



101 Introductions

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Preface

Hello, and welcome to our new volume of 101 introduction examples from IELTS9PRO. As you may be aware, a very good essay starts with a very good introduction. This requires that the writer gives the examiners what they want in the prompt. In this volume you will find 101 examples of introductions to all the essay question types (opinion, advantages/disadvantages, discussion, problem/solution and two-part questions), complete with key vocabulary, structure and clear examples of how to write. All these introductions are the result of the skill to paraphrase and answer the questions clearly. This volume should be invaluable for your success in IELTS; we hope you find it useful.

Thank you.

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مقدمه

یکی از بخش‌های آزمون آیلتس، رایتینگ می باشد که به تازگی کسب نمره ۷ یا بیشتر در آن دشوار و یا حتی غیرممکن شده است. یکی از بزرگترین ترس‌های داوطلبین آزمون آیلتس چگونگی شروع رایتینگ تسک ۲ است. این داوطلبین وقت زیادی را صرف **ایده‌پردازی** و یافتن کلمات هم‌خانواده () برای پاراگراف می‌کنند. به‌کارگیری **مهارت بازنویسی** در طول رایتینگ تسک ۲ زمانی که می‌خواهید مدام از یک واژه استفاده نکنید مفید است. و نیز **ایده‌پردازی** خوب از دیدگاه یک انگلیسی‌زبان می‌تواند نمره شما را افزایش دهد.

کتابی که پیش روی شماست حاصل ماه‌ها کار توسط (استاد انگلیسی زبان و آیلتس) از انگلستان و پیمان (کارشناسی ارشد آموزش زبان انگلیسی) بوده است. در این کتاب ۱۰۱ موضوع از سوالات اخیر آیلتس انتخاب شده که شامل بیش از ۵۰۰ کلمه و عبارات بازنویسی شده در قالب می‌باشد. تمرکز اصلی این کتاب بر روی **مهارت بازنویسی** و **ایده‌پردازی** یا پاسخ صریح به سوالات رایتینگ تسک ۲ آیلتس است.

همچنین حدود ۶۵ موضوع از موضوعات این کتاب دارای ویدئوی آموزشی و تصحیح می‌باشد که برای مشاهده این ویدئوها می‌توانید به آدرس  [۹. /](#) مراجعه کنید.

و در نهایت، پس از مطالعه و تمرین در رایتینگ آیلتس، شما زبان آموز گرامی می‌توانید نوشته‌های خود را به آدرس [۹.](#) ارسال کنید تا نمره رایتینگ شما از دید استاد نیتو، تخمین زده شود.

در صورت وجود هر گونه سؤال یا پیشنهاد می‌توانید با ایمیل [۹.](#) و یا تلگرام [۹](#) با مادر ارتباط باشید. با آرزوی موفقیت در آزمون آیلتس و سایر مراحل زندگی پیمان کریمی



Essay Question 1

Transport delays and long journey times are a widespread phenomenon in many cities today.

What are the causes of this problem?

How could the situation be improved?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Transport delays*** = traffic jams and congestion
- ❖ ***and*** = coupled with (depending on the context)
- ❖ ***long journey times*** = increasing travel times for many journeys
- ❖ ***today*** = Currently

Thesis Statement

What are the causes of this problem? (The main cause) the massive increase in private car usage

How could the situation be improved? a congestion charge for vehicles in city centres

Introduction Paragraph

Currently many cities experience traffic jams and congestion, coupled with increasing travel times for many journeys. The main cause of this phenomenon is the massive increase in private car usage; however, a possible solution could be a congestion charge for vehicles in city centres.



Essay Question 2

Over the past few decades, the media has promoted the image of young thin women as being ideal.

What problems has this caused?

What solutions can you suggest to this issue?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Over the past few decades*** = In recent years
- ❖ ***Promoted*** = portrayed
- ❖ ***Ideal*** = idealised
- ❖ ***the image of young thin women*** = women as being young, and especially, thin

Thesis Statement

What problems has this caused? (the main problem) they feel under pressure to conform to this body image sometimes at the cost of their health

What solutions can you suggest to this issue? (the main solution) ban negative stereotypes of women from the national media

Introduction Paragraph

In recent years, the media has portrayed an idealised image of women as being young, and especially, thin. This has caused several issues, particularly among impressionable teenage girls as they feel under pressure to conform to this body image sometimes at the cost of their health. I believe an answer to this worrying situation is to ban negative stereotypes of women from the national media.



Essay Question 3

Successful sports professionals can earn a great deal more money than people in other important professions. Some people think this is fully justified while others think it is unfair.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **sports professionals** = Professional athletes and sportspeople
- ❖ **earn a great deal more money** = make a considerable amount of money
- ❖ **than** = when compared to (depending on the context)
- ❖ **important professions** = important jobs
- ❖ **Some people** = Some
- ❖ **think** = believe
- ❖ **others think** = others would argue
- ❖ **it is unfair** = this is not fair

Thesis Statement

View 1: sports are entertainment

View 2: there should be a limit on earnings

My view: if people are willing to pay to watch sports stars, then it is justified

Introduction Paragraph

Professional athletes and sportspeople can make a considerable amount of money when compared to people working in more important jobs. Some believe this discrepancy can be justified, while others would argue that this is not fair. In my view, if people are willing to pay to watch sports stars, then it is justified. This essay will discuss how sports are entertainment, and why some believe there should be a limit on earnings.



Essay Question 4

Some people say that music is a good way of bringing people of different cultures and ages together.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say*** = According to some
- ❖ ***bringing*** = to bring
- ❖ ***different*** = differing
- ❖ ***ages*** = age groups
- ❖ ***a good way of bringing*** = a good way to bring

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? I agree with this view

Reason 1: music is a universal language

Reason 2: it has a worldwide popularity

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, music is a good way to bring people of differing age groups and cultures together. I agree with this view, as music is a universal language, and it has a worldwide popularity.



Essay Question 5

Some people suggest that shops should not be allowed to sell imported food. Instead they should sell the food produced in local area. Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people suggest*** = According to some
- ❖ ***Sell*** = sale
- ❖ ***food produced in local area*** = local produce
- ❖ ***should not be allowed*** = should be forbidden

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I agree with this view

Reason 1: to minimise food miles

Reason 2: to protect local farmers

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the sale of imported food should be forbidden in shops, who should instead only sell local produce. In my view, only local food should be sold to minimise food miles and to protect local farmers.



Essay Question 6

Today credit cards are easy to get in many countries, but some people who use them struggle to repay their debt.

Are there more advantages than disadvantages to using credit cards?

What is the solution to this problem?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Today** = Nowadays
- ❖ **get** = obtain
- ❖ **many** = a lot of
- ❖ **but** = However,
- ❖ **some people who** = those who
- ❖ **use them** = make purchases with credit cards
- ❖ **repay their debt** = pay their debts back
- ❖ **disadvantages** = the main drawback

Thesis Statement

Are there more advantages than disadvantages to using credit cards? I believe such advantages as easy access to money (**Advantage 1**) and being useful for emergencies (**Advantage 2**) outweigh the main drawback, high levels of personal debt (**Disadvantage**).

What is the solution to this problem? to pay credit card bill in full and on time each month.

Introduction Paragraph

Nowadays it is easy to obtain credit cards in a lot of countries. However, those who make purchases with credit cards find it difficult to pay their debts back. I believe such advantages as easy access to money and being useful for emergencies outweigh the main drawback, high levels of personal debt. The best solution to this problem would be to pay your credit card bill in full and on time each month.



Essay Question 7

Some people think that museums should be enjoyable places to entertain people, while others believe that the purpose of museums is to educate. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people think** = According to some
- ❖ **entertain** = entertainment
- ❖ **should be** = exist purely (implied)
- ❖ **, while** = ; however,
- ❖ **educate** = education
- ❖ **purpose** = function

Thesis Statement

View 1: museums exist purely for entertainment purposes

View 2: education is their true function

My view: the purpose of a museum is both to educate and inspire the visitor

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, museums exist purely for entertainment purposes; however, others believe that education is their true function. In my view, the purpose of a museum is both to educate and inspire the visitor. This essay will discuss, how interactive exhibits can enchant people, and how an awareness of history can provide inspiration to the citizenry.



Essay Question 8

Many people try to look younger than their age.

Why do you think people do this?

What are the consequences of this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***try*** = Trying
- ❖ ***younger*** = as young as possible

Thesis Statement

Why do you think people do this? the main reason for this is vanity

What are the consequences of this? the possible consequences of this might be insecurity and unhappiness

Introduction Paragraph

Trying to look as young as possible is something that many people do these days. In my view, the main reason for this is vanity; however, the possible consequences of this might be insecurity and unhappiness.



Essay Question 9

Many famous athletes advertise different products.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of it?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***famous athletes*** = famous sporting celebrities
- ❖ ***advertise*** = Advertising
- ❖ ***different products*** = a variety of products

Thesis Statement

Advantages: (the main advantage) greater brand awareness for the companies involved in a competitive marketplace

Disadvantages: (the main disadvantage) many underage fans of such athletes may be pressured into spending money on things they do not really need

Introduction Paragraph

Advertising a variety of products is commonplace for many famous sporting celebrities and athletes. I believe that the main advantage of this trend are greater brand awareness for the companies involved in a competitive marketplace. However, the downside to this trend is that many underage fans of such athletes may be pressured into spending money on things they do not really need.



Essay Question 10

It is becoming increasingly popular for people to travel to tourist destinations during public holidays. What problems does this cause? What solutions are there to these problems?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **increasingly** = More and more
- ❖ **travel** = travelling
- ❖ **tourist destinations** = tourist spots = tourist sites
- ❖ **public holidays** = national holidays
- ❖ **It is becoming** = these days (implied)
- ❖ **people** = visitors

Thesis Statement

What problems does this cause? traffic congestion and litter

What solutions are there to these problems? (the main problem) to charge people for admission to tourist sites

Introduction Paragraph

More and more people are travelling to tourist spots on national holidays these days. This increasing number of visitors results in traffic congestion and litter. A possible solution to this could be to charge people for admission to tourist sites, then the revenue can be spent on better traffic management schemes and litter collection.



Essay Question 11

Nowadays shops have extended opening hours almost every day of the week in many countries.

Is it a positive or negative development for shoppers and local community?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Nowadays*** = Currently
- ❖ ***extended opening hours*** = long opening hours
- ❖ ***almost*** = virtually
- ❖ ***every day of the week*** = every week day
- ❖ ***in many countries*** = in many parts of the world
- ❖ ***shoppers*** = customers

Thesis Statement

Is it a positive or negative development for shoppers and local community? This is a positive step for customers and the local area

Reason 1: this is a positive step for customers as they can have greater access to goods and services

Reason 2: this is a positive step for the local area as it will bring more people into the town centre

Introduction Paragraph

Currently in many parts of the world, shops have long opening hours virtually every week day. In my view, this is a positive step for customers as they can have greater access to goods and services, and the local area as it will bring more people into the town centre.



Essay Question 12

Many people complain about commercial advertisements and their influence on children.

Should it be controlled by the government?

What are the possible effects on children?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***complain*** = complaints
- ❖ ***advertisements*** = advertising
- ❖ ***influence*** = effects
- ❖ ***government*** = state
- ❖ ***controlled*** = control

Thesis Statement

Should it be controlled by the government? Yes, state control of advertising should be implemented

What are the possible effects on children? caught up in consumerism

Introduction Paragraph

There are many complaints about the effects that advertising has on children. In my view, state control of advertising should be implemented to stop children becoming caught up in consumerism at such a young age.



Essay Question 13

Some people think that high salary is important when choosing a company to work for, while others think that good working atmosphere is more important. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***choosing*** = choice
- ❖ ***choosing a company*** = the choice of which company
- ❖ ***important*** = importance
- ❖ ***atmosphere*** = environment

Thesis Statement

View 1: the level of salary offered

View 2: good environment in the workplace

My view: salary is the key consideration + friendly colleagues you can rely on is a secondary factor

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the choice of which company to work for depends on the level of salary offered, while others place more importance on having a good environment in the workplace. In my view, salary is the key consideration as it allows you to have personal freedom, whereas having friendly colleagues you can rely on is a secondary factor in employer choice.



Essay Question 14

Government should spend money to encourage the development of sport and art for school students, rather than supporting professional sports and art performances for general public.

Do you agree or disagree? Give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Government** = State
- ❖ **Spend** = spending = expenditure
- ❖ **encourage** = be directed to
- ❖ **development** = develop
- ❖ **performances** = performers = stars
- ❖ **for general public** = for public entertainment

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I agree with this expenditure

Reason 1: it is the best use of tax payer money to help students

Reason 2: if people want to see professional stars then they should pay for it out of their own pocket

Introduction Paragraph

State spending should be directed to develop sport and art for schools instead of going to professional performers for public entertainment. I agree with this expenditure as it is the best use of tax payer money to help students. If people want to see professional stars then they should pay for it out of their own pocket.



Essay Question 15

Science will soon make people live up to 100 or even 200 years. Some believe this is a good thing while others disagree.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Science*** = Advances (implied) in science
- ❖ ***soon*** = in the near future
- ❖ ***People*** = humans
- ❖ ***live up to 100 or even 200 years*** = live from 100 to 200 years
- ❖ ***this is a good thing*** = this phenomenon is to be welcomed
- ❖ ***disagree*** = do not agree

Thesis Statement

View 1: this phenomenon is to be welcomed

View 2: others do not agree with this prospect

My view: this advance will cause many social problems

Introduction Paragraph

Advances in science will in the near future allow humans to live from 100 to 200 years. According to some, this phenomenon is to be welcomed, while others do not agree with this prospect. In my view, this advance will cause many social problems and should not be allowed to happen despite how attractive long life may appear.



Essay Question 16

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

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***has transformed*** = been significantly transformed
- ❖ ***shared*** = sharing
- ❖ ***consumed*** = consumption
- ❖ ***created*** = led to
- ❖ ***problems that did not exist before*** = several new problems

Thesis Statement

What are the most serious problems associated with the internet? identity theft and fraud are the main security problems online

What solutions can you suggest? (The main solution) rigid checks on internet access

Introduction Paragraph

The sharing and consumption of information has been significantly transformed by the internet which has led to several new problems. In my view, identity theft and fraud are the main security problems online; however, rigid checks on internet access could well be a solution to this issue.



Essay Question 17

Some parents think it is good to give their children mobile phones, others disagree.

Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some parents think*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***to give their children mobile phones*** = children having mobile phones
- ❖ ***others disagree*** = others believe the opposite
- ❖ ***mobile phones*** = a mobile (British English)
- ❖ ***children*** = child

Thesis Statement

View 1: children having mobile phones is a good thing

View 2: others believe the opposite

My view: a mobile can be useful to a child but only after a certain age

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, children having mobile phones is a good thing while others believe the opposite. In my view, a mobile can be useful to a child but only after a certain age, despite some parent's safety concerns.



Essay Question 18

Ordinary people try to copy famous personalities by seeing them on TV or reading about them in the newspapers.

What is the reason for this? Is it a good idea to copy famous personalities?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***famous personalities*** = Celebrities
- ❖ ***copy*** = being copied = being imitated
- ❖ ***Ordinary people try to copy famous personalities*** = Celebrities ... are often being copied by ordinary people (Active to passive)
- ❖ ***seeing them on TV*** = watching them on TV
- ❖ ***reading about them in the newspapers*** = reading about them

Thesis Statement

What is the reason for this? due to media influence

Is it a good idea to copy famous personalities? No, it is a waste of time

Introduction Paragraph

Celebrities and their lives are often being copied by ordinary people, mainly due to media influence after watching them on TV or reading about them. In my view, imitating such people is a waste of time as people should get on with their own lives.



Essay Question 19

Some people believe that it is important to give gifts and presents to friends and family to show that we care about them. Others think that there are better ways to show affection to them.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***to give gifts and presents*** = gift giving
- ❖ ***to show that we care about them*** = to show affection to our loved ones
- ❖ ***Others think that*** = whereas others believe
- ❖ ***there are better ways to show affection to them*** = this could be shown in a better way

Thesis Statement

View 1: gift giving is an important way to show affection

View 2: others believe this (affection) could be shown in a better way

My View: showing that we care by our actions is equally valid

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, gift giving is an important way to show affection to our loved ones, whereas others believe this could be shown in a better way. In my view, showing that we care by our actions is equally valid, although I concede that giving presents can be suitable on occasion.



Essay Question 20

While recruiting a new employee, the employer should pay more attention to their personal qualities, rather than qualifications and experience.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***While recruiting a new employee*** = during the recruitment process
- ❖ ***the employer*** = Employers
- ❖ ***should*** = need
- ❖ ***pay more attention*** = be more attentive
- ❖ ***personal*** = personality
- ❖ ***rather than*** = instead of
- ❖ ***qualifications and experience*** = experience and qualifications

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? I disagree with this view

Reason 1: work is not a popularity contest

Reason 2: new employees should be vetted for what they can do and what they know

Introduction Paragraph

Employers need to be more attentive to the personality of a potential employee during the recruitment process, instead of their experience and qualifications. I disagree with this view as work is not a popularity contest and new employees should be vetted for what they can do and what they know, rather than their personality.



Essay Question 21

Some people believe that drivers should be forced to retake their test every five years.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this measure?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe*** = It has been argued
- ❖ ***drivers*** = car drivers
- ❖ ***forced*** = compelled
- ❖ ***test*** = driving test
- ❖ ***every five years*** = regularly every five years

Thesis Statement

Advantages: (the main advantage) to increase public safety

Disadvantages: (the main disadvantage) the cost of retraining and retaking the exam

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that car drivers should be compelled to retake their driving test regularly every five years. I believe the main advantage of this would be to increase public safety, while the disadvantage would be the cost of retraining and retaking the exam.



Essay Question 22

Some people prefer to live in a house, while others feel that there are more advantages to living in an apartment.

Are there more advantages than disadvantages of living in a house compared with living in an apartment?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people*** = some
- ❖ ***prefer*** = is preferred (Active to passive)
- ❖ ***feel*** = believe
- ❖ ***advantages*** = benefits
- ❖ ***living*** = life

Thesis Statement

Advantage 1: having more space in a house

Advantage 2: more peace and quiet in a house

Disadvantage: higher rental costs in an apartment

Introduction Paragraph

Living in a house is preferred by some, while others believe that life in an apartment has more benefits. In my view, having more space and more peace and quiet in a house outweigh the disadvantages of higher rental costs.



Essay Question 23

Public transport should be made free of charge.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of such a move?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Transport*** = transportation
- ❖ ***should be made*** = should be
- ❖ ***Public*** = the general public
- ❖ ***free of charge*** = free
- ❖ ***such a move*** = this move

Thesis Statement

Advantages: (the main advantage) congestion free city centres

Disadvantages: (the main disadvantage) an increase in general taxation

Introduction Paragraph

Some people believe that all transportation used by the general public should be free. It can be argued that the main advantage to this move would be congestion free city centres, while the disadvantage would be an increase in general taxation to pay for it.



Essay Question 24

People prefer to go shopping in the supermarket rather than small shops or local markets.

Why has this happened?

Do you think it is a positive or negative development?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***People*** = Some people
- ❖ ***prefer to*** = would rather
- ❖ ***go shopping*** = shop
- ❖ ***supermarket*** = big markets
- ❖ ***rather than*** = instead of
- ❖ ***shops or local markets*** = local shops

Thesis Statement

Why has this happened? due to convenience and pricing

Do you think it is a positive or negative development? definitely a major benefit to consumers

Introduction Paragraph

Some people would rather shop in the big markets instead of local shops. In my view, this is due to convenience and pricing and is definitely a major benefit to consumers.



Essay Question 25

In many countries, people do not recycle their rubbish as much as they could.

Why do you think this is?

What can be done to change this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In many countries*** = In many parts of the world
- ❖ ***recycle*** = is recycled (Active to passive)
- ❖ ***as they (=people) could*** = as it (=rubbish) could be (Active to passive)

Thesis Statement

Why do you think this is? because of laziness and a lack of incentive

What can be done to change this? a fine system by local authorities

Introduction Paragraph

In many parts of the world, not as much rubbish is recycled as it could be. In my view, this is because of laziness and a lack of incentive. A possible way to increase recycling could be a fine system by local authorities.

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Essay Question 26

More and more people are reading electronically these days.

What problems might this cause?

How might these problems be resolved?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***More and more people*** = more people
- ❖ ***reading electronically*** = read e-books
- ❖ ***are reading*** = are choosing to read

Thesis Statement

What problems might this cause? (The main Problem) it will inevitably put people out of work

How might these problems be resolved? (The main solution) retrain sections of the workforce into e-publishing

Introduction Paragraph

As technology develops, more people are choosing to read e-books and online news than traditional paper versions. The main problem of this trend is that it will inevitably put people out of work, while a possible solution might be to retrain sections of the workforce into e-publishing.



Essay Question 27

Students are becoming more and more reliant on computers.

What are some of the problems associated with reliance on computers, and what are some of the possible solutions?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Students*** = many students ('many' is implied from the topic)
- ❖ ***more and more*** = increasingly
- ❖ ***more and more reliant*** = over-reliance

Thesis Statement

What are some of the problems associated with reliance on computers? an uncritical acceptance of internet sources in essay writing and possibly plagiarism

What are some of the possible solutions? better training at university in critical thinking and the dangers of copy pasting in academic writing

Introduction Paragraph

For many students, computers are becoming an increasingly important tool in their studies. This over-reliance is leading to an uncritical acceptance of internet sources in essay writing and possibly plagiarism. However, solutions exist in better training at university in critical thinking and the dangers of copy pasting in academic writing.



Essay Question 28

In many parts of the world, families were larger in the past because people had more children.

Do you think there were more advantages or disadvantages to being part of a large family in the past?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In many parts of the world*** = around the globe
- ❖ ***Families*** = family
- ❖ ***in the past*** = In earlier times,

Thesis Statement

Do you think there were more advantages or disadvantages to being part of a large family in the past? (there were more disadvantages)

Disadvantage 1: a lack of space

Disadvantage 2: the lack of resources to maintain family life

Introduction Paragraph

In earlier times, around the globe, the size of the average family was larger than it is today as a consequence of a higher birth rate. In my opinion, being a member of such a family had several disadvantages compared to the advantages; the first being a lack of space, and the second being the lack of resources to maintain family life.



Essay Question 29

It is important to construct common areas such as parks, playgrounds and squares in all towns and cities.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***It is important*** = ... is a matter of some importance
- ❖ ***Construct*** = construction
- ❖ ***common areas*** = communal recreational areas
- ❖ ***in all towns and cities*** = in every town and city

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I agree with this notion.

Reason 1: such places are necessary for providing space for exercise and play, especially for children

Reason 2: cities with pleasant parks and squares are more inviting for visitors and tourists as well as locals

Introduction Paragraph

It has been said that the construction of communal recreational areas in every town and city is a matter of some importance. I agree with this notion, as such places are necessary for providing space for exercise and play, especially for children. Also, cities with pleasant parks and squares are more inviting for visitors and tourists as well as locals.



Essay Question 30

In some countries the quality of life in larger cities is declining.

Why do you think this is happening?

What measures can be taken to stop it?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***in larger cities*** = in major cities
- ❖ ***In some countries*** = In some parts of the world, = around the world
- ❖ ***declining*** = on the decline = in decline

Thesis Statement

Why do you think this is happening? overpopulation and its demand on natural resources

What measures can be taken to stop it? comprehensive education regarding birth control options

Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of the world, the quality of life in major cities is in decline. In my view, this is due to overpopulation and its demand on natural resources. However, I believe that comprehensive education regarding birth control options may help to alleviate some of the problems.



Essay Question 31

Culture and traditions change from generation to generation.

Why does this happen?

What can be done to change it?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Culture and traditions*** = in terms of traditions and culture
- ❖ ***Change [verb]*** = change [noun]
- ❖ ***from generation to generation*** = Inter-generational

Thesis Statement

Why does this happen? globalization is partly responsible for this

What can be done to change it? I do not believe the process is reversible

Introduction Paragraph

Inter-generational change in terms of traditions and culture would seem to be inevitable. In my view, globalization is partly responsible for this and I do not believe the process is reversible.

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Essay Question 32

Some people believe that there should be fixed punishments for each type of crime. Others, however, argue that the circumstances of an individual crime, and the motivation for committing it, should always be taken into account when deciding on the punishment.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***fixed punishments*** = a fixed sentence as punishment
- ❖ ***each type of crime*** = every crime = each crime
- ❖ ***Others, however, argue*** = However, others believe (Also change in punctuation)
- ❖ ***circumstances of an individual crime motivation*** = motivation and circumstances
- ❖ ***should*** = need
- ❖ ***taken into account*** = considered
- ❖ ***when deciding on the punishment*** = before sentencing

Thesis Statement

View 1: every crime should have a fixed sentence as punishment

View 2: motivation and circumstances need to be considered before sentencing the offender

My view: each crime should be punished on a case by case basis

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, every crime should have a fixed sentence as punishment. However, others believe that motivation and circumstances need to be considered before sentencing. In my view, each crime should be punished on a case by case basis as blanket sentencing goes against the principles of justice.



Essay Question 33

Nowadays more and more people have to compete with young people for the same jobs.

What problems does this cause?

What are some possible solutions?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Nowadays*** = Currently
- ❖ ***more and more*** = an increasing number of
- ❖ ***people*** = applicants
- ❖ ***have to*** = are forced into
- ❖ ***compete*** = competition
- ❖ ***young people*** = younger candidates
- ❖ ***jobs*** = positions

Thesis Statement

What problems does this cause? (the main problem) is situation could increase the number of older workers in unemployment

What are some possible solutions? (the main solution) government funded skills training for mature employees

Introduction Paragraph

Currently an increasing number of applicants are forced into competition with younger candidates for the same positions. This situation could increase the number of older workers in unemployment; however, government funded skills training for mature employees might be a solution to this.



Essay Question 34

In the past lecturers could teach a certain number of students in one lecture hall. With the development of new technology, it is hard to justify the reason to participate in the lecture physically and not via the Internet.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? What is your personal opinion?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In the past*** = Before
- ❖ ***a certain number of students*** = a limited number of students
- ❖ ***lecture hall*** = traditional lecture hall ('traditional' is implied)
- ❖ ***With the development of new technology*** = with this new technology
- ❖ ***it is hard to justify the reason*** = there is no longer a reason
- ❖ ***to participate in the lecture physically*** = **to** physically attend lectures
- ❖ ***via the Internet*** = online

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? I agree with this idea

What is your personal opinion? And Reason 1: access to education can be broadened to all who want it.

Reason 2: the second reason can be part of reason 1: making it cheaper, no physical limits, so access can be broadened.

Introduction Paragraph

Before the development of the internet and online learning, lectures could only reach a limited number of students in the traditional lecture hall. It could be argued that with this new technology, there is no longer a reason to physically attend lectures. I agree with this idea as it means access to education can be broadened to all who want it.



Essay Question 35

In spite of the advances made in agriculture, many people around the world still go hungry.

Why is this the case?

What can be done about this problem?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In spite of*** = Despite
- ❖ ***the advances*** = advancements
- ❖ ***made in agriculture*** = in the agricultural field
- ❖ ***hungry*** = hunger
- ❖ ***many people around the world still go hungry*** = world hunger is still a major problem for many people

Thesis Statement

Why is this the case? drought is one of the main reasons for this phenomenon

What can be done about this problem? helping countries to better manage their water supplies and associated infrastructure

Introduction Paragraph

Despite advancements in the agricultural field, world hunger is still a major problem for many people. In many cases, drought is one of the main reasons for this phenomenon. However, this problem can be solved by helping countries to better manage their water supplies and associated infrastructure.



Essay Question 36

Many museums and historical sites are mainly visited by tourists rather than local people.

Why does this happen?

What can be done to encourage local people to visit museums and historical sites?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***historical sites*** = sites of historical interest = cultural attractions
- ❖ ***local people*** = locals = indigenous population
- ❖ ***visited by*** = visit (passive to active)
- ❖ ***encourage*** = arouse the interest and pride

Thesis Statement

Why does this happen? due to a lack of interest among local people about these places

What can be done to encourage local people to visit museums and historical sites? more governmental promotion of such sites

Introduction Paragraph

It is a fact that locals tend not to visit the cultural attractions, such as museums and sites of historical interest in their country, leaving them to be visited in the main by tourists. This is in part due to a lack of interest among local people about these places. To remedy this problem, more governmental promotion of such sites needs to be done to arouse the interest and pride of the indigenous population.



Essay Question 37

In the past, most people lived in small villages where everyone knew everyone else. Nowadays, most people live in large cities where they only know a few people in their area.

What do you think were the advantages and disadvantages of living in a small community?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In the past***, = the past where
- ❖ ***lived in small villages*** = village life
- ❖ ***everyone knew everyone else*** = no one was a stranger
- ❖ ***Nowadays***, = Currently
- ❖ ***most people*** = the majority of people
- ❖ ***they only know a few people in their area*** = they might not know very many people
- ❖ ***advantages*** = benefits
- ❖ ***disadvantages*** = drawbacks
- ❖ ***living in a small community*** = living in a village

Thesis Statement

What do you think were the advantages and disadvantages of living in a small community?

Advantages: a feeling of safety and of belonging to a tight knit community

Disadvantages: (the major drawback) a lack of opportunities for study and employment

Introduction Paragraph

Currently it is common for the majority of people to live in cities where they might not know very many people, in marked contrast to the past where village life meant no one was a stranger. In my view, the main benefits of living in a village were a feeling of safety and of belonging to a tight knit community. However, the major drawback was a lack of opportunities for study and employment.



Essay Question 38

Universal free healthcare should be abolished as a person should be held responsible for their own health and wellbeing.

What are the advantages and the disadvantages of free health service?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***a person*** = the individual citizen
- ❖ ***health and wellbeing*** = health
- ❖ ***Universal free healthcare = free health service*** = a free system of healthcare
- ❖ ***as*** = therefore (only in this context)
- ❖ ***be held responsible*** = be responsible

Thesis Statement

What are the advantages and the disadvantages of free health service?

Advantages: (the main advantage) everyone whatever their income has access to a basic level of care

Disadvantages: (a major disadvantage) a system inevitably finds itself being abused

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that the individual citizen should be responsible for their own health and not the state and that therefore, a free system of healthcare available to all is not required and should be abolished. This essay will show that the main advantage of free healthcare is that everyone whatever their income has access to a basic level of care, whereas a major disadvantage is that such a system inevitably finds itself being abused.



Essay Question 39

There are many people who go to live in different countries.

To what extent should people be allowed to move freely between countries and live where they choose?

What are the benefits and drawbacks of this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **many people** = a number of people
- ❖ **who go to live** = who choose to move around
- ❖ **move freely** = freedom of movement
- ❖ **country** = nation

Thesis Statement

Benefits: (the main benefit) allowing skilled workers to come to a country

Drawbacks: (the main drawback) the changing in demographics in a given nation

Introduction Paragraph

There are a number of people who choose to move around the world and live in different countries. I believe that freedom of movement between countries should not be allowed unless based on certain criteria. I also believe that the advantages of limited migration can be seen in allowing skilled workers to come to a country, whereas the disadvantages are the change in demographics in a given nation.



Essay Question 40

A rise in the standard of living in a country often only seems to benefit cities rather than rural areas.

What problems might this difference cause?

How might these problems be reduced?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***A rise in the standard of living*** = rising living standards
- ❖ ***seems*** = appear
- ❖ ***benefit (verb)*** = benefit (n)
- ❖ ***rural areas*** = the general countryside
- ❖ ***rather than*** = not

Thesis Statement

What problems might this difference cause? more people moving to cities for a better life causing overcrowding and other issues.

How might these problems be reduced? a possible solution might be for government intervention to redistribute wealth to all its citizens

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that rising living standards appear to only be of benefit to cities and not to the general countryside. This imbalance may well result in more people moving to cities for a better life causing overcrowding and other issues. While a possible solution might be for government intervention to redistribute wealth to all its citizens.



Essay Question 41

The environmental problems that today's world are facing are so great that there is little ordinary people can do to improve the situation. So government and large organizations should be responsible for reducing the amount of damage being done to the environment.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***world*** = global
- ❖ ***so great*** = too great
- ❖ ***organizations*** = corporations
- ❖ ***should*** = need to
- ❖ ***be responsible for*** = be held to account for
- ❖ ***damage being done to the environment*** = environmental damage

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? I partially agree with statement

Reason 1: all parties need to work together to solve these major issues of our times.

Reason 2: expanding reason 1 in the second body paragraph

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that today's global environmental problems are too great for many ordinary people to have any impact on them. And that government and other large corporations need to be held to account for reducing environmental damage. I partially agree with statement as in my view, all parties need to work together to solve these major issues of our times.



Essay Question 42

These days, more and more people are going to other countries for significant periods of time, either to find a job or to study. There are clearly many benefits to doing this, but people who live abroad can also face some difficulties.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living and working in a foreign country.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **to find a job or to study** = for work or study
- ❖ **benefit** = advantage
- ❖ **going to other countries** = living abroad
- ❖ **difficulties** = drawbacks

Thesis Statement

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living and working in a foreign country.

the main advantage: the chance to experience a new culture

the main disadvantage: the possibility of "culture shock"

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that living abroad either for work or study has many benefits as well as drawbacks. This essay will argue that the main advantage is the chance to experience a new culture while the main disadvantage is the possibility of "culture shock".



Essay Question 43

Some people think that the Internet makes a person more sociable, while others think it makes a person less sociable.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people think** = According to some
- ❖ **the Internet** = using the internet
- ❖ **while** = however
- ❖ **others think** = others believe
- ❖ **less sociable** = the opposite is true

Thesis Statement

view 1: depends on the individual

view 2: depends on how the internet is used

my view: depends on the individual, and how the internet is used

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, a person becomes more sociable while using the internet; however, others believe that the opposite is true. In my view, both views are equally valid as it depends on the individual, and how the internet is used.



Essay Question 44

Some people believe that women should be treated as equal to men when applying for a job with police or the military. Others think women are less suitable for this kind of job.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people believe** = According to some
- ❖ **women should be treated as equal to men** = gender equality
- ❖ **when applying for a job** = regarding job applications
- ❖ **Others think** = some argue
- ❖ **women are suitable** = the suitability of women
- ❖ **this kind of job** = such job types

Thesis Statement

View 1: there should be gender equality

View 2: against the suitability of women for such job types

My view: certain jobs should be for men only

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, there should be gender equality regarding job applications for the police or military. However, some argue against the suitability of women for such job types. In my view, due to physical differences, certain jobs should be for men only.



Essay Question 45

Some people believe that restoration of old buildings costs too much; we should demolish them and build new ones instead.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people believe** = According to some
- ❖ **restoration** = restoring
- ❖ **costs too much** = far too expensive
- ❖ **demolish** = demolish (sometimes you don't have to paraphrase every single word)
- ❖ **we should demolish** = it would be cheaper to demolish ('cheaper' refers back to 'costs too much')
- ❖ **build new ones** = construct new buildings

Thesis Statement

Agree or disagree? I disagree with this view

Reason 1: some buildings are worth more in architectural terms

Reason 2: these buildings have a key meaning in our historical past

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, restoring old buildings is far too expensive and it would be cheaper to demolish them and construct new buildings instead. I disagree with this view as some buildings are worth more in architectural terms rather than monetary terms and also these buildings have a key meaning in our historical past.



Essay Question 46

In some societies, more and more people choose to live on their own.

What are the reasons people choose to do this?

Is it a positive or negative trend?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **In some societies** = in some parts of the world
- ❖ **more and more** = on the rise
- ❖ **choose** = make this decision
- ❖ **live** = living
- ❖ **on their own** = alone

Thesis Statement

What are the reasons people choose to do this? (the main reason) plenty of privacy

Positive or negative? Positive, (reason:) more comforting

Introduction Paragraph

The number of people living alone in some parts of the world is on the rise. The main reason why these people make this decision, in my view, is because living alone affords plenty of privacy. I also believe this is a positive trend as it can be more comforting than living with others.



Essay Question 47

Some people say that protecting the environment is the government's responsibility. Others believe that every individual should take responsibility for it.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people say** = According to some
- ❖ **protecting the environment** = environmental protection
- ❖ **the government's responsibility** = the responsibility of the government
- ❖ **government** = state
- ❖ **Others believe** = others would argue
- ❖ **every individual** = every person = every citizen
- ❖ **should take responsibility for it** = has a duty of

Thesis Statement

View 1: the responsibility of the government

View 2: every person has a duty of protection

My view: In my view, both the state and every citizen need to work together to solve this issue.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, environmental protection is the responsibility of the government. However, others would argue that every person has a duty of protection in this regard. In my view, both the state and every citizen need to work together to solve this issue.



Essay Question 48

Nowadays many people choose ready-made food and refuse to cook at home.

Why do you think it happens?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of such a choice?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Nowadays** = these days
- ❖ **choose** = prefer
- ❖ **ready-made food** = ready meals = ready-to-eat meals
- ❖ **refuse** = rather than
- ❖ **cook at home** = homemade food

Thesis Statement

Reason: no time to cook

Main advantage: reduction in food waste

Main disadvantage: ready-to-eat meals contain extra preservatives

Introduction Paragraph

Many people prefer to eat ready meals rather than homemade food these days. I think the main reason for this is they do not have time to cook. In my view, the main benefit of this option is reduction in food waste while the main drawback is that ready-to-eat meals contain too many preservatives.



Essay Question 49

Some people believe that face to face communication is always more powerful than written communication.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people believe** = According to some
- ❖ **Communication** = communicating
- ❖ **more powerful** = stronger and more effective
- ❖ **written communication** = communicating in writing

Thesis Statement

Agree or disagree? Agree

Reason 1: a person's face tells you more than reading their words

Reason 2: strengthen the bonds of trust between two people

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, communicating face to face is stronger and more effective than communicating in writing. I agree with this statement as reading a person's face tells you more than reading their words. Also, I believe face to face interaction could serve to better strengthen the bonds of trust between two people.



Essay Question 50

At the present time, the population of some countries includes a relatively large number of young adults, compared with the number of older people.

Do the advantages of this situation outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **At the present time** = Currently
- ❖ **a relatively large number** = a high number of
- ❖ **young adults** = young people = younger citizens
- ❖ **compared with** = in comparison to
- ❖ **older people** = older ones

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of this situation outweigh the disadvantages? Yes.

Advantage 1: more young people means more workers

Advantage 2: a stronger economy

Disadvantage: a large retired population

Introduction Paragraph

Currently some countries have a larger number of young people in comparison to older ones. In my view, the benefits of such a high number of younger citizens do outweigh any possible disadvantages as more young people means more workers and therefore more production and a stronger economy. In the longer term, however, a large youth population will translate into a large retired population.



Essay Question 51

Some people think that old people need to live in special communities, but others believe they should live with their family and adult children.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people think** = According to some
- ❖ **old people** = elderly people
- ❖ **special communities** = specific communities
- ❖ **but** = However
- ❖ **live** = living
- ❖ **family and adult children** = families

Thesis Statement

view 1: reside in specific communities

view 2: living with their families

My view: depending on the particular needs of the old people and the situation of the families

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, as elderly people have special needs they need to reside in specific communities. However, others believe that living with their families would be more beneficial. In my view, this depends on the particular needs of the old people and the situation of the families.



Essay Question 52

Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organisation.

Why might this be the case?

What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Nowadays** = Currently
- ❖ **self-employed** = self-employment
- ❖ **choose** = choice
- ❖ **disadvantages** = downside

Thesis Statement

Why? a desire to set their own working conditions

Disadvantages? The main downside to this could be a lack of stable income

Introduction Paragraph

Currently self-employment is the choice of many people. In my view, this is down to a desire to set their own working conditions. However, the main downside to this could be a lack of stable income.



Essay Question 53

Some parents buy their children a large number of toys to play with.

What are the advantages and disadvantages for the child of having a large number of toys?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Parents** = people (depending on the context)
- ❖ **a large number of** = lots of
- ❖ **to play with** = We did not paraphrase it as the meaning is implied in the paraphrased version.
- ❖ **advantages** = benefits
- ❖ **disadvantages** = drawbacks
- ❖ **children** = child

Thesis Statement

What are the advantages and disadvantages for the child of having a large number of toys?

Advantages: (the main advantage) developing a child's mental abilities

Disadvantages: (the main disadvantage) child may become spoiled

Introduction Paragraph

It is common for some people to buy lots of toys for their children. While this may have some benefits such as developing a child's mental abilities, there are some possible drawbacks as the child may become spoiled.



Essay Question 54

Nowadays more and more business meetings and business trainings are taking place online.

Do the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Nowadays** = Currently
- ❖ **more and more** = an increasing number of
- ❖ **business meetings and business trainings** = business meetings ('business trainings' is implied)
- ❖ **taking place** = being held (using synonyms and changing active to passive)

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages? Yes.

Advantage 1: savings in cost

Advantage 2: savings in travel time

Disadvantages: (the main disadvantage) zero personal contact

Introduction Paragraph



Essay Question 55

Government investment in the arts, such as music and theatre, is a waste of money. Governments must invest this money in public services instead.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Government investment in** = state expenditure on
- ❖ **a waste of money** = wasteful
- ❖ **invest** = investment
- ❖ **instead** = instead of
- ❖ **must** = should
- ❖ **arts, such as music and theatre** = these art forms (referencing)

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree with this statement? I agree

Reason 1: the job of the state is to protect its citizens first of all

Reason 2: as music and theatre are forms of entertainment the private sector should provide for these art forms

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that state expenditure on the arts is wasteful, and that instead of spending money on music and theatre the government should direct its investment into public services. I agree with this statement and will argue that, the job of the state is to protect its citizens first of all, and secondly that, as music and theatre are forms of entertainment the private sector should provide for these art forms.



Essay Question 56

The number of students studying science at university is constantly declining.

What do you think are the causes?

What effects will this have on our society?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **declining (verb)** = decline (noun)
- ❖ **constantly (adv)** = constant (adj)
- ❖ **The number of students** = science student numbers
- ❖ **university** = universities

Thesis Statement

What do you think are the causes? (the main cause) due to other subjects offering more employment opportunities

What effects will this have on our society? (the main effect) might lead to a reduction in research being carried out

Introduction Paragraph

There is a constant decline in science student numbers at universities. In my view, this is due to other subjects offering more employment opportunities which might lead to a reduction in research being carried out.



Essay Question 57

Buying things on the internet, such as books, air tickets and groceries, is becoming more and more popular.

Do the advantages of shopping in this way outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Buying things on the internet** = E-commerce
- ❖ **more and more popular** = ... increasingly ... in popularity
- ❖ **books, air tickets and groceries** = food, books, and flights
- ❖ **advantages** = benefits
- ❖ **disadvantages** = downside

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of shopping in this way outweigh the disadvantages?

Advantage 1: convenience

Advantage 2: cheaper prices

Disadvantage: internet fraud

Introduction Paragraph

E-commerce is increasingly replacing traditional shopping in popularity for buying food, books, and flights. The benefits of this are twofold, convenience and cheaper prices, which I believe outweigh the possible downside of internet fraud.



Essay Question 58

Nowadays celebrities are more famous for their glamour and wealth than for their achievements, and this sets a bad example to young people.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Nowadays** = In the modern world,
- ❖ **celebrities are more famous** = many people are celebrated
- ❖ **glamour and wealth** = looks and wealth
- ❖ **achievements** = accomplishments
- ❖ **for their glamour and wealth than for their achievements** =

not for their accomplishments but for their looks and wealth (word order change)

- ❖ **young people** = the younger generation
- ❖ **a bad example** = not suitable

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree with this statement? I agree with this statement wholeheartedly.

Reason 1: following such people leads to low self-esteem

Reason 2: following such people fools youngsters into believing that hard work and talent are unnecessary

Introduction Paragraph

In the modern world, many people are celebrated, not for their accomplishments but for their looks and wealth. Some would say, these kinds of people are not suitable to be role models for the younger generation. I agree with this statement wholeheartedly. This essay will argue that, following such people leads to low self-esteem, and also fools youngsters into believing that hard work and talent are unnecessary.



Essay Question 59

Childhood obesity is becoming a serious problem in many countries.

Explain the main causes and effects of this problem, and suggest some possible solutions.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Childhood obesity** = obese children
- ❖ **in many countries** = in many parts of the world
- ❖ **a serious problem** = The problem ... is ... serious

Thesis Statement

The main causes: a sedentary lifestyle and over-consumption of fast food

The main effect: a shorter lifespan

The main solution: parental control

Introduction Paragraph

The problem of obese children is becoming increasingly serious in many parts of the world. It is argued that a sedentary lifestyle and over-consumption of fast food are the main causes of this, and the effects will be a shorter lifespan as adults. This essay will also show that parental control is a possible answer to this problem.



Essay Question 60

Some experts believe that it is better for children to begin learning a foreign language at primary school rather than secondary school.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some experts believe** = According to some,
- ❖ **it is better** = the benefits are more evident
- ❖ **begin** = start
- ❖ **children learning a foreign language** = children of bilingualism
- ❖ **advantages** = positive aspects
- ❖ **disadvantages** = negatives

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages? the positive aspects of early language learning outweigh the negatives

Advantage 1: early language exposure is more likely to lead to mastery

Advantage 2: and there are added improvements to brain function

Disadvantage: confusion between native and foreign languages

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the benefits to children of bilingualism are more evident if they start at primary school. This essay believes that the positive aspects of early language learning do outweigh the negatives. This is because early language exposure is more likely to lead to mastery, and there are added improvements to brain function also, whereas the only disadvantage may be confusion between native and foreign languages.



Essay Question 61

Some people say that the best way to improve public health is by increasing the number of sports facilities. Others, however, say that this would have little effect on public health and that other measures are required.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people say** = According to some,
- ❖ **the best way to improve** = the best way of improving
- ❖ **by increasing the number of sports facilities** = having more sporting facilities
- ❖ **public health** = the health of the public
- ❖ **, however,** = However, (change in punctuation)
- ❖ **Say** = argue
- ❖ **little effect** = limited effect
- ❖ **are required** = need to be considered

Thesis Statement

View 1: having more sporting facilities would be the best way of improving the health of the public

View 2: this would have a limited effect on public health and that other measures need to be considered

My view: having more gyms, swimming pools, etc would certainly be a start in this regard

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, having more sporting facilities would be the best way of improving the health of the public. However, others argue that this would have a limited effect on public health and that other measures need to be considered. In my view, having more gyms, swimming pools, etc would certainly be a start in this regard.



Essay Question 62

Many people believe that we should protect all wild animals while others believe we should just protect some of them.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Many people believe*** = According to many,
- ❖ ***should protect*** = should be protected
- ❖ ***believe*** = think
- ❖ ***just*** = only
- ❖ ***some of them*** = some
- ❖ ***animals*** = creatures = species
- ❖ ***protect*** = be safeguarded
- ❖ ***should*** = need

Thesis Statement

View 1: all wild animals should be protected

View 2: only some deserve protection

My View: Some wild creatures are pests and can be left to nature while other, endangered species, do need to be safeguarded.

Introduction Paragraph

According to many, all wild animals should be protected while others think that only some deserve protection. In my view, some wild creatures are pests and can be left to nature while other, endangered species, do need to be safeguarded.



Essay Question 63

Some people think that art is an essential subject for children at school while others think it is a waste of time.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think*** = It has been argued
- ❖ ***others think*** = others would argue
- ❖ ***an essential subject*** = a vital lesson
- ❖ ***at school*** = to be taught at school
- ❖ ***a waste of time*** = a waste of time and effort
- ❖ ***art*** = the teaching of art (based on the context)
- ❖ ***children at school*** = school children

Thesis Statement

View 1: art is a vital lesson

View 2: the teaching of art to school children is a waste of time and effort

My view: the lack of employment opportunities for artists, and also how art stimulates a child's creativity

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that the teaching of art to school children is a waste of time and effort, whereas others would argue that art is a vital lesson to be taught at school. This essay will discuss the lack of employment opportunities for artists, and also how art stimulates a child's creativity.



Essay Question 64

Some people believe that parents should teach their children about money matters.

What are the best ways to teach a child about money, in your opinion?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe*** = It is often argued
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***teach*** = educate
- ❖ ***children*** = child
- ❖ ***money matters*** = the importance of money
- ❖ ***the best ways*** = the most effective ways

Thesis Statement

What are the best ways to teach a child about money, in your opinion?

Way 1: providing tips on spending wisely

Way 2: tracking their expenditures

Introduction Paragraph

It is often argued that parents ought to educate their children about the importance of money. To realise this aim, one of the most effective ways could be providing tips on how to spend wisely, with tracking the child's expenditure being the other.



Essay Question 65

Some people say History is one of the most important school subjects. Other people think that, in today's world, subjects like Science and Technology are more important than History.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people*** = According to some
- ❖ ***the most important*** = of the utmost importance
- ❖ ***school subjects*** = school curriculum
- ❖ ***Other people think*** = others argue
- ❖ ***in today's world,*** = nowadays
- ❖ ***more important*** = emphasised more
- ❖ ***History*** = the study of past events over time

Thesis Statement

View 1: the study of past events over time can equip society to make educated decisions regarding their own future

View 2 and my view: the influence of science and technology on our lives will continue to increase in the years to come

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. According to some, History is of the utmost importance in the school curriculum; others argue that nowadays what ought to be emphasised more are Science and Technology courses, however. Although the study of past events over time can equip society to make educated decisions regarding their own future, I believe the influence of science and technology on our lives will continue to increase in the years to come.

Sample 2. According to some, one of the most important subjects on the school curriculum is History. However, others believe that STEM subjects are more important. In my view, both are valid depending on the individual.



Essay Question 66

Some people say it is the government's responsibility to fund school buses, while others think parents should be responsible for bringing their kids to school.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people** = According to some
- ❖ **Should** = ought to
- ❖ **be responsible for** = assume the responsibility of
- ❖ **bringing their kids to school** = driving their children to school
- ❖ **bringing their kids to school** = taking young students to school
- ❖ **while** = however
- ❖ **government** = state
- ❖ **fund school buses** = provide transportation

Thesis Statement

View 1: to be in charge of the safety of children is the main concern of parents

View 2 and my view: reducing traffic on the road needs to be given priority

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, parents ought to assume the responsibility of driving their children to school; other people, however, argue that the state itself should provide transportation for taking young students to school. Although to be in charge of the safety of children is the main concern of these parents, in my view, reducing traffic on the road needs to be given priority.



Essay Question 67

Some people think that only the society should be blamed for any anti-social activities.

What are the causes for these activities?

Who is responsible for them?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think*** = It is sometimes argued
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***be blamed for*** = be responsible for=accountable for
- ❖ ***anti-social activities*** = anti-social behaviour

Thesis Statement

What are the causes for these activities? family problems

Who is responsible for them? government

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. It is sometimes argued that it is society in general that is responsible for anti-social behaviour. In my opinion, these activities are caused by family problems, and that parents with the help of the government must be accountable for them.

Sample 2. According to some, the blame for any kind of anti-social activities should be laid at society and only at society. In my view, the cause for such problems, crime, social unrest, etc, are poverty and inequality, and that the government, not society in general are responsible.

Essay Question 68

It is often said that children learn best by observing the behavior of adults and copying it.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***It is often said that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***children*** = a child
- ❖ ***learn*** = learning
- ❖ ***by*** = through
- ❖ ***observing*** = watching
- ❖ ***copying*** = imitating

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? I disagree with this view

Reason 1: it is difficult for children to understand what behavior to copy and which not to

Reason 2: expanding reason 1 in the second body paragraph

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. According to some, learning through watching and imitating adults is the best way for a child. I disagree with this view since it is difficult for children to understand what behavior to copy and which not to which may cause problems for them in the future.

Sample 2. It is a common belief that the best way for children to learn is by watching and copying the behaviour of adults. In my view, this idea is true up to a point and depends on what the subject or behaviours are that they are copying.

Essay Question 69

Some people think that all university students should study whatever they like. Others believe that they should only be allowed to study subjects that will be useful in the future, such as those related to science and technology.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think*** = It has been argued
- ❖ ***university*** = tertiary education = further education
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***study*** = pursue
- ❖ ***whatever they like*** = (majors) which they like
- ❖ ***Others*** = some
- ❖ ***useful*** = benefit
- ❖ ***only be allowed to*** = be limited to = restricting students to
- ❖ ***subjects related to science and technology*** = technology-orientated and scientific subjects

Thesis Statement

View 1: the students would prove to be more creative if they felt free to study their favourite subjects

View 2 and my view: restricting students to technology-orientated and scientific subjects would promise a better future

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that all tertiary education students ought to pursue their further education in majors which they like; however, some believe that the fields of university education should be limited to such subjects as science and technology as society would benefit more. Although the students would prove to be more creative if they felt free to study their favourite subjects, I believe restricting students to technology-orientated and scientific subjects would promise a better future.

Essay Question 70

These days with advances in technology more and more people are working from home.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***These days*** = Currently
- ❖ ***with advances in technology*** = technological advances
- ❖ ***more and more*** = ... increasing
- ❖ ***working from home*** = home-working

Thesis Statement

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your opinion.

The main advantage: more time spent with family members

The main disadvantage: social isolation for single workers

My opinion: advantage and disadvantage expansion

Introduction Paragraph

Currently technological advances mean that home-working is increasing. I believe that this brings some benefits such as more time spent with family members, however, it might also result in social isolation for single workers.

Essay Question 71

Nowadays people use social media to keep in touch with others and be aware of news.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Nowadays*** = In today's world,
- ❖ ***people use social media*** = social media is being used (active to passive)
- ❖ ***keep in touch with*** = stay in touch with
- ❖ ***others*** = other people
- ❖ ***be aware of news*** = access news

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages? Yes, the benefits to this outweigh the demerits

Advantage 1: instant news

Advantage 2: instant communication

Disadvantage: being exposed to fake news

Introduction Paragraph

In today's world, social media is being used to stay in touch with other people and access news. I believe the benefits of instant news and communication outweigh the possible disadvantage of being exposed to fake news.

Essay Question 72

Many people make friends through social sites and chat rooms. Others believe that it is not a good idea to make friends without meeting them face to face.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Many people*** = many
- ❖ ***make friends*** = form (their) friendships = start a friendship
- ❖ ***social sites and chat rooms*** = Virtual communities and networks
- ❖ ***Others*** = Some
- ❖ ***it is not a good idea*** = recommend
- ❖ ***face to face*** = in person = face-to-face (as an adjective)
- ❖ ***meeting*** = meet

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? I concur with the latter idea

Reason 1: face-to-face interaction can build trust

Reason 2: bonds of friendships can be weakened when one makes a friend online

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1: Virtual communities and networks are the place for many to form their friendships. Some recommend that people meet each other in person before they start a friendship. I concur with the latter idea since face-to-face interaction can build trust, and also bonds of friendships can be weakened when one makes a friend online.

Sample 2: Social websites and online forums are a good way for many people to make new friends despite some others believing that meeting face to face first is a better way to befriend people. In my view, both methods are equally valid as long as certain precautions are taken.

Essay Question 73

In many education systems, more academic subjects are being introduced instead of sport and exercise.

How will it impact the children?

What can be done about it?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Education system*** = schools
- ❖ ***introducing more academic subjects*** = more emphasis being placed by schools on academic course
- ❖ ***instead of*** = rather than
- ❖ ***exercises and sports*** = athletics and physical education

Thesis Statement

How will it impact the children? it will contribute to young students' obesity

What can be done about it? education authorities and parents should encourage these children to do physical activities outside of school

Introduction Paragraph

More emphasis is being placed by schools on academic course rather than athletics and physical education, contributing to young students' obesity. I suggest education authorities and parents encourage these children to do physical activities outside of school to solve this problem.

Sport and exercise classes at many schools are increasingly being sidelined in favour of academic subjects. I believe that although this will have a negative effect on children's health and social skills, its impact might be lessened by school's hosting after class sports clubs.

Essay Question 74

The money given to help poor countries does not solve the problem of poverty, so rich countries should give other types of help instead.

To what extent do agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***The money given to help*** = Providing financial aid to
- ❖ ***poor countries*** = deprived parts of the world
- ❖ ***does not solve*** = is not a good answer
- ❖ ***should*** = are needed
- ❖ ***types*** = kinds

Thesis Statement

To what extent do agree or disagree? I concur with this idea

Reason / kind of help 1: business skills

Reason / kind of help 2: raising awareness of certain health issues

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. Providing financial aid to poor countries is not a good answer to the problem of world poverty. In my view, other kinds of help are needed such as business skills and raising awareness of certain health issues.

Sample 2. Poverty is not solved by rich countries simply giving money to poorer ones, other kinds of help should be given instead. In my view, financial aid is vital as the developing world has its own experts and often a lack of capital and investment can make the difference between poverty and affluence.

Sample 3. As money does not help solve poverty in the poorer countries of the world, richer nations should give other kinds of aid. In my view, trade and lowering of tariffs are more productive than simply sending cash to the developing world.

Essay Question 75

Some people are convinced that mature age employees are beneficial to a company. Others think that younger employees contribute more and hence are more beneficial to a company.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people are convinced that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***mature age employees*** = mature employees
- ❖ ***are beneficial*** = bring many benefits
- ❖ ***company*** = a business
- ❖ ***think*** = believe
- ❖ ***younger employees*** = younger workers
- ❖ ***contribute more*** = are more beneficial

Thesis Statement

View 1: mature employees bring many benefits to a business

View 2: younger workers are more beneficial

My view: the experience of older workers and the youthful enthusiasm of younger staff members have an equal contribution to make to the success of a company

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, mature employees bring many benefits to a business, whereas others believe that younger workers are more beneficial. I believe the experience of older workers and the youthful enthusiasm of younger staff members have an equal contribution to make to the success of a company.

Essay Question 76

Many people believe it is the school's responsibility to teach children not to eat junk food. Others believe parents should do this.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Many people** = Many
- ❖ **children** = youngsters
- ❖ **school's responsibility to teach children** = youngsters ought to be taught at schools (active to passive)
- ❖ **eat junk food** = healthy eating habits
- ❖ **parents should** = parents' responsibility
- ❖ **do this** do so

Thesis Statement

View 1: students can become food-literate at school

View 2 and my view: parents set a good example for children to help them understand food choices

Introduction Paragraph

Many suppose that youngsters ought to be taught about healthy eating habits at school while others think that it is the parents' responsibility to do so. Although students can become food-literate at school, in my opinion, parents set a good example for children to help them understand food choices.

Essay Question 77

Some believe that young people should have a university education, because this will bring benefits to the society in the future. Others, however, think it will lead to graduate unemployment.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***bring benefits*** = be beneficial
- ❖ ***Others*** = Other people
- ❖ ***young people*** = these graduates
- ❖ ***society*** = community
- ❖ ***will lead to*** = would have
- ❖ ***graduate unemployment*** = a higher youth unemployment (rate)

Thesis Statement

View 1: a huge supply of degree holders affect economic life of the society positively

View 2 and my view: a huge supply of degree holders would cause a higher youth unemployment rate

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. According to some, university education should be available to all young people as this would be beneficial to the community. Other people, however, opine that these graduates would have problems in finding work and become unemployed. Despite having a positive effect on a society's economy in my opinion, a large supply of degree holders would cause a higher youth unemployment rate.

Sample 2. According to some, it would be beneficial to a society's future to have its young people go to university. However, some believe that this will mean high levels of unemployed graduates. In my view, having well-educated individuals is always a positive step towards any country's future.

Essay Question 78

Nowadays people buy a lot of things even though they do not really need them.

Why is it happening, in your opinion?

Is it a positive or negative trend for the individual and the society?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Nowadays*** = In today's world,
- ❖ ***people*** = consumers
- ❖ ***a lot of*** = a large number of
- ❖ ***things*** = purchases (as a noun / based on the context)
- ❖ ***buy*** = money is spent by (active to passive)
- ❖ ***not really need*** = non-essential

Thesis Statement

Why is it happening, in your opinion? being exposed to too much advertising

Positive or negative: Negative. ***(reason:)*** this negative tendency might well interfere with their lives and their social relationships

Introduction Paragraph

In today's world, money is spent by consumers on a large number of non-essential purchases due to being exposed to too much advertising. This negative tendency might well interfere with their lives and their social relationships.

Essay Question 79

Many people complain about commercial advertisements and their influence on children.

Should it be controlled by the government?

What are the possible effects on children?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Many people complain** = many complaints
- ❖ = express annoyance
- ❖ **commercial advertisements** = advertising, adverts
- ❖ **influence** = effects
- ❖ **government** = state

Thesis Statement

Should it be controlled by the government? Yes, adverts should be under state control

Reason 1: non-governmental agencies use hidden tricks to sell products

Reason 2: otherwise, children might be unduly influenced into making unwise purchases

Introduction Paragraph

Commercial advertising and its effects on children are the subjects of many complaints. I believe that adverts should be under state control as otherwise, children might be unduly influenced into making unwise purchases.

Essay Question 80

Some people believe that teaching children at home is best for a child's development while others think that it is important for children to go to school.

Discuss the advantages of both methods and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people*** = According to some
- ❖ ***Teaching*** = educating
- ❖ ***teaching children at home*** = homeschooling
- ❖ ***best*** = the best way
- ❖ ***child*** = children
- ❖ ***while*** = , however,
- ❖ ***it is important for children to go to school*** = school is important

Thesis Statement

Discuss the advantages of both methods and give your own opinion.

Homeschooling advantage: the individual attention of homeschooling

School advantage: the social skills children develop with their classmates

My view:

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, homeschooling is the best way to develop a child; others, however, think that school is important for educating children. In my view, the individual attention of homeschooling is a major advantage when compared to the social skills children develop with their classmates.

Essay Question 81

We never know when the natural disaster will shatter an area and that is why the government should take every precaution to protect its citizens from natural disaster.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***We never know*** = it is impossible for us to predict
- ❖ ***natural disaster*** = such adverse events as earthquakes and floods
- ❖ ***will shatter*** = are going to happen
- ❖ ***that is why*** = Since
- ❖ ***the government*** = states
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***precaution*** = measures
- ❖ ***protect*** = protection (verb to noun)
- ❖ ***take*** = implemented
- ❖ ***take every precaution to protect its citizens*** = citizen protection measures ought to be implemented (active to passive)

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? I concur with this statement as government officials can anticipate and minimise the impact of natural disasters by

Reason 1: early warning systems and

Reason 2: proper education among citizens

Introduction Paragraph

Since it is impossible for us to predict when such adverse events as earthquakes and floods are going to happen, citizen protection measures ought to be implemented by states. I concur with this statement as government officials can anticipate and minimise the impact of natural disasters by early warning systems and proper education among citizens.

Essay Question 82

Some people believe that school children should not be given homework by their teachers, whereas others argue that homework plays an important role in the education of children.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Some people** = According to some
- ❖ **school children** = pupils
- ❖ **the education of children** = a child's education
- ❖ **homework** = extra learning after school
- ❖ **whereas** = while

Thesis Statement

View 1: teachers should not give homework to their pupils

View 2: others believe that extra learning after school is important for a child's education

my view: provided it is not excessive, some homework might well be beneficial for children

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. According to some, teachers should not give homework to their pupils, while others believe that extra learning after school is important for a child's education. In my view, provided it is not excessive, some homework might well be beneficial for children.

Sample 2. While some believe assignments given to young learners by school teachers are of paramount importance to educate these students, others feel they ought not to be assigned homework. Although homework can use up pupils' free time, in my opinion, inclusion of assignments in the students' school curriculum will encourage autonomous learning.

Essay Question 83

Nowadays the way many people interact with each other has changed because of technology.

In what ways has technology affected the types of relationships people make?

Is this a positive or negative development?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Nowadays*** = In today's world,
- ❖ ***technology*** = new developments
- ❖ ***has changed*** = have had an impact
- ❖ ***interact*** = interactions = relationships (verb to noun)

Thesis Statement

In what ways has technology affected the types of relationships people make?
in business and education system

Is this a positive or negative development? Positive. (My main reason:) saving time

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. In today's world, new developments have had an impact on interactions among many people. The availability of the recent communication technologies has affected relationships in business and education system, which, I believe, has a positive effect such as saving time.

Sample 2. Technology has changed the nature of many people's personal interactions. The internet and social media have made many relationships more immediate and certainly shallower, which in my view is certainly a retrograde step.

Essay Question 84

With more and more people communicating via computers and mobile telephones there is a real danger that we are losing the ability to communicate with others face to face.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***With*** = Due to
- ❖ ***communicating*** = communication
- ❖ ***via computers and mobile telephones*** = distance
- ❖ ***more and more*** = an ever-increasing
- ❖ ***we are losing*** = has recently eroded
- ❖ ***communicate face to face*** = face-to-face conversation

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I agree with this statement

Reason 1: an emotional connection does not exist in these interactions

Reason 2: trust does not exist in these interactions

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. Due to an ever-increasing reliance of people on the convenience of distance communication such as emails, text messages and social media, their ability to have a face-to-face conversation has recently eroded. I agree with this statement since an emotional connection and trust do not exist in these interactions.

Sample 2. As more communication is carried out via electronic devices there is a real danger emerging that the ability to communicate face to face will be lost. I believe this is true and that young people especially will lose vital social skills in the near future.

Essay Question 85

In some countries the average weight of people is increasing and their levels of health and fitness are decreasing.

What do you think are the causes of these problems and what measures could be taken to solve them?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***the average weight of people is increasing*** people are becoming heavier
- ❖ ***levels*** standards
- ❖ ***health*** human health
- ❖ ***fitness*** well-being
- ❖ ***decreasing*** declining

Thesis Statement

What do you think are the causes of these problems? (the main cause) the type of nourishment they are consuming

What measures could be taken to solve them? (The main solution) government's educational programs

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. People are becoming heavier and standards of human health and well-being are declining. In my view, the principal cause of these issues traces back to the type of nourishment they are consuming which could be solved by governmental educational programs.

Sample 2. In some parts of the world, people's fitness levels are falling, and their average weight is going up. In my view, this is due to the modern sedentary lifestyle which could be resolved by state intervention in the job market

Essay Question 86

In many western countries there is an increasing number of couples choosing to have no children.

What are the advantages and disadvantages to couples having no children?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***many western countries*** = certain western nations
- ❖ ***an increasing number of*** = A significant number of
- ❖ ***choosing tono*** = opting not to
- ❖ ***couples*** = husbands and wives
- ❖ ***advantages*** = the biggest benefit
- ❖ ***disadvantages*** = the primary demerit

Thesis Statement

What are the advantages and disadvantages to couples having no children?

The main advantage: control of lifestyle

The main disadvantage: increased need for social support is the primary demerit

Introduction Paragraph

A significant number of couples living in the West are opting not to have children. I believe being able to control their lifestyle is the biggest benefit for husbands and wives whereas their increased need for social support is the primary demerit.

Essay Question 87

As countries have developed there has been a trend towards smaller family sizes.

Why does this happen?

How does this affect society?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***family*** = typical family
- ❖ ***smaller*** = decreased
- ❖ ***As countries have developed*** = as the national welfare has increased

Thesis Statement

Why does this happen? as a result of changing values among families

How does this affect society? a society with higher standards of living in the long run

Introduction Paragraph

The size of the typical family has decreased as the national welfare has increased. This shifting pattern is as a result of changing values among families, the knock-on effect of which will be a society with higher standards of living in the long run.

Essay Question 88

Creative artists should always be given the freedom to express their own ideas (in words, pictures, music, film) in whichever way they wish. There should be no public or government restrictions on what they do.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Creative artists*** = people working in the creative art
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***freedom*** = free
- ❖ ***express their own ideas*** = express themselves
- ❖ ***in whichever way they wish*** = however they wish
- ❖ ***public*** = society
- ❖ ***government*** = state
- ❖ ***freedom to express*** = freedom of expression

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? freedom of expression is a vital part of living in a free society and everyone, artists included, should have this right

Reason 1: if one does not like something, one is not obliged to read or watch it

Reason 2: no one has the right to suppress ideas

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that people working in the creative arts ought to be free to express themselves however they wish, whether in words, pictures, music, or in film with no restrictions, either by the state or society. In my view, freedom of expression is a vital part of living in a free society and everyone, artists included, should have this right. This essay will argue that if one does not like something, one is not obliged to read or watch it, and that no one has the right to suppress ideas.

Essay Question 89

In many countries the proportion of older people is steadily increasing. Some think this is good, while others believe this is a problem for a country.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **older people** = Population aged 60 or over
- ❖ **steadily** = at a steady pace
- ❖ **Some think** = Some believe
- ❖ **good** = positive
- ❖ **, while ,** = however,
- ❖ **others** = other people
- ❖ **country** = nation
- ❖ **problem** = problematic
- ❖ **this** = this trend

Thesis Statement

View 1: older men and women have a lot of knowledge and experience to share with society

View 2 and my view: the reduced amount of people in the workforce can have a harmful effect on the economy of that country

Introduction Paragraph

The population of people aged 60 or over in many countries is growing at a steady pace. Some believe this trend is positive; other people, however, think this can be problematic for a nation. Although older men and women have a lot of knowledge and experience to share with society, in my view, the reduced amount of people in the workforce can have a harmful effect on the economy of that country.

Essay Question 90

Governments should spend money on railways rather than road.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Governments*** = states
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***spend*** = allocate (depending on the context)
- ❖ ***money*** = national budget (depending on the context)
- ❖ ***railways*** = rail
- ❖ ***road*** = the roads

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? I agree with this statement

Reason 1: trains are faster

Reason 2: they are more environmentally friendly

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that states ought to allocate more of their national budget to rail rather than on the roads. I agree with this statement for two reasons: firstly, trains are faster, and secondly, they are more environmentally friendly.

Essay Question 91

Despite huge improvements in healthcare, the overall standard of physical health in many developed countries is now falling.

What could be the reason for this trend, and what can be done to reverse it?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Despite** = In spite of
- ❖ **huge** = major
- ❖ **improvements** = breakthroughs
- ❖ **in healthcare** = medical
- ❖ **the overall** = general
- ❖ **standard of physical health** = physical health status (of the public)
- ❖ **countries** = nations
- ❖ **now** = Today
- ❖ **falling** = declining

Thesis Statement

What could be the reason for this trend? an increase in sedentary behaviour during domestic activities

What can be done to reverse it? building a family based on healthy habits

Introduction Paragraph

Today, in spite of there being major medical breakthroughs, the general health status of the public is declining in a large number of developed nations. The main reason causing this phenomenon is an increase in sedentary behaviour during domestic activities; the most viable solution to this could be to build a family based on a healthy, active lifestyle.

Essay Question 92

In many countries, the proportion of older people is steadily increasing.

Does this trend have more positive or negative effects on the society?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***the proportion of*** = The population of (only in this context)
- ❖ ***older people*** = people aged 60 or over
- ❖ ***increasing*** = growing
- ❖ ***steadily*** = at a steady pace
- ❖ ***this trend*** = this phenomenon

Thesis Statement

Does this trend have more positive or negative effects on the society? This phenomenon has more advantages

Reason 1: Older men and women are primary caregivers for many children and grandchildren

Reason 2: They also have a lot of knowledge and experience

Introduction Paragraph

The population of people aged 60 or over in many countries is growing at a steady pace. I believe this phenomenon has several advantages. In my view, older men and women are primary caregivers for many children and grandchildren. They also have a lot of knowledge and experience.

Essay Question 93

Currently there is a trend towards the use of alternative forms of medicine. However, at best these methods are ineffective, and at worst they may be dangerous.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Currently*** = currently (change in position in the sentence)
- ❖ ***alternative forms of medicine*** = Alternative medicine
- ❖ ***trend*** = increasing in popularity
- ❖ ***However, = ;*** however, (change in punctuation)
- ❖ ***these methods*** = these forms of treatment
- ❖ ***ineffective*** = not ... effective
- ❖ ***at worst*** = may in fact
- ❖ ***dangerous*** = cause harm

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree with this statement? I disagree with this opinion

Reason 1: some treatments are effective and safe

Reason 2: traditional medicines are equally as capable of causing harm

Introduction Paragraph

Alternative medicine is currently increasing in popularity; however, some believe that these forms of treatment are not as effective as traditional medicine and may in fact cause harm to the patient. I disagree with this opinion and in this essay I shall, firstly, argue that some treatments are effective and safe, and secondly, traditional medicines are equally as capable of causing harm.

Essay Question 94

Nowadays airlines provide more benefits to the rich, often achieving this by reducing areas used by the economy class to provide more comfort to the first class passengers.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Nowadays*** = these days
- ❖ ***more benefits*** = a better quality of service
- ❖ ***the rich*** = its wealthier passengers
- ❖ ***achieving this by*** = at the expense of
- ❖ ***reducing areas used by the economy class to provide more comfort*** = space in economy class

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give your opinion. I agree this is the case

Reasons 1 & 2: as air travel is a business, you essentially get what you pay for

Introduction Paragraph

It is common these days for many airlines to provide a better quality of service to its wealthier passengers often at the expense of space in economy class. I agree this is the case, and will argue that as air travel is a business, you essentially get what you pay for.

Essay Question 95

University education should be free for everyone, regardless of income.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***University education*** = attending university = (access to) higher education
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***free for everyone*** = shared by every student
- ❖ ***regardless*** = irrespective
- ❖ ***income*** = whether they can pay for it

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? access to higher education should be available to all

Reason 1: the benefits to society of an educated citizenry

Reason 2: university education helps to guarantee certain rights

Introduction Paragraph

It has been argued that attending university is a right that ought to be shared by every student, irrespective of whether they can pay for it. In my view, access to higher education should be available to all. This essay will discuss the benefits to society of an educated citizenry and will show that university education helps to guarantee certain rights.

Essay Question 96

Ambition is being emphasized in today's society.

How important do you think it is for those who want to succeed in their life?

Is it a positive or negative characteristic?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***being emphasized*** = a great deal of emphasis is being laid
- ❖ ***in today's society*** = In the modern world,

Thesis Statement

How important do you think it is for those who want to succeed in their life? this is important as it is hard to achieve success without ambition

Is it a positive or negative characteristic? It is positive provided we are cautious

Introduction Paragraph

In the modern world, a great deal of emphasis is being laid on ambition. In my view, this is important as it is hard to achieve success without it. This essay will argue that, provided we are cautious, being ambitious can be a positive trait for achieving your life goals.

Essay Question 97

Today, more and more students are deciding to move to a different country for higher studies.

Do you think the benefits of this outweigh the problems?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Today**, = currently
- ❖ **more and more students** = An increasing number of students
- ❖ **move** = moving
- ❖ **a different country** = foreign countries
- ❖ **for higher studies** = to continue their higher education
- ❖ **benefits** = advantages
- ❖ **problems** = disadvantages

Thesis Statement

Do you think the benefits of this outweigh the problems? the advantages of such a move definitely outweigh the disadvantages

Benefit 1: international experience

Benefit 2: a foreign degree

Problems: cultural shock and loneliness

Introduction Paragraph

An increasing number of students are currently moving to foreign countries to continue their higher education. I believe the advantages of such a move definitely outweigh the disadvantages. This essay will discuss the value of international experience and of a foreign degree, versus the possibility of cultural shock and loneliness.

Essay Question 98

In the past when students did a university degree they tended to study in their own country. Nowadays, they have more opportunity to study abroad.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this development?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In the past*** = previously
- ❖ ***did a university degree*** = went to university
- ❖ ***own country*** = home country
- ❖ ***Nowadays,*** = in today's world,
- ❖ ***they have more opportunity*** = there are more opportunities
- ❖ ***to study abroad*** = take degree courses abroad

Thesis Statement

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this development?

Advantages: (the main advantage) learning about a new language and culture

Disadvantages: (the main disadvantage) the potential for culture shock

Introduction Paragraph

When students previously went to university it was in their home country; however, in today's world, there are more opportunities to take degree courses abroad. This essay will argue the main advantage of this is learning about a new language and culture, while the main disadvantage is the potential for culture shock.

Essay Question 99

Today, many people live in large apartment blocks.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Today*** = currently
- ❖ ***apartment blocks*** = Apartments in large tower blocks
- ❖ ***live*** = are ... home to
- ❖ ***disadvantages*** = drawbacks
- ❖ ***advantages*** = benefits

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages? Yes.

Advantage 1: cheaper rent prices

Advantage 2: a safe, controlled environment

Disadvantage: a lack of privacy and living space

Introduction Paragraph

Apartments in large tower blocks are currently home to many people. This essay believes the benefits of cheaper rent prices, and living in a safe, controlled environment outweigh the main drawback of a lack of privacy and living space.

Essay Question 100

It is generally accepted that families are not as close as they used to be.

Give some reasons why this change has happened and suggest how families could be brought closer together.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***It is generally accepted*** = It could be argued
- ❖ ***not as close as*** = more distant from
- ❖ ***they used to be*** = than in the past

Thesis Statement

why this change has happened? because of the economic crisis and the need to find employment around the world

suggest how families could be brought closer together? by making use of the internet to connect family members

Introduction Paragraph

It could be argued that these days many families are more distant from one another than in the past. I believe that in many countries the economic crisis and the need to find employment around the world is the principle reason for this change and will suggest making use of the internet to connect family members as a possible solution.

Essay Question 101

Today more people are travelling than ever before.

Why is this the case?

What are the benefits of travelling for the traveller?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Today*** = currently
- ❖ ***more people ... than ever before*** = The number of people ... the highest
- ❖ ***benefits*** = beneficial
- ❖ ***travelling*** = travel
- ❖ ***traveller*** = people travelling = tourist

Thesis Statement

Why is this the case? due to low cost airlines compared with the recent past

What are the benefits of travelling for the traveller?

Benefit 1: the ease of international travel

Benefit 2: travel can be beneficial for the tourist by allowing access to foreign cultures

Introduction Paragraph

The number of people travelling around the world is currently the highest it has ever been. Arguably, this is in part due to low cost airlines compared with the recent past. This essay will discuss the ease of international travel, and also how travel can be beneficial for the tourist by allowing access to foreign cultures.

List of Paraphrases

(Note: Consider every single context when using these paraphrases)

- 1 , however, = However, (change in punctuation)
- 2 , while , = , however,
- 3 , while = ; however,
- 4 a bad example = not suitable
- 5 a certain number of students = a limited number of students
- 6 a different country = foreign countries
- 7 a good way of bringing = a good way to bring
- 8 a large number of = lots of
- 9 a lot of = a large number of
- 10 a person = the individual citizen
- 11 a relatively large number = a high number of
- 12 A rise in the standard of living = rising living standards
- 13 a serious problem = The problem ... is ... serious
- 14 a waste of money = wasteful
- 15 a waste of time = a waste of time and effort
- 16 achievements = accomplishments
- 17 achieving this by = at the expense of
- 18 advantages = benefits
- 19 advantages = positive aspects
- 20 advantages = the biggest benefit
- 21 advertise = Advertising
- 22 advertisements = advertising
- 23 ages = age groups
- 24 almost = virtually
- 25 alternative forms of medicine = Alternative medicine
- 26 an essential subject = a vital lesson
- 27 an increasing number of = A significant number of
- 28 and = coupled with (depending on the context)
- 29 animals = creatures = species
- 30 anti-social activities = anti-social behaviour
- 31 apartment blocks = Apartments in large tower blocks
- 32 are beneficial = bring many benefits
- 33 are reading = are choosing to read
- 34 are required = need to be considered
- 35 argue = feel
- 36 art = the teaching of art (based on the context)
- 37 arts, such as music and theatre = these art forms (referencing)

- 38 at home = in the home
- 39 at school = to be taught at school
- 40 At the present time = Currently

- 41 at worst = may in fact
42 atmosphere = environment
43 be aware of news = access news
44 be blamed for = be responsible for=accountable for
45 be held responsible = be responsible
46 be responsible for = assume the responsibility of
47 be responsible for = be held to account for
48 begin = start
49 being emphasized = a great deal of emphasis is being laid
50 believe = think
51 benefit (verb) = benefit (n)
52 benefit = advantage
53 benefits = advantages
54 benefits = beneficial
55 best = ideal
56 books, air tickets and groceries = food, books, and flights
57 bring benefits = be beneficial
58 bringing = to bring
59 bringing their kids to school = driving their children to school

60 bringing their kids to school = taking young students to school

61 build new ones = construct new buildings
62 business meetings and business trainings = business meetings

63 but = However,
64 buy = money is spent by (active to passive)
65 Buying things on the internet = E-commerce
66 by = through
67 by increasing the number of sports facilities = having more sporting facilities

68 celebrities are more famous = many people are celebrated
69 Change [verb] = change [noun]
70 child = children = young students
71 Childhood obesity = obese children
72 children = a child
73 children = youngsters
74 children = youngsters = young audiences
75 children learning a foreign language = children of bilingualism

76 children at school = school children
77 choose = choice
78 choose = make this decision
79 choose = prefer

- 80 choosing = choice
 81 choosing a company = the choice of which company
 82 choosing tono = opting not to
 83 circumstances of an individual crime motivation = motivation and circumstances
 84 commercial advertisements = commercials
 85 common areas = communal recreational areas
 86 communicate face to face = face-to-face conversation
- 87 communicating = communication
 88 Communication = communicating
 89 company = a business
 90 compared with = in comparison to
 91 compete = competition
 92 complain = complaints
 93 complain = express annoyance
 94 complain about = not content (/kən'tent/) with
 95 constantly (adv) = constant (adj)
 96 Construct = construction
 97 consumed = consumption
 98 contribute more = are more beneficial
 99 controlled = control
 100 cook at home = homemade food
 101 copy = being copied = being imitated
 102 copying = imitating
 103 costs too much = far too expensive
 104 countries = nations
 105 country = nation
 106 country = nation
 107 couples = husbands and wives
 108 created = led to
 109 Creative artists = people working in the creative art
 110 Culture and traditions = in terms of traditions and culture
 111 Currently = currently (change in position in the sentence)
 112 damage being done to the environment = environmental damage
- 113 dangerous = cause harm
 114 declining (verb) = decline (noun)
 115 declining = on the decline = in decline
 116 decreasing declining
 117 demolish = demolish (sometimes you don't have to paraphrase every single word)
 118 Despite = In spite of
 119 development = develop

- 120 development = learning and development
121 did a university degree = went to university
122 different = differing
123 different products = a variety of products
124 difficulties = drawbacks
125 disadvantages = downside
126 disadvantages = drawbacks
127 disadvantages = negatives
128 disadvantages = the main drawback
129 disadvantages = the primary demerit
130 disagree = do not agree
131 do this = do so
132 does not solve = is not a good answer
133 drivers = car drivers
134 each type of crime = every crime = each crime
135 earn a great deal more money = make a considerable amount of money
- 136 eat junk food = healthy eating habits
137 educate = education
138 education = educate (noun to verb)
139 Education = system schools
140 education of children = educate (these) students
141 encourage = arouse the interest and pride
142 encourage = be directed to
143 entertain = entertainment
144 every day of the week = every week day
145 every five years = regularly every five years
146 every individual = every person = every citizen
147 everyone knew everyone else = no one was a stranger
148 exercises and sports = athletics and physical education
149 express their own ideas = express themselves
150 extended opening hours = long opening hours
151 face to face = in person = face-to-face (as an adjective)
152 falling = declining
153 Families = family
154 family = typical family
155 family and adult children = families
156 famous athletes = famous sporting celebrities
157 famous personalities = Celebrities
158 feel = believe
159 fitness well-being
160 fixed punishments = a fixed sentence as punishment
161 food produced in local area = local produce

- 162 for children to go to school = to send children to school
163 for general public = for public entertainment
164 for higher studies = to continue their higher education
165 for their glamour and wealth than for their achievements =
166 forced = compelled
167 free for everyone = shared by every student
168 free of charge = free
169 freedom = free
170 freedom to express = freedom of expression
171 from generation to generation = Inter-generational
172 fund school buses = provide transportation
173 get = obtain
174 glamour and wealth = looks and wealth
175 go shopping = shop
176 going to other countries = living abroad
177 good = positive
178 government = state
179 Government investment in = state expenditure on
180 Governments = states
181 graduate unemployment = a higher youth unemployment (rate)
- 182 has changed = have had an impact
183 has transformed = been significantly transformed
184 have to = are forced into
185 health and wellbeing = health
186 health human health
187 historical sites = sites of historical interest = cultural attractions
- 188 History = the study of past events over time
189 homework = assignments
190 However, = ; however, (change in punctuation)
191 huge = major
192 hungry = hunger
193 Ideal = idealised
194 important = essential
195 important = importance
196 important professions = important jobs
197 improvements = breakthroughs
198 in all towns and cities = in every town and city
199 in healthcare = medical
200 in larger cities = in major cities
201 in many countries = in many parts of the world
202 In many parts of the world = around the globe

- 203 In some countries = In some parts of the world, = around the world
- 204 In some societies = in some parts of the world
- 205 In spite of = Despite
- 206 In the past = Before
- 207 in the past = In earlier times,
- 208 In the past = previously
- 209 in today's society = In the modern world,
- 210 in today's world, = nowadays
- 211 in whichever way they wish = however they wish
- 212 income = whether they can pay for it
- 213 increasing = growing
- 214 increasingly = More and more
- 215 ineffective = not ... effective
- 216 influence = effects
- 217 influence = impacts
- 218 instead = instead of
- 219 instead of rather than
- 220 interact = interactions = relationships (verb to noun)
- 221 introducing more academic subjects more emphasis being placed by schools on academic course
- 222 invest = investment
- 223 It is becoming = these days (implied)
- 224 it is better = the benefits are more evident
- 225 It is generally accepted = It could be argued
- 226 it is hard to justify the reason = there is no longer a reason
- 227 It is important = ... is a matter of some importance
- 228 it is not a good idea = recommend
- 229 It is often said that = According to some,
- 230 it is unfair = this is not fair
- 231 jobs = positions
- 232 just = only
- 233 keep in touch with = stay in touch with
- 234 learn = learning
- 235 lecture hall = traditional lecture hall ('traditional' is implied)
- 236 less sociable = the opposite is true
- 237 levels standards
- 238 little effect = limited effect
- 239 live = are ... home to
- 240 live = living
- 241 live up to 100 or even 200 years = live from 100 to 200 years
- 242 lived in small villages = village life
- 243 living = life

- 244 living in a small community = living in a village
245 local people = locals = indigenous population
246 long journey times = increasing travel times for many journeys
- 247 made in agriculture = in the agricultural field
248 make friends = form (their) friendships = start a friendship
249 many = a lot of
250 Many people = A lot of people
251 many people = a number of people
252 Many people = many
253 many people around the world still go hungry = world hunger is still a major problem for many people
254 Many people believe = According to many,
255 many western countries = certain western nations
256 mature age employees = mature employees
257 meeting = meet
258 mobile phones = a mobile (British English)
259 money = national budget (depending on the context)
260 money matters the importance of money
261 more and more = ... increasing
262 more and more = an ever-increasing
263 more and more = an increasing number of
264 more and more = increasingly
265 more and more = on the rise
266 More and more people = more people
267 more and more popular = ... increasingly ... in popularity
268 more and more reliant = over-reliance
269 more and more students = An increasing number of students
- 270 more benefits = a better quality of service
271 more important = emphasised more
272 more people ... than ever before = The number of people ... the highest
- 273 more powerful = stronger and more effective
274 most people = the majority of people
275 move = moving
276 move freely = freedom of movement
277 must = should
278 natural disaster = such adverse events as earthquakes and floods
- 279 not as close as = more distant from
280 not really need = non-essential
281 now = Today

- 282 Nowadays = Currently
283 Nowadays = In the modern world,
284 Nowadays = In today's world,
285 Nowadays = these days
286 Nowadays, = in today's world,
287 observing = watching
288 old people = elderly people
289 older people = older ones
290 older people = people aged 60 or over
291 older people = Population aged 60 or over
292 on their own = alone
293 only be allowed to = be limited to = restricting students to
294 Ordinary people try to copy famous personalities = Celebrities ... are often being copied by ordinary people (Active to passive)
- 295 organizations = corporations
296 Other people think = others argue
297 others = other people
298 Others = Some
299 Others = some individuals
300 Others believe = others would argue
301 others disagree = others believe the opposite
302 others think = others believe
303 others think = others would argue
304 Others think = some argue
305 Others think that = whereas others believe
306 Others, however, argue = However, others believe (Also change in punctuation)
- 307 Over the past few decades = In recent years
308 own country = home country
309 Parents = people (depending on the context)
310 parents should = parents' responsibility
311 pay more attention = be more attentive
312 people = applicants
313 people = consumers
314 People = humans
315 People = Some people
316 people = visitors
317 people use social media = social media is being used (active to passive)
- 318 performances = performers = stars
319 personal = personality
320 plays an important role = are of paramount importance
321 poor countries = deprived parts of the world

- 322 precaution = measures
323 prefer = is preferred (Active to passive)
324 prefer to = would rather
325 problem = problematic
326 problems = disadvantages
327 problems that did not exist before = several new problems
328 Promoted = portrayed
329 protect = be safeguarded
330 protect = protection (verb to noun)
331 protecting the environment = environmental protection
332 public = society
333 Public = the general public
334 public health = the health of the public
335 public holidays = national holidays
336 purpose = function
337 qualifications and experience = experience and qualifications
- 338 railways = rail
339 rather than = instead of
340 reading electronically = read e-books
341 ready-made food = ready meals = ready-to-eat meals
342 recycle = is recycled (Active to passive)
343 reducing areas used by the economy class to provide more comfort =
space in economy class
344 refuse = rather than
345 regardless = irrespective
346 repay their debt = pay their debts back
347 restoration = restoring
348 road = the roads
349 rural areas = the general countryside
350 Say = argue
351 school children = young learners
352 school subjects = school curriculum
353 school's responsibility to teach children = youngsters ought to be taught at
schools (active to passive)
- 354 Science = Advances (implied) in science
355 seeing them on TV = watching them on TV
356 seems = appear
357 self-employed = self-employment
358 Sell = sale
359 shared = sharing
360 shoppers = customers
361 shops or local markets = local shops
362 should = are needed

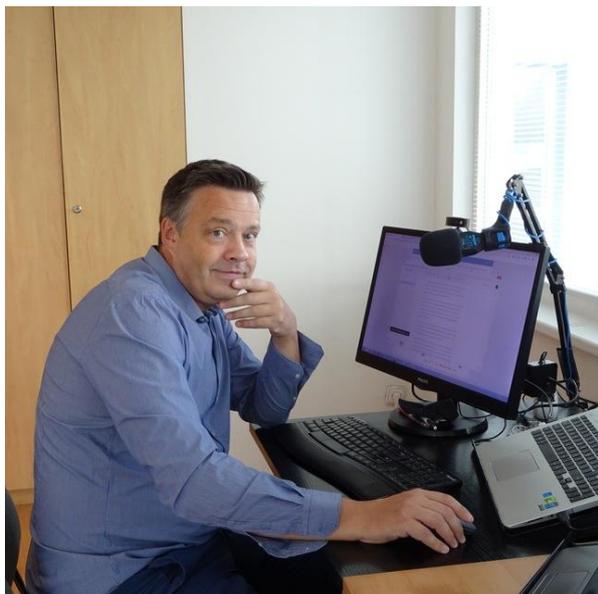
- 363 should = need
364 should = need to
365 should = ought to
366 should be = exist purely (implied)
367 should be made = should be
368 should not = ought not to
369 should not be allowed = should be forbidden
370 should protect = should be protected
371 should take responsibility for it = has a duty of ...
372 smaller = decreased
373 social sites and chat rooms = Virtual communities and networks
- 374 society = community
375 Some believe that = According to some,
376 Some experts believe = According to some,
377 some of them = some
378 Some parents think = According to some,
379 Some people = According to some
380 Some people = some
381 Some people = Some parents
382 Some people are convinced that = According to some,
383 Some people believe = According to some
384 Some people believe = It has been argued
385 Some people believe = It is often argued
386 Some people believe that = According to some,
387 Some people say = According to some,
388 Some people suggest = According to some
389 Some people think = According to some,
390 Some people think = It has been argued
391 Some people think It is sometimes argued
392 some people who = those who
393 Some think = Some believe
394 soon = in the near future
395 special communities = specific communities
396 spend = allocate (depending on the context)
397 Spend = spending = expenditure
398 sports professionals = Professional athletes and sportspeople
- 399 standard of physical health = physical health status (of the public)
- 400 steadily = at a steady pace
401 Students = many students ('many' is implied from the topic)
402 study = pursue

- 403 subjects related to science and technology = technology-orientated and scientific subjects
- 404 such a move = this move
- 405 supermarket = big markets
- 406 take = implemented
- 407 take every precaution to protect its citizens = citizen protection measures ought to be implemented (active to passive)
- 408 taken into account = considered
- 409 taking place = being held (using synonyms and changing active to passive)
- 410 teach educate
- 411 teaching = educate
- 412 technology = new developments
- 413 test = driving test
- 414 than = when compared to (depending on the context)
- 415 that is why = Since
- 416 the advances = advancements
- 417 the average weight of people is increasing = people are becoming heavier
- 418 the best way to improve = the best way of improving
- 419 the best ways the most effective ways
- 420 the employer = Employers
- 421 the government = states
- 422 the government's responsibility = the responsibility of the government
- 423 the image of young thin women = women as being young, and especially, thin
- 424 the Internet = using the internet
- 425 The money given to help = Providing financial aid to
- 426 the most important = of the utmost importance
- 427 The number of students = science student numbers
- 428 the overall = general
- 429 the proportion of = The population of (only in this context)
- 430 the rich = its wealthier passengers
- 431 there are better ways to show affection to them = this could be shown in a better way
- 432 These days = Currently
- 433 these methods = these forms of treatment
- 434 they have more opportunity = there are more opportunities
- 435 they only know a few people in their area = they might not know very many people
- 436 they used to be = than in the past
- 437 things = purchases (as a noun / based on the context)

- 438 think = believe
439 this = this trend
440 this is a good thing = this phenomenon is to be welcomed
441 this kind of job = such job types
442 this trend = this phenomenon
443 to find a job or to study = for work or study
444 to give gifts and presents = gift giving
445 to give their children mobile phones = children having mobile phones
- 446 to participate in the lecture physically = to physically attend lectures
- 447 to play with = We did not paraphrase it as the meaning is implied in the paraphrased version.
- 448 to show that we care about them = to show affection to our loved ones
- 449 to study abroad = take degree courses abroad
450 Today = currently
451 tourist destinations = tourist spots = tourist sites
452 Transport = transportation
453 Transport delays = traffic jams and congestion
454 travel = travelling
455 traveller = people travelling = tourist
456 travelling = travel
457 trend = increasing in popularity
458 try = Trying
459 types = kinds
460 Universal free healthcare = free health service = a free system of healthcare
- 461 university = tertiary education = further education
462 university = universities
463 University education = attending university = (access to) higher education
- 464 use them = make purchases with credit cards
465 useful = benefit
466 via computers and mobile telephones = distance
467 via the Internet = online
468 visited by = visit (passive to active)
469 we are losing = has recently eroded
470 We never know = it is impossible for us to predict
471 we should demolish = it would be cheaper to demolish ('cheaper' refers back to 'costs too much')
- 472 whatever they like = (majors) which they like
473 when applying for a job = regarding job applications
474 when deciding on the punishment = before sentencing

- 475 whereas = While
476 while = ;however,
477 While recruiting a new employee = during the recruitment process
- 478 who go to live = who choose to move around
479 will lead to = would have
480 will shatter = are going to happen
481 With = Due to
482 with advances in technology technological advances
483 With the development of new technology = with this new technology
- 484 women are suitable = the suitability of women
485 women should be treated as equal to men = gender equality
- 486 working from home home-working
487 world = global
488 written communication = communicating in writing
489 young adults = young people = younger citizens
490 young people = the younger generation
491 young people = these graduates
492 young people = younger candidates
493 younger = as young as possible
494 younger employees = younger workers

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