also the local community benefit from this particular practice. Obtaining new experiences and possessing a clear advantage in applying for jobs, those people are more likely to develop spiritually and to succeed in future career. On the other hand, the local community can have a chance to **heighten social living standards**, even though the impact of such a practice can be relatively small and, in most cases, temporary.

In conclusion, the young from first world countries move to underdeveloped ones to do unpaid work in order to gain new experience and enhance future employment. It seems that both volunteers and the area that receives help can gain some certain values.

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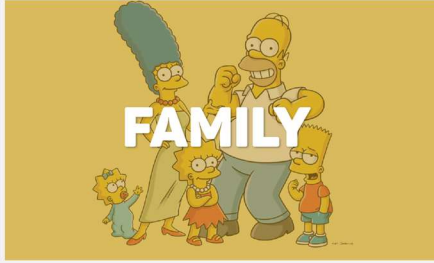
TOPIC: 5-3-2016

In recent years, the structure of a family and the role of its members are gradually changing.

What kinds of changes can occur? Do you think these changes are positive and negative?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Nuclear family:** *gia đình cơ bản gồm có bố mẹ và con cái*
2. **Breadwinner:** *trụ cột gia đình*
3. **Single-earner family:** *gia đình chỉ có một trụ cột*
4. **Spouse:** *người chồng hoặc vợ*
5. **A stay-at-home parent:** *bố hoặc mẹ ở nhà để chăm sóc con cái và làm việc nhà*
6. **At liberty to do sth:** *có thể tự do làm gì đó*

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Answer

In the past few decades, the patterns of a family have greatly diversified. There are some changes regarding its organization and members' role; and in my opinion, these changes can be seen as a progress.

Families at present have undergone two main differences compared to the past. First, **a nuclear family** now can have more than one **breadwinner** who normally is the father. This is because in the modern world, only a few jobs could secure the stability of **single-earner families**, which forces both parents to be the financial supporters. Second, the trend that parents exchange their roles has become more common. As the result of women's protest for their rights, mothers now have equal opportunities for education and work, which allows the other **spouse** to assume responsibility as **a stay-at-home parent** to take care of the children and the housework.

From my perspective, those changes in a family's structure and parental roles are positive for a number of reasons. That both parents can become the breadwinners would ensure that the family can be more financially stable. This not only directly eases the burden that the father have to bear in order to support the whole family but also enables the mother to pursue her dream job. From another angle, it is an upward step that people are **at liberty to do** what they like and what they are good at. Women can follow their dream and become the main earner if they are better at work than their husbands.

In conclusion, I think the changes occurring to a family's hierarchy and members' responsibilities are a positive step toward a better world.

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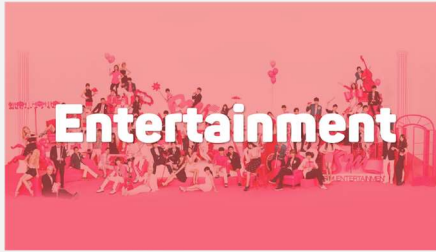
TOPIC: 12-3-2016

Some believe that it is good for a country's culture to import films and TV programmes, while others think it is better for a country to have their own films and TV programmes.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Telecasts:** *Chương trình TV*
2. **Cultural diversity:** *sự đa dạng văn hóa*
3. **Depraved customs:** *hủ tục*
4. **Cultural assimilation:** *sự hòa tan văn hóa*
5. **Exotic practices:** *tục lệ xa lạ*
6. **Long-standing ethics:** *chuẩn mực đạo đức lâu đời*

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Answer

There has been a difference of opinion regarding the merits of foreign movies and TV channels to the culture of a country as people believe domestic products would be better. From my perspective, both of those categories are equally important.

On the one hand, people usually believe foreign films and **telecasts** can contribute to **the cultural diversity** of a nation. Fascinating **social norms and practices**, such as public hugging which is common in the US, can be imported to other nations as Hollywood **blockbusters** are becoming more popular. This phenomenon is believed to benefit the richness of the host country's **traditional backgrounds**. Furthermore, the import of international movies and TV shows could improve the **country's sets of beliefs**. In Vietnam, for example, the ceremony of funerals is often perpetuated with ongoing **depraved customs** such as gambling and drinking. Since the arrival of TV shows from more developed nations, which triggers a new and civilized way of thinking, such practices have been gradually aborted.

On the other hand, it appears to me that producing local movies and TV programs has the same importance. Citizens of a country would be able to acquire knowledge about their own culture. Apparently, profound insights into traditional values can be vividly conveyed in cinemas and in the media if the content is made by local people. The second point is that this way can relieve the worry of **cultural assimilation** which has emerged as a detriment to the existence of a country's traditional beliefs and customs. In fact, if **exotic practices** are absorbed thoughtlessly, it might lead to the oblivion of the **long-standing ethics**.

In conclusion, I would argue that both types of films and TV telecasts play an equal role in a country's culture.

Word count: 289

TOPIC: 19-3-2016

People in community now could buy cheaper consumer goods.

Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Affordable commodities:** *mặt hàng giá rẻ*

2. **Purchasing power:** *sức mua*

3. **The market's demand:** *nhu cầu của thị trường*

4. **Commodities' exorbitant price:** *giá cả đắt đỏ của hàng hóa*

5. **Quality products:** *hàng chất lượng*

6. **Toxic waste and exhaust:** *chất khí thải độc hại*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

These days, buyers have a wider range of choices for more **affordable commodities**. Although some benefits can be seen from the phenomenon, the drawbacks are more significant.

The provision of cheaper goods presents several advantages. Regarding **economical merits for individuals**, customers now can enjoy inexpensive purchases of **diverse types of goods**, which is particularly favorable for the households with limited incomes. In comparison with the past in Vietnam, most families could not be able to buy a TV; however, TV is among the most common electronic devices in every household owing to reduced prices. On the societal level, the **affordability** of consumer products promotes people's **purchasing power**, hence the development of the economy. It is common knowledge that the **market's demand** for products increases when **commodities' exorbitant prices** are reduced. Therefore, people will be attracted to buying these products on a large scale, fostering **the general prosperity of a country's economy.**

However, those advantages above still cannot overshadow the disadvantages. First, the quality of commodities might be only secondary when profit is primary for businesses because goods' prices are inexpensive and the quantity needed is enormous. In the long term, without **quality products**, customers will gradually lose their trust in those products' manufacturers, which directly jeopardizes the economy. Another repercussion worth mentioning is that the environment may suffer. In order to meet the increased demand from buyers, companies have to expand their factories and accelerate their production process. Such expansion would do grave harm to the surrounding due to their **toxic waste and exhaust**.

In conclusion, the benefits of cheapening modern goods should not be overrated as the disadvantages are greater.

Word count: 271

TOPIC: 2-4-2016

It is impossible to help all people in the world, so governments should focus on people in their own countries.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *International aids to deprived regions: Hỗ trợ quốc tế đến những vùng nghèo khó*

2. *The underprivileged: Người nghèo, người bất hạnh*

3. *The well-being of their citizens: Sự sung túc của công dân*

4. *Any acts of global assistance: Bất kì hành động trợ giúp quốc tế nào*

5. *Underdeveloped countries: Những nước kém phát triển*

6. *Domestic poverty: Đói nghèo trong nước*

7. *Affluent nations: Những nước giàu có*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

The question whether governments should provide aids internationally or domestically has drawn much attention from the public. **Although I understand why helping everyone in the world is unachievable, I strongly disagree that governmental support should solely be concentrated on satisfying local needs.**

On the one hand, I suppose the world's leaders' hesitation over the provision of international aids to deprived regions is legitimate. Firstly, it is unfeasible for governments' support to reach all of the underprivileged as their number is enormous in many separated places around the globe and the type of support they need also varies. For example, developed nations may encounter numerous obstacles in terms of transportation when sending food and medicines to poor regions in Africa where people are facing the threat of famine or contagions. Secondly, I believe leaders of a country should prioritize the well-being of their citizens and stabilize their economy and politics before carrying out any acts of global assistance.

On the other hand, I still believe governments should help as many people as they can regardless of the fragile possibility for worldwide comprehensive support for all people. To begin with, in many underdeveloped countries, their leaders are unable to bear the burden of eradicating domestic poverty or crises due to, for example, terrorism, which calls for the involvement from other affluent nations. Also of great significance is that this national act of charity could have a huge impact on individuals living in prosperous areas. If the government take actions to help people overseas, citizens of that country will idolize the idea of self-devotion toward a better world.

In conclusion, I truly believe the world leaders should lend their neighbors a hand to offer help to people in need on their doorstep.

Word count: 289

Science

TOPIC: 16-4-2016

Topic: In the future, it seems more difficult to live on the Earth. Some people think more money should be spent on researching other planet to live, such as Mars.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Universe study: nghiên cứu vũ trụ*
2. *A new habitable environment: môi trường có thể sinh sống*
3. *The increasingly harsh living conditions: điều kiện sống ngày càng khắc nghiệt*
4. *The population explosion: Bùng nổ dân số*
5. *Space studies: Nghiên cứu không gian*
6. *The lack of land and accommodation: thiếu hụt đất đai và chỗ ở*
7. *Rate of birth: tỉ lệ sinh*
8. *Densely populated cities: thành phố mật độ dân số cao*
9. *Depletion of natural resources: cạn kiệt tài nguyên thiên nhiên*
10. *Fossil fuel and water reservoir: bể chứa nước và nguyên liệu hóa thạch*
11. *Over-exploited: khai thác quá đà*
12. *Sustaining life: duy trì sự sống*
13. *The survival of the human race: sự sống còn của loài người*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Many people believe more financial resources should be allocated to **universe study** in order to discover **a new habitable environment** for humans due to **the increasingly harsh living conditions** on Earth. In my opinion, this idea is completely justifiable.

The population explosion is the first urgent matter that urges results from **space study**. The world is facing the threat from **the lack of land and accommodation** for the ever-increasing **rate of birth**. Especially in **densely populated cities** like Hanoi, it is a common picture of people struggling to find an apartment. This forces humans to resort to alternatives of changing living places to other planets. Such an idea would not be actualized without enough money to employ scientists or establish research facilities, emphasizing the demand for sponsorships.

Another thing which justifies the budget spent on discovering a new suitable home for human beings is the **depletion of natural resources**, such as fuel and water. Unfortunately, **fossil fuels and water reservoir** are being **over-exploited** for short-term benefits. In the long term, essential elements for **sustaining life** will dwindle away, and human life will be put at stake since there is no fuel to maintain production or transportation. Therefore, if there is even a fragile hope to discover a new environment, people should value the opportunity and invest money in researches on the space to ensure **the survival of the human race**.

In conclusion, I strongly suppose that financial investments on discovering another planet as a new home to replace the Earth are reasonable.

Word count: 252

TOPIC: 21-4-2016

Nowadays, more and more older people who need employment compete with the younger people for the same jobs.

What problems this causes? What are solutions?

Useful vocabulary:

1.**Accumulated more experience:** *Tích lũy nhiều kinh nghiệm hơn*

2.**Social unrest and crime escalation:** *Bất ổn xã hội và leo thang tội phạm*

3.**Great versatility and creativity:** *sự linh hoạt lớn và tính sáng tạo*

4.**Old-age pensions and medical care:** *Lương hưu và chăm sóc y tế*

5.**Retirement age:** *Tuổi nghỉ hưu*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

The job market has become more competitive as more older people start to apply for the same positions as younger people. This phenomenon leads to several severe problems, and some feasible solutions would be analyzed in the essay below.

There are a number of negative outcomes from such a competition between young and old job applicants. First, young people have to compete with older people who have **accumulated more experience**, which means that young people might fail to find work. This, consequently, heightens unemployment rates, causing **social unrest and crime escalation**. Second, if old job seekers cannot compete with young people in certain fields that require **great versatility and creativity** like sales or marketing, they might not get a job. Without adequate financial means to support their family and themselves, elderly people might have to live in poverty.

The government should take some immediate actions to mitigate this situation. New policies should be established in order to provide old people with sufficient social benefits, **old-age pensions and medical care** included, so that they can live comfortably when they retire. Another effective solution is to fix **retirement age** over which no one is by law employed by any institutions or companies. This will reduce the level of competition for the same jobs between the young and the old and empower young people to increase their chances of getting their wanted positions.

In conclusion, the mentioned competition could produce undesirable issues to both old and young job applicants, and the government certainly play a tremendous role in tackling those problems.

Word count: 258

Social

TOPIC: 7-5-2016

Some people choose to have their first child at an older age.

What are the reasons? Do advantages outweigh disadvantages?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **To delay childbirth:** *Trì hoãn sinh con*
2. **The propensity for prioritizing their careers over taking parental roles:** *xu hướng coi trọng nghề nghiệp trước khi có con*
3. **Adopted a fear of taking unwanted custody:** *Có nỗi sợ phải nuôi con không mong muốn sau khi li hôn*
4. **Marital harmony:** *Sự hòa thuận trong hôn nhân*
5. **The possibility of infertility:** *Khả năng vô sinh*
6. **The occupational prioritization and the hesitation over the likelihood of single-parent responsibility:** *Sự coi trọng nghề nghiệp và sự đắn đo trước khả năng phải nhận trách nhiệm của bố/mẹ độc thân*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

There is a growing proportion of the world's population who decide to have children later in life. The underlying reasons for this trend are varied, and I suppose that the merits would eclipse the downsides.

There are two main factors leading to the decision of **delaying childbirth**. The first one is because people have **the propensity for prioritizing their careers over taking parental roles**. Especially in the US and other developed countries, not only men but also women want to stabilize their finance before becoming parents so as to provide their kids with sufficient living condition for their future development. Another explanation for this is that many modern individuals have **adopted a fear of taking unwanted custody** due to the recent alarming rate of divorce. It is because premature marriages have become common, which usually goes with many couples' doubt of their **marital harmony**, deterring their early desire for raising a child. There would be, consequently, fewer kids growing up without fatherhood or motherhood.

However, the drawbacks should not be overlooked. That too many couples following such a trend might exert adverse effects on the population structure, which potentially results in the future aging workforce and hinders social development in the long term. Additionally, it could both heighten **the possibility of infertility** among mothers at their old age and risk the new-born babies' mental and physical health. Down syndrome could be a typical example of the problems that those kids might have to suffer from.

In conclusion, the occupational prioritization and the hesitation over the likelihood of single-parent responsibility could be seen as the root of late childbirth, and I am convinced that the advantages are of more significance.

Word count: 279

EDUCATION
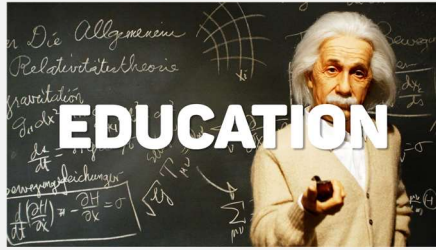
TOPIC: 19 – 5 - 2016

It is observed that in many countries not enough students are choosing to study science subject.

What are causes? And what will be effects on society?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Disinterest in science subjects:* Không hứng thú với những môn khoa học

2. *Diligence as well as a great deal of patience and intelligence:* Sự chăm chỉ cũng như là rất nhiều kiên nhẫn và sự thông minh

3. *Higher level of both difficulty and commitment:* Độ khó và độ cam kết cao

4. *The scarcity of human resources:* Thiếu hụt nguồn nhân lực

5. *The imbalance in future workforce:* Sự mất cân bằng lực lượng lao động tương lai

6. *A major human resource crisis:* Khủng hoảng nguồn nhân lực

Band 8 Sample

Answer

It is true that the number of science students are becoming inadequate in different parts of the world nowadays. The essay below will analyze some explanations for this situation as well as its influence on society.

There are two principal factors that contribute to the common **disinterest in science subjects**. First, those subjects are often challenging and require a lot of **diligence as well as a great deal of patience and intelligence**. The number of researches that an average Biology student has to do is more than other subjects with **higher level of both difficulty and commitment**, which discourages many students from choosing science as their majors. Second, employment opportunities in this particular field are limited and extremely competitive. Although a huge amount of time and effort is spent on science study at school, there is still little chance for them to get a job after graduation.

Society greatly suffers from **the scarcity of human resources** in science fields. Apparently, as the number of science students is insignificant, other majors such as business or economics become prevalent, hence **the imbalance in future workforce**. In fact, competitiveness increased due to too many degree holders of the same expertise pushes a worrying number of graduates to the verge of unemployment. Another problem is the shortage of science professionals as qualified employees are low in number. Unless more students decided to study science at university, sooner or later we would have to face **a major human resource crisis**.

In conclusion, hurdles regarding some strict requirements of science subjects and employment opportunities are factored in a lot of students not choosing such subjects to study, and there are serious problems arising from this situation.

Word count: 280

TOPIC: 21-5-2016

In developing countries, children in rural communities have less access to education. Some people believe that the problem can be solved by providing more schools and teachers, while others think that the problem can be solved by providing computers and Internet access.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Approach education:* Tiếp cận giáo dục

2. *Acquire a great deal of knowledge from the online platform:* Có được lượng lớn kiến thức từ Internet

3. *An effective studying environment:* Môi trường học tập hiệu quả

4. *Their scholastic competence and characteristics*: Khả năng học tập và tính cách

Band 8 Sample

Answer

People have differing views about how to aid children in rural areas regarding their access to education. Although the provision of computers and the Internet can temporarily address the issue, I would argue that the best measure is to establish new schools and employ more teachers.

On the one hand, I understand why some people believe that expanding the Internet network and supplying computers for children in remote areas give them opportunities to **approach education**. Firstly, it is thought that students can **acquire a great deal of knowledge from the online platform**, most of which either is free of charge or requires small fees. Educational websites, such as Wikipedia, have been constantly established to promote distance learning for children whose neighborhoods have few schools and teachers. Secondly, online classes and courses are widely available and accessible, which makes geographic adversities become rather irrelevant. It is because students, regardless of their background or location, can enroll in a class or course of their preference. This would therefore aid them to access education in their remote communities.

On the other hand, I would side with those who think that building more schools and hiring new teachers would permanently solve the problem. Only schools can create **an effective studying environment** for students to interact or compete with one another and comprehensively develop **their scholastic competence and characteristics**. Furthermore, teachers can discover students' weaknesses during their teaching process, hence better and more effective educating methodologies, which leads to more fruitful results.

In conclusion, it seems to me that it is best to construct schools and employ teachers in rural areas, instead of depending on technology to bring about education opportunities for children at such places.

Word count: 281

Band 8 Sample

Answer

The younger generation are having great admiration for **media and sport celebrities** although they are not perfect **role models** to follow. In my view, this could be seen as detrimental.

From one standpoint, emulating **famous entertainment stars** might spark **changing patterns of fashion and behavior** among young adults who are not mature enough to judge what is suitable within their society. As matter of fact, they **show a propensity** for copying what those stars say or do on TV, even if their actions go against the cultural value of some localities. Regarding fashion, the way Dam Vinh Hung, who is a renowned Vietnamese singer, dresses would be the onset of a modern yet rather unacceptable trend of fashion with exposed skin. Unfortunately, the young have yet to understand the long-term shortcomings of such a trend to traditional way of dressing which **values the beauty** and elegance of clothes such as the Ao Dai.

Additionally, **such reverence for celebrities in the field of entertainment** would possibly cause a detriment to social security under certain circumstances. A typical example of this is the chaos during and after Korean singers and musical bands' show in Vietnam a few years ago when the crowd of fans went uncontrollable, which caused **irritation for the locals** and also danger to the fans themselves. Furthermore, if their idols were criticized due to their scandals, they would try to **sugar-coat** the situation or even trigger arguments. This would be really challenging for authorities to maintain security.

In conclusion, I suppose the phenomenon that young people **idolize media and sport celebrated individuals** who are notorious in some aspects is negative.

Word count: 271

TOPIC: 28-5-2016

Nowadays young people are admiring media and sports stars, even though they do not set a good example.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Media and sport celebrities:** *Người nổi tiếng trên truyền hình hoặc thể thao*

2. **Role models:** *Hình tượng (tạm dịch)*

3. **Famous entertainment stars:** *Những ngôi sao nổi tiếng trong ngành giải trí*

4. **Changing patterns of fashion and behavior:** *Thay đổi cách ăn mặc và cư xử*

5. **Show a propensity for:** *Có xu hướng cho cái gì*

6. **Value the beauty and elegance of clothes:** *Trân trọng vẻ đẹp và sự lịch lãm của trang phục*

7. **Reverence for celebrities in the field of entertainment:** *Sự hâm hộ những người nổi tiếng trong ngành giải trí*

8. **Cause irritation for the locals:** *Gây nên sự khó chịu cho người địa phương*

9. **Sugar-coat:** *Nói giảm*

10. **Idolize media and sport celebrated individuals:** *Hâm mộ những cá nhân nổi tiếng trên truyền hình và thể thao*

TOPIC: 4—6 -2016

It is suggested that everyone should have a car, a TV and a fridge.

Do the advantages of this development for society outweigh the disadvantages?

<u>Useful vocabulary:</u>

1. **An item of some fundamental needs:** *Vật dụng đáp ứng nhu cầu cơ bản*
2. **The availability of their personal vehicle:** *Sự sẵn có của phương tiện cá nhân*
3. **A perfect choice of recreation:** *Lựa chọn giải trí hoàn hảo*
4. **In possession of a fridge:** *Sở hữu một tủ lạnh*
5. **Private form of transport:** *Loại hình di chuyển cả nhân*
6. **The growth in customers' demand:** *Sự gia tăng của nhu cầu khách hàng*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Some people believe that it is necessary for each person to possess **an item of some fundamental needs** for travelling, entertainment and food storage. Although some clear benefits of such development could be seen, they are, in my view, eclipsed by the considerable drawbacks.

There are several advantages of having a private car, TV and fridge. First of all, people who need to travel on a daily basis, especially those who live far away from workplace, could stay active all the time thanks to **the availability of their personal vehicle**. Secondly, having a TV could be **a perfect choice of recreation** because it offers a variety of channels, such as Cartoon Network or HBO, to satisfy viewers' personal preferences. Finally, when **in possession of a fridge**, people would save a significant amount of time supposedly spent on shopping for food.

However, the disadvantages of those personal possessions are much greater regarding both environmental and individual levels. To start with, hypothetically if everyone had his own **private form of transport**, particularly cars, the emission of harmful exhaust which would be too difficult to measure would do grave harm to the environment. From an individual perspective, it would cost a legacy if every person insisted on purchasing his own fridge and TV. This is because property prices would certainly accelerate owing to **the growth in customers' demand** for those commodities. Also of great concern is the payment of expensive electric bills as fridges have to be plugged in all the time.

In conclusion, despite a few beneficial aspects of having a car, a TV and a fridge, the demerits are of greater significance from both individual and environmental angles.

Word count: 277

ECONOMY

TOPIC: 16 – 6 – 2016

Most large companies nowadays operate multi-nationally.

To what extent multinational companies have responsibility toward local communities in which they operate?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Reducing unemployment and improving standards of living:* giảm thất nghiệp và cải thiện mức sóng

2. *The distribution of social benefits:* Phân phát phúc lợi xã hội

3. *Take any further obligation for providing support for local communities:* Có trách nhiệm bắt buộc giúp đỡ cộng đồng

4. *Survive in this competitive world:* Sống sót trong thế giới cạnh tranh

5. *Ameliorate local living standards:* Cải thiện mức sống của vùng xung quanh

Band 8 Sample

Answer

These days, many major enterprises are expanding their market overseas. Personally, I disagree that those enterprises have any responsibility to aid local people.

Firstly, the appearance of foreign companies in numerous countries already enhances employment in the neighborhood. For example, when Apple established new showrooms or retail stores in Hanoi, hundreds of local job seekers were employed, **reducing unemployment and improving standards of living**. Furthermore, multi-national companies contribute tremendously to local community by paying taxes to the state through the tax system. This amount of money will be spent on **the distribution of social benefits** such as medical care or education services. Therefore, it would be unreasonable for those companies to **take any further obligation for providing support for local communities** where they base their offices.

Secondly, the idea of overseas companies sacrificing a proportion of their profit to help local people, although preferred by some, is absurd because it is the responsibility of local authorities or the government of that country. They should learn to deal with their own domestic problems, instead of calling for help from overseas companies. Furthermore, those organizations have to make money to **survive in this competitive world**. If a part of their revenue is given to charity groups, for example, to **ameliorate local living standards**, their priority goal will not be fulfilled, leading to their retreat and a great loss to the community.

In conclusion, the operation of large enterprises from wealthy nations in less developed countries naturally sparks several positive changes in local life, and it is not their obligation to help people living around.

Word count: 262

TOPIC: 18-6-2016

Cycling is more environmentally friendly than other forms of transport.

Why is it not popular in many places?

And how to increase its popularity?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *The uncommon use of bicycles:* Sự sử dụng không phổ biến của xe đạp

2. *To fail to benefit major city dwellers in particular:* Không có lợi ích với những người sống ở thành phố lớn

3. *To eclipse the values of using bicycles to the environment:* Che lấp những giá trị của việc sử dụng xe đạp đối với môi trường

4. *To be rather impractical to expect cycling:* Khá là phi thực tế để hi vọng mọi người sẽ dùng xe đạp

5. *The use of this environmentally friendly vehicle:* Việc sử dụng phương tiện thân thiện với môi trường

6. *Monthly green days:* Những ngày vì môi trường hàng tháng

7. *Form a habit of cycling:* Tạo thói quen dùng xe đạp

Band 8 Sample

Answer

The unpopularity of using bicycle in numerous places has been brought into question although there is little doubt about its friendly effects on the environment compared to cars or airplanes. The reasons for this are varied and several feasible solutions would be proposed in the essay below.

There are two main underlying explanations for **the uncommon use of bicycles**. Firstly, it would consume a considerable amount of time to travel by this means of transport, which, according to many, justifies the price of potential environmental damage caused by other types of vehicles. This is because it **fails to benefit dwellers of major cities in particular** when their pace of working life would **eclipse the values of using bicycles to the environment**. Secondly, modern people are becoming less concerned about the negative impact that their daily use of cars and public transportation would inflict on their surroundings. Therefore, it is **rather impractical to expect cycling** in cities, or even the countryside.

The government play a vital role in encouraging **the use of this environmentally friendly vehicle**. They could conduct **monthly green days** that by law require citizens to cycle to work to get people involved in protecting their environment. In the long term, such an initiative would help to gradually **form a habit of cycling** among occupied individuals. More importantly, propagation via various means of media along with optional courses about the advantages of cycling to the environment at schools seem to be imperative to heighten social awareness of this matter.

In conclusion, cycling, regardless of its positive influences on the environment, has become a rare picture in the modern world for a number of reasons; and the government should take immediate actions to improve this situation.

Word count: 286

Band 8 Sample

Answer

It is said that state money should be better allocated to the promotion of a healthy lifestyle as a long-term prevention against all kinds of diseases than treatment for already ill people. In my opinion, both should be equally funded.

On the one hand, the government should pay attention to promoting a healthy lifestyle as it is directly linked to **human resistance against a vast number of illnesses**. As a matter of fact, the harmful habit of drinking liquor or chemical dependency are principal causes for numerous diseases including alcoholism and cancer. Also, people **leading a sedentary lifestyle** due to either intense study or work also suffer from back pain or short-sight. In most cases, victims are little aware of their daily habits bringing much damage to their body, or sometimes, students and working people cannot find a place to exercise. The government's involvement is therefore vital as they can **launch propaganda campaigns to heighten social awareness** or establish more public facilities such as parks as places for residents to physically exercise.

On the other hand, similar funding should be provided for constructing hospitals, modernizing facilities, and experimenting new medicines. In reality, there are more grave threats from contagions like Ebola or unexpected accidents on street, which emphasizes **the necessity of treatment and the development of healthcare services**. Unless more significant amounts of money were allocated to discovering new cures and improving the quality of services, there would be more victims and casualties. This is **no less important and imperative** than promoting a healthy lifestyle.

In conclusion, both of these aforementioned factors should be equally and simultaneously developed by any governments.

Word count: 271

TOPIC: 25-6-2016

It is more important for governments to spend public funds on promoting a healthy lifestyle than treatment.

Do you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Human resistance against a vast number of illnesses:** *Sức chống lại rất nhiều bệnh tật*

2. **Leading a sedentary lifestyle:** *có lối sống ít vận động*

3. **Launch propagation campaigns to heighten social awareness:** *Thực hiện những chiến dịch tuyên truyền nâng cao nhận thức xã hội*

4. **The necessity of treatment and the development of healthcare services:** *Sự cần thiết của sự điều trị và sự phát triển của dịch vụ chăm sóc sức khỏe*

5. **No less important and imperative:** *không kém phần quan trọng và cấp bách*

TOPIC: 9-7-2016

Studies have suggested that children watch much more television than they did in the past and spend less time on active or creative things.

What are the reasons and what measures should be taken to reduce the time children spend on watching TV and encourage children to spend more time on active or creative things?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **High-resolution graphics:** *Hình ảnh phân giải cao*

2. **The lack of care as well as encouragement from parents:** *Sự thiếu quan tâm cũng như khuyến khích từ phụ huynh*

3. **Restrict the amount of time allowed for watching TV:** *Giới hạn thời gian được phép xem phim*

4. **Resort to drastic measures:** *Dụng đến những biện pháp quyết liệt*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

It has been observed that watching TV becomes a dominant form of recreation over other activities that require creativity. My essay below will analyze some underlying reasons and propose some feasible solutions to this issue.

There are two major contributors to the situation where children show a tendency to spend time watching TV rather than creative activities. The first explanation is that telecasts have been growing in number as well as quality, which greatly appeals to children at young age. Compared to the past when most TV channels were in black and white, or viewers could only switch to a limited number of programs, nowadays hundreds of channels with **high-resolution graphics** are available on TV. It is therefore understandable why children choose watching channels like Cartoon Network over other activities. The second reason is **the lack of care as well as encouragement from parents**. Busy life has pushed modern parents away from their kids, and they hardly have time to play with their children or encourage them to do some healthier activities like painting. Children, as a consequence, turn to watching TV during their spare time.

Measures should be taken in order to reduce the time children use to watch TV. Parents' guidance are essential since they are closest to their own children and it is easier for parents to **restrict the amount of time allowed for watching TV**. Although schools and teachers can also play a part, fathers and mothers would be far more persuasive and could **resort to drastic measures** such as corporal punishments if needed. Also of great importance is that they should spare more time playing with and encouraging their kids to take part in creative activities. In fact, with enough encouragement, children would feel motivated and cared for, hence more time spent on active exercises.

In conclusion, several factors are cited as causes for children's propensity for adopting a passive habit of watching TV more than ever before, and children should be guided and encouraged to do more creative work.

Word count: 335

SOCIAL

TOPIC: 14-7-2016

Nowadays, it seems that people tend to waste a great amount of food.

Why do you think this is happening? And how can we solve this problem?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Have a thorough plan of what they are going to buy:** *Có kê hoạch cẩn thận về những gì họ định mua*

2. **Vague ideas of what meals or foodstuffs they might consume:** *Ý tưởng mờ nhạt về bữa ăn hay thức ăn mà họ định tiêu thụ*

3. **Poor choices for their diet:** *Những lựa chọn tệ cho chế độ ăn của họ*

4. **Saves a lot of unnecessary food:** *Tiết kiệm rất nhiều thực phẩm không cần thiết*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

These days, people are buying a lot of food which ends up being thrown away. The essay below will analyze some major reasons for this situation, and measures to tackle this problem will be presented.

There are two main explanations why food is being wasted. One of the reasons food is thrown away is because consumers fail to **have a thorough plan of what they are going to buy** before they shop. Commonly, many people only have **vague ideas of what meals or foodstuffs they might consume** over the next few days, and this often leads to their shopping carts full of products they might never use. Secondly, food wastage can occur when people make **poor choices for their diet**. Huge quantities of food remaining unused might be a sign that consumers' diets are going undesirably.

Some measures are suggested to mitigate the situation. One effective solution is to make a list of ingredients and foodstuffs that one is going to purchase before she goes shopping. This way helps consumers to have time to prepare and decide wisely what products should be bought, which eventually **saves a lot of unnecessary food**. Furthermore, people should do careful research on reasonable diets in advance of going to food stores so that they can know what ingredients are best for their state of health.

In conclusion, poor planning for meals and unwise choices of diet mainly contribute to the amount of unused food at the moment, and thorough preparation is key to avoid further food wastage.

Word count: 253

Government

In many countries, government spent a large amount of money on improving internet access.

Why is it happening and do you think it is the most appropriate use of government money?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **A huge proportion of national budget:** *Một phần lớn ngân sách nhà nước*

2. **To dispense educational services and general knowledge about all aspects of life:** *đem đến những dịch vụ giáo dục và kiến thức chung về tất cả các khía cạnh của cuộc sống*

3. **To pour their money into improving the Internet:** *Đổ tiền vào nâng cấp Internet*

4. **To be equivalent to the enormous amount of governmental funding:** *Cân xứng với khối lượng kinh phí khổng lồ từ chính phủ*

5. **To be used to the absence of the Internet:** *Quen với việc không có Internet*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

A huge proportion of national budget is allocated for providing people with easier access to the Internet. There are several reasons for such spending and, in my view, this is not the most suitable way to use state money.

The government understand how the Internet benefits the lives of their citizens and also the limitation of access to the network in a number of places across their countries. The Internet has proven powerful in **dispensing educational services and general knowledge about all aspects of life**, not to mention the fact that it could facilitate communication even between continents. There is no arguing why governments pay much heed to the development of the network, just as to boost the overall quality of life for their people. Additionally, perhaps the inaccessibility of the Internet in many areas, especially disadvantaged ones for which mountainous villages in Vietnam could be brought up as a prime example, has the government draw a conclusion to **pour their money into improving the Internet.**

Much as those analyzed points above, I still believe large financial spending on such a field could, sometimes, be seen as unproductive or even counter-productive. In fact, only half of the world population has Internet connection; and even if the government were able to expand the network, it would be, I believe, hardly reachable for the rest of the world for the time being. The result would not **be equivalent to the enormous amount of governmental funding**. Instead, there are some other areas that authorities could invest in as a pre-requisite complement before supplying a widespread network. Constructing schools and sending qualified teachers to areas that **are used to the absence of the Internet** and are unaware of the benefits it might offer could be more promising.

In conclusion, there are two main explanations for governments' special attention to improving the Internet access; and I think this is not the most optimal way to spend money.

Word count: 322

TOPIC: 30-7-2016

Many people say the gap between rich and poor people is wider, as rich people become richer and poor people grow poorer.

What problems could this situation cause and what measures can be done to address those problems?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **The two classes of society:** *2 tầng lớp xã hội*

2. **To live on the breadline:** *Sống nghèo đói*

3. **Income inequality:** *Bất bình đẳng thu nhập*

4. **The breeding ground for social unrest and political instability:** *Là nơi sản sinh ra rối loạn xã hội và bất ổn chính trị*

5. **The onset of social anarchy:** *Sự bắt đầu của sự hỗn độn trong xã hội*

6. **To resort to violence and opt for the life of criminals:** *Tìm đến bạo lực và lựa chọn con đường tội phạm*

7. **To reduce the amount of income inequality in society:** *Giảm lượng bất bình đẳng thu nhập trong xã hội*

8. **To place much importance on individual competence to determine the amount of money one might earn:** *Nhấn mạnh vào khả năng cá nhân để quyết định số tiền mà một người sẽ nhận*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

As the world progresses, the gap between the **two classes of society** is widened because the rich become wealthier while the poor are **living on the breadline**. Such **income inequality** could lead to several problems, and some suggestions to improve this situation will be analyzed in the following essay.

Wealth concentration within a handful of individuals and institutions might result in two major issues. Firstly, the rich-poor gap could be **the breeding ground for social unrest and political instability**. The poor might perceive that the rich is the principal force of hindrance to their occupational and service opportunities. This might be the precursor to discontentment, which potentially is **the onset of social anarchy**. Secondly, as poverty restricts the capacity of the underprivileged to access services and other life-sustaining matters such as education, employment and medicine, they might **resort to violence and opt for the life of criminals.**

There are several initiatives to reduce economic inequality, including progressive taxation and minimum salary legislation. Higher taxes should be levied on the rich, which could **reduce the amount of income inequality in society**. On the other hand, governments could use this money to supply free goods and services for those who struggle to make a living. Also of great importance is the increase in the minimum earnings of the poorest workers. Although it cannot be denied that the current system **places much importance on individual competence to determine the amount of money one might earn**, unskilled workforce who usually are from the lower class should be, still, provided enough to live sufficiently.

In conclusion, chaos and the acceleration of crime rates are the two severe repercussions of the unequal distribution of wealth; and governments could impose heavy taxes on the rich and heighten the minimum amount of salary for the disadvantaged.

Word count: 298

TOPIC: 4-8-2016

In many countries, people now wear Western clothes (suits, jeans) rather than traditional clothing.

Why? Is this a positive or negative development?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Influential cultures:** *Những nền văn hóa có ảnh hưởng lớn*
2. **The notion of modernism in terms of dressing:** *Ý niệm về cách ăn mặc hiện đại*
3. **Reshapes fashion patterns of the indigenous:** *Định hình lại cách ăn mặc của người bản xứ*
4. **The age of globalization:** *Thời đại toàn cầu hóa*
5. **Underestimate the value and meaning of their traditional clothes:** *Coi thường giá trị và ý nghĩa của quần áo truyền thống*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

In many parts of the world, many people prefer Western fashion styles than their traditional clothes. The underlying reasons for this are varied; and this could be seen as both negative and positive.

There are two main explanations for the popularity of suits and jeans even in non-Western countries across different continents. Firstly, Western clothing has become widely known for the recent advent of the mass media like TV or global newspapers. In fact, **influential cultures**, especially **the notion of modernism in terms of dressing**, from the West has become dominant in other nations. Secondly, the transcontinental expansion of powerful Western-based corporations is another contributor to the preference for this so-called modern dressing style. Those organizations usually require their local staff to wear dress shirts and pants to work, which gradually **reshapes fashion patterns of the indigenous**.

This choice of fashion could do both harm and good. On the positive side, it helps people integrate into the global working environment, which is essential in **the age of globalization** where different cultures cross. On the other hand, if such preference became excessively prevalent, there would be a good reason for the worry of cultural assimilation. Some people, the young generation in particular, might **underestimate the value and meaning of their traditional clothes**, the Ao Dai in Vietnam for example.

In conclusion, the widespread adoption of Western clothing could be attributable to the mass media and the appearance of a handful of national companies; and this phenomenon is positive and negative at the same time.

Word count: 253

TOPIC: 27-8-2016

With the rapid advancement of communication technology, eg smart phones, tablets and other mobile devices, some people believe that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Empowered people to conveniently keep in touch with friends and relatives*: Giúp con người có thể giữ liên lạc với bạn bè và người thân một cách tiện lợi

2. *The ability to effectively interact with each other*: Khả năng tương tác hiệu quả với nhau

3. *Refrain from using new appealing applications and games*: Kiềm chế sử dụng những ứng dụng và trò chơi thú vị

4. *Too engrossed in their games*: quá đắm chìm vào việc chơi game

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Recently, the advent and popularity of cutting-edge communication technology has unfolded the possibility of connecting people from different places around the world, which engenders public opposing ideas of whether the drawbacks of such devices would eclipse the benefits. In my opinion, I completely agree with that statement.

Still, there are certainly several values that new lines of mobile phones and tablets bring to users. Firstly, those are considered a powerful facilitator of communication. In fact, many breakthroughs in the industry of technology, such as the introduction of I-phone, have **empowered people to conveniently keep in touch with friends and relatives** regardless of geographic adversities. Secondly, such technological development is a threshold of a new world where people are connected in a global network, which provides them with opportunities to meet people of diverse backgrounds and personalities. Compared to the past, modern people now could easily get to know people, even trans-continentally, with only a small device such as a cell phone.

However, I suppose that the repercussions of this advancement should be paid more attention to. As people rely too much on tablets or mobile phones, there would be a high chance of them losing **the ability to effectively interact with each other** in real life. More dangerously, addiction and aggression might be the price that people had to pay if they did not **refrain from using new appealing applications and games**. Unfortunately, many incidents resulting in a few casualties have been reported when players are **too engrossed in their games**, especially after the release of Pokemon-Go. This might be a strong basis for the belief that those devices would do more harm than good.

In conclusion, I believe that the downsides of contemporary technological development might be more significant than the benefits.

Word count: 293

HISTORY

TOPIC: 10-9-2016

Some people think studying from the past offers no benefits to today's life, while others believe that history is a valuable source of information for us.

Discuss both views and give our own opinion.

Useful vocabulary:

1. **brings no relevant values to the present or future:** *Không đem lại giá trị thực tiễn cho hiện tại và tương lai*

2. **no guarantee of the accuracy of information obtained:** *Không có gì đảm bảo về sự chính xác của thông tin*

3. **thorough insights into their own culture and how their country has evolved:** *Kiến thức cụ thể về văn hóa và nước nhà đã tiến hóa như thế nào*

4. **develop their patriotism and pride:** *Phát triển lòng yêu nước và sự tự hào*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

There are different opinions about the role of history in our present life. While a lot of people insist that there would be nothing to gain from doing research on what happened in the past, I suppose history does teach us precious lessons.

On the one hand, I understand why some people think it is pointless to learn from the past. First, history is the field that is rarely used in people's lives, and therefore, they would rather pay attention to science or technology than focus on something that **brings no relevant values to the present or future**. Second, each historical event is interpreted differently based on different facts and perspectives, so there is **no guarantee of the accuracy of information obtained**. If, in many cases, historical documents were falsified, it would cause tremendous damage to people's culture and religion.

On the other hand, I would argue that studying from past events is essential for two principal reasons. History helps young people have **thorough insights into their own culture and how their country has evolved**. This is particularly true in case of Vietnam. The youth need to understand how their ancestors defended the nation against intruders throughout many dynasties and maintain a sovereign and free country, which would **develop their patriotism and pride**. Furthermore, history depicts the mistakes made in the past, hence helping people to avoid similar ones in the future.

In conclusion, acquiring knowledge about historical events, although redundant according to some, seems to be of great value to me.

Word count: 252

ADVERTISING

Research has shown that overeating is as harmful as smoking. Therefore, the advertising of certain food products should be banned in the same way as the advertising of cigarettes is banned.

Do you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **A detriment to people's health conditions:** *Điều gây hại cho sức khỏe con người*

2. **Excessive food intake:** *Lượng thức ăn vào quá nhiều*

3. **Numerous health-related problems:** *Nhiều vấn đề liên quan đến sức khỏe*

4. **Approach prospective customers:** *Tiếp cận khách hàng tiềm năng*

5. **Their profit declines as a result of this prohibition policy:** *Lợi nhuận giảm vì cấm sách này*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

It is claimed that overeating causes similar damage to human health just like smoking, so it is necessary to implement prohibition of advertisements for both some food products and smoking. In my opinion, the former view is well-founded, yet the latter seems to be rather unreasonable.

It is totally understandable that consuming an unnecessarily large amount of food is **a detriment to people's health conditions** just like smoking is. In fact, **excessive food intake** increases body fat, potentially resulting in obesity. In recent years, the number of obese people has been constantly growing at an unprecedented rate in consequence of overeating. Furthermore, consuming unhealthy food such as fast food or processed food on regular basis also brings about **numerous health-related problems** such as blood pressure or high cholesterol. Issues regarding people's state of health caused by eating too much are for sure comparable with those caused by smoking, lung cancer for example.

However, I do not think it is an effective solution to forbid advertisements for several particular foodstuffs. It is unfair to manufacturers because advertising is their main measure to **approach prospective customers** and to introduce their new products in the market. Without publicity materials, many food manufacturers would experience crises as **their profit declines as a result of this prohibition policy**. Furthermore, it is a disadvantage to consumers because they will not be informed about products they want to buy. It is true that advertising encourages people to purchase things but it only plays a small part in the amount of food intake which is mainly determined by consumers themselves.

In conclusion, I agree that the way overeating harms human health is similar to smoking, whereas it seems to me that advertising of food products should not be banned.

Word count: 291

TOPIC: 24-9-2016

Fossil fuel is the main source of energy. In some countries, the use of alternative sources of energy is encouraged.

To what extent do you think is it a positive or negative development?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **The current rate of exploitation:** *Tốc độ khai thác hiện nay*

2. **Energy scarcity:** *Khan hiếm năng lượng*

3. **The future development of the human race:** *Sự phát triển trong tương lai của loài người*

4. **Environmental degradation:** *Sự thoái hóa của môi trường*

5. **The combustion of fossil fuels:** *Sự đốt cháy năng lượng hóa thạch*

6. **An unlimited amount of inexpensive energy:** *Một lượng bất tận năng lượng rẻ*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Governments across continents have turned their attention to more sustainable sources of energy as alternatives to fossil fuels. In my opinion, this could be seen as a progress for the following reasons.

First, there is no arguing that producing energy from buried dead organisms lacks sustainability, which means such production could not guarantee the survival of humans in the long term. In fact, the consumption of energy generated from fossil fuels tends to accelerate in direct correlation with the growth of the world population. With **the current rate of exploitation**, this valuable resource would dwindle away in no time, leaving no other choices than seeking additional reserves such as nuclear power or hydroelectricity. This is a safe solution to the fear of **energy scarcity** and ensures **the future development of the human race**.

Second, dependence on fossil fuel for worldwide energy supply would cause **environmental degradation** while using solar power, for example, is considered an ultimate choice of energy conservation. **The combustion of fossil fuels** is the culprit of greenhouse gas emission and other air pollutants, leading to tremendous damage to the environment. Such suffering of the Earth could not be justified by the growing need of humans. By contrast, this would never be the case when it comes to other alternatives as mentioned above. If governments continue to invest in exploiting those new sources, there will be **an unlimited amount of inexpensive energy** on the long run.

In conclusion, I believe that the use of other potential energy sources to replace fossil fuel is obviously an important step forward.

Word count: 260

Some people think that men and women have different qualities. Therefore, some certain jobs are suitable for men and some jobs are suitable for women.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Disparities in the types of job compatible for males or females:** *sự phân biệt trong loại công việc tương thích với đàn ông và phụ nữ*
2. **Distinct physical and mental strengths:** *Những điểm mạnh khác biệt về thể chất và tinh thần*
3. **The distribution of the types of jobs among the two sexes:** *Sự phân bố các loại công việc giữa những người khác giới*
4. **Occupational compatibility regarding gender:** *Sự tương thích nghề nghiệp dựa trên giới tính*
5. **Great versatility in various jobs:** *Khả năng có thể đảm nhiệm tốt nhiều loại công việc*
6. **Both brains and brawn:** *Cả trí não lẫn thể chất*
7. **Gender-specific career pursuit:** *Sự theo đuổi nghề nghiệp tùy theo giới tính (tạm dịch…)*
8. **The aforementioned disparity in job selection:** *Sự phân biệt trong việc chọn lựa ngành nghề vừa đề cập đến ở trên*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

It is thought that there are **disparities in the types of job compatible for males or females** owing to their **distinct physical and mental strengths.** Although occupational suitability based on gender is justifiable to some degree, reality, in my opinion, has proven otherwise.

On the one hand, it would be absurd to ignore the fact that jobs which require tremendous physical strength and agility such as mining feature male labor. Women, meanwhile, are assumed to be better at tasks that take great patience as well as skills to perform like household chores. In fact, a majority of men and women could not exchange their preferred fields of expertise, which is a strong reason for the distribution of **the types of jobs among the two sexes.**

On the other hand, I still believe there should not be any specific rules for **occupational compatibility regarding gender.** A lot of men are growing more interested in taking responsibilities for childcare and housework which are typically considered feminine. Women, by contrast, are showing **great versatility in various jobs,** even those demanding **both brains and brawn.** Female gymnasts have been increasing in number; and nobody can deny that mental and physical perseverance are fundamental for gymnastics. In addition, women's social status has been improved thanks to the success of world-class businesswomen and politicians, Hillary Clinton for example. This is a plain proof against the belief of **gender-specific career pursuit.**

In conclusion, while there is still some truth to **the aforementioned disparity in job selection,** I think men and women are now equal in terms of such an aspect.

Word count: 263

EDUCATION

Some people think that everyone has the right to have access to university education, and that governments should make it free for all students no matter what financial background they have.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion.

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Acquire tertiary degrees:** *Lấy bằng đại học*

2. **Equal in intelligence and scholastic capability:** *Giống nhau về trí tuệ cũng như khả năng học vấn*

3. **Providing free tertiary education:** *Cung cấp giáo dục đại học miễn phí*

4. **Exerts a fairly significant impact on how each student interacts with teachers and their peers:** *Có ảnh hưởng khá đáng kể đến việc từng học sinh tương tác với nhau cũng như với thầy cô như thế nào.*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

It is thought that studying at university is everyone's right, and all tuition fees should be fully paid by the government. The former view is reasonable, however, I disagree that the government should take responsibility for students' university education fees.

I believe every student is entitled to go to college to **acquire tertiary degrees**. It is because, from my point of view, knowledge gained at university should be freely imparted to everyone. Furthermore, all students, although different in financial backgrounds, are **equal in intelligence and scholastic capability**, hence equal opportunities to gain admittance to university.

However, the government are under no obligation to take care of university attenders' education costs. **Providing free tertiary education** might either push the government to the verge of bankruptcy or levy higher taxes on citizens because the costs for the government to maintain facilities or employ qualified teachers are certainly exorbitant. Additionally, education quality would also suffer owing to the increased number of students in one class, which prevents teachers from giving out thorough care for everyone. In fact, class size also **exerts a fairly significant impact on how each student interacts with teachers and their peers**. If there are too many members in one class, they will be afraid to ask questions, for example, which leads to their poor performance at university.

In conclusion, while I agree that it is everyone's right to pursue tertiary education, it seems to me that the government should not fully pay for study costs. So far, there have been ample opportunities for scholarships or exemptions; and I think that is the best method to support students.

Word count: 268

SOCIETY

TOPIC: 5-11-2016

Some people believe that living in big cities is becoming more difficult. Others believe that it is getting easier.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Not only population explosion but also migration from the countryside:** *Không chỉ bùng nổ dân số mà còn di cư từ nông thôn*

2. **Public transportation overload:** *Hiện trạng quá tải phương tiện giao thông công cộng*

3. **Adequate employment opportunities:** *Đầy đủ cơ hội nghề nghiệp*

4. **Find a decent profession equivalent to their qualifications and competence:** *Tìm được một ngành tốt xứng với bằng cấp và khả năng*

Band 8 Sample

Answer

It is often argued that life in major urban areas has become much of a challenge. Although there is some truth to that statement, I think qualities of life in cities have made it easier for residents in terms of educational opportunities and career prospects.

On the one hand, there are two principal reasons why some people find it difficult to live in a metropolis. First, space of living is becoming more and more limited in many major cities, such as London. Such overcrowding, which can be attributable to **not only population explosion but also migration from the countryside**, makes it uncomfortable for residents in many terms, **public transportation overload** for example. Second, crime rates have been accelerating for the past few years in urban areas; and this is a tremendous detriment to the life and safety of city dwellers.

On the other hand, I would side with those who suppose living in cities is easier than ever before. To begin with, access to higher quality education has been largely dispensed, resulting in skilled workforce. In fact, more institutions and schools have come into being recently, with teachers carefully trained and facilities greatly modernized, to provide students with the best education. Furthermore, the non-stop progress of the economy is the foundation of **adequate employment opportunities**. Despite significant competitiveness in the job market, people can still **find a decent profession equivalent to their qualifications and competence**, making their lives less stressful.

In conclusion, it seems to me that it is more comfortable to live in a big city owing to advanced education systems and more employment opportunities.

Word count: 266

TOPIC: 26-11-2016

Advertisements are becoming more and more common in everyday life.

Is it a positive or negative development?

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Details about newly launched products*: Thông tin chi tiết về những sản phẩm mới được công bố

2. *Commercialize their commodities*: Thương mại hóa sản phẩm

3. *Publicity materials*: Nghĩa là những thứ giúp cho một sản phẩm mới được người khác biết đến (tạm dịch)

4. *Approach prospective customers*: Tiếp cận với khách hàng tiềm năng

5. *To be bombarded with all kinds of advertisements*: Bị "bỏ bom" bởi đủ các thể loại quảng cáo

6. *Information overload*: Quá tải thông tin

7. *Stimulate people to purchase products that are being advertised*: Kích thích mọi người mua hàng hóa đang được quảng cáo.

Band 8 Sample

The development of businesses has given rise to the growing number of advertisements that can be seen anywhere, on streets or in the media. In my opinion, this phenomenon could be both positive and negative.

On the one hand, advertising has brought a number of benefits for not only consumers but also businesses. Certainly, advertising provides **details about newly launched products**, which is important for consumers who are still unaware of such products. In fact, improving quality alone would be less effective if producers failed to **commercialize their commodities**. Furthermore, companies, entrepreneurs for example, spend a great deal of money on **publicity materials** in order to **approach prospective customers**. This, in return, generates higher profit and enhances those companies' competitiveness in the market.

On the other hand, the surge in quantities of commercials exerts several undesirable impacts on customers. First, instead of being well-informed about a new line of product, people are **being bombarded with all kinds of advertisements**. Those can be either deceptive or annoying; and such **information overload** has become a nuisance to many people, particularly when their favorite telecasts are constantly interrupted by irrelevant promotions. Second, advertising encourages people to purchase what they do not really need. Images of celebrities are used in many extravagant commercials, especially cosmetics, to **stimulate people to purchase products that are being advertised**. However, in reality, most of those products are of little use to buyers.

In conclusion, advertisements of various types have become prevalent in modern society; and this is, in my view, advantageous and detrimental as well.

Word count: 261

TOPIC: 3-12-2016

International travel has many advantages to both travelers and the country visited.

Do you think advantages outweigh disadvantages?

Useful vocabulary:

1. **Travel expenses:** Chi phí du lịch

2. **Famous tourist destinations:** Điểm đến du lịch nổi tiếng

3. **Complicated and tedious prerequisite procedures:** Công đoạn bắt buộc nhàm chán và phức tạp

4. **Lay much pressure on local people:** Đặt nhiều áp lực lên người dân trong vùng

5. **A detriment to domestic travel:** Ngăn cản du lịch trong nước

6. **Costs of hotel rooms and other services:** Giá cả của phòng khách sạn và những loại dịch vụ khác

7. **Numbers of fascinating experiences of exotic cuisine and culture:** Nhiều trải nghiệm thú vị về thực phẩm và văn hóa xa lạ

8. **Enhance tourism industries:** Phát triển ngành du lịch

Band 8 Sample

Answer

Travelling abroad certainly exerts several positive influences on tourists as well as the host country. Although there are still drawbacks of international travel, I think its values are more significant.

On the one hand, the downsides of welcoming foreign visitors are varied. Regarding tourists themselves, **travel expenses** in **famous tourist destinations**, Venice for example, are expensive, and there are many **complicated and tedious prerequisite procedures** such as visa application or plane ticket reservation. As for the countries that play host to international tourists, the rise in costs of living may **lay much pressure on local people** and be **a detriment to domestic travel**. This is because the growth in the number of tourists from abroad would encourage **costs of hotel rooms and other services** to increase. People in the neighborhood and domestic visitors would suffer in comparison.

On the other hand, I suppose the benefits of international travel would eclipse those analyzed disadvantages. First, travelers can have **numbers of fascinating experiences of exotic cuisine and culture**, and they get to see places they have not seen before. A typical example of this is when tourists from other countries come to Vietnam, they would have the opportunity to use chopsticks, enjoy traditional meals and go sightseeing in the countryside. Second, the increased number of foreign people coming to visit another country would evidently **enhance tourism industries**, contributing greatly to the wealth of that country. If tourists enjoy their trips, they will recommend the destination to their friends or perhaps they will come back in the future.

In conclusion, it appears to me that the merits of international tourism are more notable than its drawbacks.

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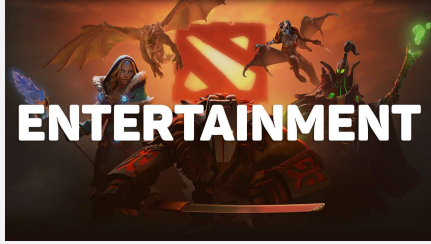
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Some people think that young people can learn useful skills by playing electronic and computer games. Others argue that people who play electronic and computer games are wasting their time.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Useful vocabulary:

1. *Sharpen some important skills:* Mài giũa một số kĩ năng quan trọng

2. *Cultivate their creativity and problem solving skills:* Phát triển sự sáng tạo và khả năng giải quyết vấn đề

3. *Tremendous focus and extremely fast reflexes:* Sự tập trung cao độ và phản xạ cực nhanh

4. *This form of entertainment is a grave detriment:* Loại hình giải trí này là sự gây hại

5. *Players are exposed to them on a frequent basis:* Người chơi tiếp xúc với game thường xuyên

6. *Healthy, educational and less time-consuming options:* Những sự lựa chọn lành mạnh, mang tính giáo dục và ít tốn thời gian hơn

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Answer

There have been arguments over the possible impacts that computer and electronic games might˙on the young. Although there is some truth to the belief that playing games on computers and other electronic devices enhances certain skills, I would side with those who think playing such games is a waste of time.

On the one hand, there are several reasons why some people consider video games as a tool to **sharpen some important skills**. First, many games, such as science or puzzle games, stimulate young players' brains and sensitivity, which gives those players an opportunity to **cultivate their creativity and problem solving skills**. Second, people argue that shooting games, like Counter Strike, require **tremendous focus and extremely fast reflexes** to complete stages in those games. With reflexes and concentration capability improved, players can demonstrate more effectively daily task which specifically require those enhanced skills.

On the other hand, I would argue that spending time on video games is a waste regardless of the possibility of skill development they might offer. Young people are supposed to study properly either at school or at home, to which **this form of entertainment is a grave detriment**. Those types of games are fun; however, they are addictive at the same time. An excessive amount of time would be used for games if **players are exposed to them on a frequent basis**. This, consequently, results in the reduction of time for study, which should be people's top priority at their age. Furthermore, skills sharpened by computer and electronic games can also be acquired by a number of other **healthy, educational and less time-consuming options**, such as reading books or participating in sport clubs.

In conclusion, it seems to me that having a few skills enhanced by playing video games cannot justify the fact that it is a waste of time.

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