



101 Cambridge Introductions

**IELTS Writing Task 2
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Preface

Hello, and welcome to our new volume of 101 Cambridge Task 2 Writing Introductions 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 topics from Cambridge IELTS series (1-15) 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.

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Introduction 1 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | Academic

In some countries, owning a home rather than renting one is very important for people.

Why might this be the case?

Do you think this is a positive or negative situation?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In some countries*** = In some parts of the world
- ❖ ***..... for people*** = People (change in order)
- ❖ ***owning a home*** = own a home
- ❖ ***rather*** = rather than
- ❖ ***very important*** = more important
- ❖ ***positive*** = beneficial

Thesis Statement

Why might this be the case? the reasons for this are mainly cultural

Do you think this is a positive or negative situation? it is beneficial for the owners for personal and financial reasons

Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of the world, people consider it to be more important to own a home rather than rent one. I believe the reasons for this are mainly cultural and that in general, it is beneficial for the owners for personal and financial reasons.

A Sample Essay

In some parts of the world, people consider it to be more important to own a home rather than rent one. I believe the reasons for this are mainly cultural and that in general, it is beneficial for the owners for personal and financial reasons.

Home ownership has several advantages, as in some countries it can make the difference between being able to find a wife or remaining single, especially if you are a man. For example, as I know from personal experience, in China, if you are a young man looking for a wife, then one of the first questions she will ask you is if you have an apartment, a car, and a good job. If the answer is no, especially to the owning a home part, then you are not getting married, it is that simple. We can see then, just how this fact can be vital in some societies, particularly in South East Asia.

In my view, owning a home makes sound financial sense. In some European countries, renting is quite socially acceptable and is not a marriage breaking issue for many people. However, given the rising prices of rents in those countries in recent years, paying off a mortgage is probably cheaper than paying rent. For example, when I owned a house some years ago, my mortgage was about half what the market rate for rent was at that time. This made a considerable difference to my monthly outgoings which I greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, having a home of your own is important depending on your culture as it might make the difference between a happy family life or being a lonely singleton. It also makes financial sense as instead of paying exorbitant rent to some landlord and enriching them, you will be saving money and investing in your and your families' future by owning property. For those reasons, I would definitely recommend investing in bricks and mortar.

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Introduction 2 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | Academic

In the future, nobody will buy printed newspapers or books because they will be able to read everything they want without paying.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ **nobody** = no one
- ❖ **buy** = pay (to read)
- ❖ **printed newspapers or books** = print media such as books or newspapers
- ❖ **without paying** = freely available

Thesis Statement

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

Reason 1: because of its tactile appeal

Reason 2: because such items are collectable

Introduction Paragraph

In the future, no one will pay to read print media such as books or newspapers as it will be freely available. In my view, there will always be someone who will buy print media because of its tactile appeal, and also because such items are collectable.



A Sample Essay

In the future, no one will pay to read print media such as books or newspapers as it will be freely available. In my view, there will always be someone who will buy print media because of its tactile appeal, and also because such items are collectable.

For some people, holding a newspaper or a book in their hands has a certain charm. They like how paper feels and smells and will pay for it rather than get free online material. Personally, when I was at university and had to read a lot, my preference in the library was to go through the shelves and take the books and journals in my hands rather than read from a screen. I found that I connected more with the material if I had a physical interaction with it, and I am sure that many people feel the same as I do.

Sensory reasons aside, the collectability of books and newspapers for libraries and archives means that they will always be purchased by someone. Academics often have bookshelves full in their office or study rooms, and collectors of rare editions buy them too as they are valuable. For example, public libraries the world over have extensive collections of printed material. Moreover, there are organizations, such as libraries, that serve to collect books and newspapers as a form of public archives.

In conclusion, I completely disagree that there will ever be a time when people no longer buy books or papers. This is because I believe there will always be people willing to buy printed material due to its physical appeal and there will always be people and organisations that want to collect books and papers. Given this situation, it seems that printed materials will always be available.

293 words



Introduction 3 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | Academic

Some people say that advertising is extremely successful at persuading us to buy things; other people think that advertising is so common that we no longer pay attention to it.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some
- ❖ ***persuading*** = persuaded
- ❖ ***to buy*** = into buying
- ❖ ***other people*** = others
- ❖ ***think*** = believe
- ❖ ***advertising*** = adverts
- ❖ ***common*** = commonplace
- ❖ ***we no longer pay attention*** = no one really pays attention

Thesis Statement

My view: while some campaigns may work in certain circumstances, for many people adverts are simply a nuisance

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, people are persuaded into buying things due to extremely successful advertising campaigns. However, others believe that no one really pays attention to adverts these days as they are commonplace. In my view, while some campaigns may work in certain circumstances, for many people adverts are simply a nuisance.

A Sample Essay

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Anecdotal evidence suggests that whatever product is advertised the most heavily seems to be the one that people buy. This strategy must work as commercials are extremely expensive and as companies keep running them, they must be successful otherwise the expenditure could not be justified. For example, in America, at the super-bowl at half time, adverts cost millions of dollars per second and are seen by an audience of tens of millions. If those particular ads did not work, then what company would spend so much for zero gains in consumer spending.

However, some believe that adverts are so commonplace they are like background noise and are often ignored. No one pays attention to commercials on television because they switch to other things, like making a cup of tea during the ad breaks. For example, in my house when the ads come on, we usually check our phones or go get something from the kitchen. The last thing we do is to watch, much less pay attention to, the products we see being paraded on the screen.

In conclusion, I believe that advertising must work to some extent, maybe on big promotional campaigns at some special sporting events or rallies, otherwise why would companies pay for it? However, for the more mundane ads as we see on TV many times a day, they are simply ignored and seen by many television watchers as a nuisance to be endured until their favourite programme starts again.

295 words



Introduction 4 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | Academic

In some cultures, children are often told that they can achieve anything if they try hard enough.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of giving children this message?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In some cultures*** = In some parts of the world
- ❖ ***often*** = commonly
- ❖ ***achieve anything*** = be successful in anything
- ❖ ***if they try hard enough*** = with enough hard work

Thesis Statement

Advantage: this message may drive some children to be high achievers

Disadvantage: for the majority it is likely to be unrealistic and lead to disappointment

Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of the world, children are commonly told they can be successful in anything with enough hard work. I believe that although this message may drive some children to be high achievers, for the majority it is likely to be unrealistic and lead to disappointment.



A Sample Essay

In some parts of the world, children are commonly told they can be successful in anything with enough hard work. I believe that although this message may drive some children to aim high in life, for the majority it is likely to be unrealistic and lead to disappointment.

Encouraging children to pursue their dreams and not to give up is a positive message that all parents should give their offspring. Emphasising hard work as a path to success in life is equally inspirational and beneficial. For example, it is very common to read articles about some mothers pushing their children by giving them extracurricular activities, ballet, music, and other tuition. This is designed to instil in them a good work ethic and start them out on the path to high achievement as adults.

However, it is a fact that hard work alone is no guarantee of anything and in many areas talent is needed for success. Therefore, if a child does not have it, they will not succeed, no matter how hard they work. For example, in sport and in art, simply working at kicking a ball or painting constantly will not guarantee success if that vital ingredient, talent, is not already there. In that case, when most children are inevitably disappointed in their endeavours, such self-doubt and disillusionment might be carried over into adulthood with negative consequences to their self-esteem.

In conclusion, although it may seem a positive thing to encourage your children to persevere and work hard, this message should be tempered with a strong dose of reality. As many successful people rely on talent, not just on trying hard, a balance needs to be sought when dealing with children in order not to foster disappointment and despair in adult life.

293 words



Introduction 5 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | General

In many countries today, crime novels and TV crime dramas are becoming more and more popular.

Why do you think these books and TV shows are popular?

What is your opinion of crime fiction and TV crime dramas?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***today*** = Recently, Currently,
- ❖ ***In many countries*** = in many parts of the world
- ❖ ***crime novels and TV crime dramas*** = crime fiction genre / crime fiction in books and on TV
- ❖ ***are becoming more and more popular*** = has become popular / have a lot of fans / is becoming increasingly popular

Thesis Statement

Why do you think these books and TV shows are popular? this is due to their escapist and dramatic nature

What is your opinion of crime fiction and TV crime dramas? ...can be used to give a moral lesson that "crime doesn't pay"

Introduction Paragraph

Currently, crime fiction in books and on TV is becoming increasingly popular in many parts of the world. I believe that this is due to their escapist and dramatic nature which in my view can be used to give a moral lesson that "crime doesn't pay".



A Sample Essay

Currently, crime fiction in books and on TV is becoming increasingly popular in many parts of the world. I believe that this is due to their escapist and dramatic nature which in my view can be used to give a moral lesson that “crime doesn't pay”.

For many people, reading and watching television are entertaining distractions to help them escape their humdrum daily lives. As the crime genre provides plenty of thrills, it is not surprising that this type of material is popular. For example, as a child, I really liked reading Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s “Sherlock Holmes” mysteries and watching the black and white Holmes movies on TV. The intricate plotting, clever detective work, the excitement of how Holmes and Watson were always in danger was most satisfying to me and to the millions of others who have followed their adventures through the years.

Thrills aside, one of the most appealing aspects in crime dramas is the moral certainty and satisfaction in justice being done. That is, in almost all of these books and shows the criminal is unmasked and captured, regardless of how clever they might be. For example, in all the Sherlock Holmes stories that I can remember, only one “villain”, Irene Adler, who managed to escape him, and she was merely a victim of circumstances not really a criminal at all. What these kind of stories do then, as well as being highly entertaining, is to teach that being a criminal does not pay.

In conclusion, the rise in crime fiction around the world can be attributed to a desire for thrilling entertainment. This, in my view, can also satisfy the reader or viewers need for moral certitude and teach a valuable lesson that the villains always get their comeuppance.

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Introduction 6 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | General

Nowadays many people complain that they have difficulties getting enough sleep.

What problems can lack of sleep cause?

What can be done about lack of sleep?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Nowadays*** = These days,
- ❖ ***many people*** = a lot of people
- ❖ ***complain*** = are complaining
- ❖ ***they have difficulties getting*** = they find it difficult to get
- ❖ ***cause*** = lead to
- ❖ ***enough sleep*** = sufficient sleep

Thesis Statement

What problems can lack of sleep cause? problems such as mental exhaustion

What can be done about lack of sleep? this can be solved by a reworking of their lives to make time for them to relax and sleep

Introduction Paragraph

These days, a lot of people are complaining they find it difficult to get enough sleep, which can lead to problems such as mental exhaustion. However, this can be solved by a reworking of their lives to make time for them to relax and sleep.



A Sample Essay

These days, a lot of people are complaining they find it difficult to get enough sleep, which can lead to problems such as mental exhaustion. However, this can be solved by a reworking of their lives to make time for them to relax and sleep.

The human body requires a certain amount of sleep to recharge itself and to refresh the brain bio-chemically. If insufficient levels of deep sleep occur, then the brain fails to function properly and its owner will be unable to perform at their normal ability. For example, I know that if I do not get at least seven hours of sleep at night then the next morning I struggle to think properly and get started for the day. Drinking coffee may be a temporary fix to this but a better long term solution would be to simply sleep more.

However, for many people their circumstances are such that due to a busy lifestyle, family, pressures, work, etc., they cannot find time for eight hours of sleep. In that case, they need to re-evaluate their lives and make some time for themselves where they can get sufficient rest. For example, I sometimes am overworked and work long hours but to remedy this, I make an effort to start early in the morning and finish work at a reasonable hour. This is not ideal, having less work would be better but these days it is the best I can do, as I am sure it is for other people too.

In conclusion, the phenomenon of sleep deprivation seems to be commonplace these days, possibly caused by the hectic daily schedule of many people's lives. To remedy this, I suggest that sleep starved individuals reassess their priorities and make more time for themselves so that they can get sufficient sleep.

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Introduction 7 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | General

In the future, more people will choose to go on holidays in their own country, and not to travel aboard on holiday.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In the future, more people*** = More people.... in the future (**change in order**)
- ❖ ***in their own country*** = at home
- ❖ ***go on holidays*** = holiday (verb)
- ❖ ***travel aboard*** = go abroad

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I disagree with this idea

My Reasons: as for many, a holiday means foreign travel, **however**, other issues may decide our holiday destinations

Introduction Paragraph

More people will choose to holiday at home than go abroad in the future. I disagree with this idea in general as for many, a holiday means foreign travel, however, other issues may decide our holiday destinations.

A Sample Essay

More people will choose to holiday at home than go abroad in the future. I disagree with this idea in general as for many, a holiday means foreign travel, however, other issues may decide our holiday destinations.

I believe that the word “holiday” evokes travel, flights, and other lands with hot sun and golden beaches. A lot of people only have one holiday a year and they want a special and memorable experience which their own country might not be able to provide. For example, the tourist industry relies on this to sell its packaged holidays, all the brochures in the travel agents show scenes of sand, oceans, and bikinis and the exoticness of the “other”. Personally, I see no reason for this trend to lessen unless there are particular reasons to prevent travel such as border closures and other restrictions such as those we are currently experiencing.

However, pandemic restrictions aside, financial issues often also dictate where people go on holiday. Going abroad may be preferable for many, but as the saying goes we have to “cut our cloth according to our measure” and go where we can afford. For example, when I was working full time, I would often go to some hot sunny beach for a couple of weeks but now due to the current climate I can only afford a weekend in my own country instead. This situation will no doubt affect others over the coming year and domestic vacationing may well increase this summer.

In conclusion, holidays abroad will not decrease by choice as many people look forward to their two weeks in the sun for their annual holiday. That being said, other circumstances may force the issue and make the choice for them as economic uncertainty and closed borders make domestic vacations more realistic.

300 words



Introduction 8 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 15 | General

In many countries, paying for things using mobile phone (cellphone) apps is becoming increasingly common.

Does this development have more advantages or more disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***paying*** = Making payments
- ❖ ***using mobile phone (cellphone) apps*** = via mobile apps
- ❖ ***is becoming increasingly common*** = is becoming commonplace

Thesis Statement

Does this development have more advantages or more disadvantages? In my view, the advantages of ***ease of payment*** and ***being cashless*** outweigh the ***negative impact on some shops and shoppers***

Introduction Paragraph

Making payments via mobile apps is becoming commonplace in many countries. In my view, the advantages of ease of payment and being cashless outweigh the negative impact on some shops and shoppers.



A Sample Essay

Making payments via mobile apps is becoming commonplace in many countries. In my view, the advantages of ease of payment and being cashless outweigh the negative impact on some shops and shoppers.

As many people around the world carry a smart phone, using it to make purchases would seem to be a logical step in making life more convenient. You can use this technology in many shops and virtually eliminate the need to carry money and have to fiddle with change. For example, in my local supermarket I see more and more people paying by phone to buy their groceries as just a tap of the phone on the screen and you have paid. Although I prefer cash myself, I can certainly understand why this payment method is growing in popularity thanks to its several advantages.

However, not every purchase can be made electronically and not every shop or customer has this technology. This may lead to a “digital divide” where some shops and consumers benefit and others are left behind. For example, many small shops and street vendors would not have this option for customers as they only take cash, this might lead people to only buy from those who can accept their mobile payments, leaving the others out of business. Also, not everyone has, or wants, a smart phone with this ability, many pensioners do not have one for instance. In that case, if more shops only accept this type of payment method the “digital divide” will widen further.

In conclusion, mobile apps for shopping are here to stay, in my view. The benefits of convenience and being cash free are certainly greater than the downsides which might only affect a minority of people.

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Some people believe that it is best to accept a bad situation, such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money. Others argue that it is better to try and improve such situations.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***it is best to*** = the best thing to
- ❖ ***to accept a bad situation*** = to accept it
- ❖ ***such as an unsatisfactory job*** = whether it is low job satisfaction
- ❖ ***shortage of money*** = not earning enough money
- ❖ ***Others argue*** = others say
- ❖ ***it is better to*** = we should always try to
- ❖ ***improve such situations*** = make a bad situation better

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

My view: In my view, it depends on circumstances as to whether we should accept what we cannot change, and strive to change what we can.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the best thing to do with a bad situation is to accept it, whether it is low job satisfaction or not earning enough money. However, others say that we should always try to make a bad situation better. In my view, it depends on circumstances as to whether we should accept what we cannot change, and strive to change what we can.

Introduction 10 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 14 | Academic

Some people say that the main environmental problem of our time is the loss of particular species of plants and animals. Others say that there are more important environmental problems.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***he loss of particular species of plants and animals*** = plant and animal species extinction
- ❖ ***the main environmental problem*** = the most important environmental issue
- ❖ ***of our time*** = facing us today
- ❖ ***Others say*** = others argue
- ❖ ***more important environmental problems*** = facing us today other concerns that are more important
- ❖ ***problem*** = *issue* = *concern*

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

My view: In my view, both of these problems are equally concerning and deserve equal attention.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, plant and animal species extinction is the most important environmental issue facing us today. however, others argue that there are other concerns that are more important. In my view, both of these problems are equally concerning and deserve equal attention.



Introduction 11 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 14 | Academic

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

Sample 1. 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.

Sample 2. According to some, music can bring differing ages and cultures together. I would agree with this as music does possess a universal appeal for most people.

Introduction 12 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 14 | Academic

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

Sample 1. 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.

Sample 2. Many people choose to work for themselves these days instead of for someone else. I believe that the freedom to set your own hours might be one reason for this choice. However, a lack of stable income could be a possible downside to self-employment.



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Cambridge book 14 | General

The growth of online shopping will one day lead to the closing of all shops in town and cities.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***The growth of online shopping*** = As more people shop online,
- ❖ ***one day*** = in the future
- ❖ ***lead to the closing*** = will close
- ❖ ***all shops in town and cities*** = all town and city centre shops

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I disagree with this statement as some people will always want to visit shops in person, for buying clothes and food

Introduction Paragraph

As more people shop online in the future, all town and city centre shops will close. I disagree with this statement as some people will always want to visit shops in person, for buying clothes and food.

Introduction 14 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 14 | General

Some people think that it is better to choose friends who always have the same opinion as them. Others believe it is good to have friends who sometimes disagree with you.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***it is better to choose friends*** = it is best to have friends
- ❖ ***friends who always have the same opinion as them*** = friends who agree with your opinions
- ❖ ***sometimes*** = occasionally
- ❖ ***Others believe*** = Others say
- ❖ ***is good*** = is best

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

My view: I believe that friendship should be about more than just holding the same beliefs or views.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, it is best to have friends who agree with your opinions. Others say that having friends with who they disagree occasionally is best. I believe that friendship should be about more than just holding the same beliefs or views.



Introduction 15 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 14 | General

Some people say that the main way to be happy in life is to have a lot of money.

How might having a lot of money make people happy?

What other things in life can make people happy?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***have a lot of money*** = having a lot of money = having plenty of money
- ❖ ***the main way to*** = the key to
- ❖ ***be happy*** = happiness

Thesis Statement

How might having a lot of money make people happy? you can buy and do as you wish

What other things in life can make people happy? friends and family

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, having a lot of money is the key to happiness in life. In my view, having plenty of money certainly helps as you can buy and do as you wish. However, other things such as friends and family are equally as important for a good life.

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Cambridge book 14 | General

Many people work long hours, leaving very little time for leisure activities.
Does this situation have more advantages or more disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***work long hours*** = working long hours,
- ❖ ***very little time*** = do not have sufficient time

Thesis Statement

Does this situation have more advantages or more disadvantages? In my view, the long hours' culture and lack of time outweigh any benefits of overworking.

Introduction Paragraph

The culture of working long hours is commonplace for many people nowadays and as a consequence, they do not have sufficient time to spend on leisure activities. In my view, the long hours' culture and lack of time outweigh any benefits of overworking.



Introduction 17 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 13 | Academic

Living in a country where you have to speak a foreign language can cause serious social problems, as well as practical problems.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Living*** = Life
- ❖ ***have to*** = requires
- ❖ ***an cause serious social problems, as well as practical problems*** = which may cause several problems, both social and practical (*change in order*)

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? In my view, this is correct as that being unable to communicate well may result in social isolation, and also that day to day life might be hindered by an inability to function properly.

Introduction Paragraph

Life in a foreign country often requires speaking the language of that country, which may cause several problems, both social and practical. In my view, this is correct as that being unable to communicate well may result in social isolation, and also that day to day life might be hindered by an inability to function properly.



Introduction 18 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 13 | Academic

Some people believe that nowadays we have too many choices.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***too many choices*** = too many things to choose from
- ❖ ***nowadays*** = these days

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? I believe that while this may be true in goods and services, it is less so in life choices and employment.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, we have too many things to choose from these days. I believe that while this may be true in goods and services, it is less so in life choices and employment.



Introduction 19 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 13 | Academic

Some people say that 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 these views and give your own opinion?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***Other people think that*** = others believe
- ❖ ***subjects like Science and Technology*** = STEM subjects

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion? In my view, both are important and should be taught to children as unless we know our past, we cannot understand our future.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, one of the most important subjects at school is History. However, others believe STEM subjects are more important in today's world. In my view, both are important and should be taught to children as unless we know our past, we cannot understand our future.

Introduction 20 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 13 | Academic

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
- ❖ ***advances*** = advancing progress
- ❖ ***made in agriculture*** = agricultural methods
- ❖ ***still go hungry*** = are still going hungry

Thesis Statement

Why is this the case? due to unfair trade agreements between developed and developing countries

What can be done about this problem? this could be solved by WTO intervention and an emphasis on fair trade

Introduction Paragraph

Many people are still going hungry around the world, despite advancing progress in agricultural methods. I believe this is due to unfair trade agreements between developed and developing countries. However, this could be solved by WTO intervention and an emphasis on fair trade.



Introduction 21 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 13 | General

In some areas of the US, a 'curfew' is imposed, in which teenagers are not allowed to be out of doors after a particular time at night unless they are accompanied by an adult.

What is your opinion about this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In some areas of the US*** = In some parts of America
- ❖ ***a 'curfew' is imposed*** = ...are under a curfew
- ❖ ***are not allowed to be out of doors*** = cannot go out
- ❖ ***after a particular time*** = after a certain time
- ❖ ***they are accompanied by an adult*** = they have an adult with them

Thesis Statement

What is your opinion about this? In my view, this condition is total nonsense and should be revoked immediately.

Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of America, teenagers are under a curfew and cannot go out after a certain time at night unless they have an adult with them. In my view, this condition is total nonsense and should be revoked immediately.

Introduction 22 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 13 | General

Many working people get little or no exercise either during the working day or in their free time, and have health problems as a result.

Why do many working people not get enough exercise?

What can be done about this problem?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Many working people*** = Many people (only in this context)
- ❖ ***get little or no exercise*** = have little or no time to exercise
- ❖ ***either during the working day or in their free time*** = either after work or during the day
- ❖ ***have health problems*** = causes them to have health problems
- ❖ ***as a result*** = consequently

Thesis Statement

Why do many working people not get enough exercise? due to a lack of time in their busy lives

What can be done about this problem? by more opportunities to exercise in or close to their workplace

Introduction Paragraph

Many people have little or no time to exercise either after work or during the day which consequently causes them to have health problems. I believe this is due to a lack of time in their busy lives and could be resolved by more opportunities to exercise in or close to their workplace.



Introduction 23 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 13 | General

Some people say that now we can see films on our phones or tablets there is no need to go to the cinema. Others say that to be fully enjoyed, films need to be seen in a cinema.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***we can see films*** = we can watch films
- ❖ ***on our phones or tablets*** = on our various devices
- ❖ ***now*** = as (in this context only)
- ❖ ***there is no need*** = we do not need
- ❖ ***to go to the cinema*** = to see them in a cinema

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. in my view, the cinematic experience cannot be bettered, and watching films at home comes a poor second

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, as we can watch films on our various devices, we do not need to see them in a cinema. However, others say that films need to be shown in a cinema in order to be enjoyed fully. In my view, the cinematic experience cannot be bettered, and watching films at home comes a poor second.

Introduction 24 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 13 | General

Some people say it is important to keep your home and your workplace tidy, with everything organised and in the correct place.

What is your opinion about this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***it is important to keep*** = ...*keeping* is important
- ❖ ***tidy, with everything organised*** = tidy and organised

Thesis Statement

What is your opinion about this? I think that this depends entirely on the personality of each individual and is subjective.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, keeping your home and workplace tidy and organised is important. I think that this depends entirely on the personality of each individual and is subjective.



Introduction 25 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 12 | Academic

Some people believe that allowing children to make their own choices on everyday matters (such as food, clothes and entertainment) is likely to result in a society of individuals who only think about their own wishes. Other people believe that it is important for children to make decisions about matters that affect them.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***make their own choices*** = choose
- ❖ ***everyday matters*** = everyday things
- ❖ ***such as*** = like
- ❖ ***food, clothes and entertainment*** = what to eat, wear, and do
- ❖ ***is likely to result*** = will result
- ❖ ***individuals who only think about their own wishes*** = wh self-centered individuals
- ❖ ***Other people believe that*** = others think
- ❖ ***make decisions*** = decide on

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. In my view, parents should allow children such freedom as is permissible and prudent.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, allowing children to choose on everyday things like what to eat, wear, and do, will result in a society of self-centered individuals. However, others think that letting children decide on such matters is important. In my view, parents should allow children such freedom as is permissible and prudent.

Introduction 26 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 12 | Academic

Some people believe that it is good to share as much information as possible in scientific research, business, and the academic world. Others believe that some information is too important or too valuable to be shared freely.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***to share*** = sharing
- ❖ ***scientific research, business, and the academic world*** = scientific, business, and academic information
- ❖ ***some*** = not all
- ❖ ***too important or too valuable*** = too valuable or important
- ❖ ***to be shared freely*** = should be freely shared

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. In my view, science and academic data should be shared as widely as possible but some business data should be kept confidential.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, sharing scientific, business, and academic information is a good thing to do. However, others believe that not all information should be freely shared as it is too valuable or important. In my view, science and academic data should be shared as widely as possible but some business data should be kept confidential.



Introduction 27 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 12 | Academic

***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
- ❖ ***includes*** = have
- ❖ ***relatively*** = comparatively
- ❖ ***compared with the number of older people*** = in relation to older people
- ❖ ***advantages*** = benefits

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of this situation outweigh the disadvantages? In my view, the benefits of having a large younger labour force outweigh the disadvantages of this situation.

Introduction Paragraph

Currently, some countries have a comparatively large number of young adults in relation to older people. In my view, the benefits of having a large younger labour force outweigh the disadvantages of this situation.

Introduction 28 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 12 | Academic

In a number of countries, some people think it is necessary to spend large sums of money on constructing new railway lines for very fast trains between cities. Others believe the money should be spent on improving existing public transport.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In a number of countries*** = In several countries
- ❖ ***some people think*** = some people believe in ...
- ❖ ***necessary*** = necessity
- ❖ ***spend large sums of money*** = large-scale expenditure
- ❖ ***constructing new railway lines*** = constructing high-speed inter-city railways
- ❖ ***the money*** = this money
- ❖ ***improving*** = making improvements
- ❖ ***the existing public transport*** = the existing public transport infrastructure

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. In my view, both options should be considered depending on the greatest need in the country in question.

Introduction Paragraph

In several countries, some people believe in the necessity of large-scale expenditure on constructing high-speed inter-city railways. However, others believe that this money would be better spent on making improvements to the existing public transport infrastructure. In my view, both options should be considered depending on the greatest need in the country in question.



Introduction 29 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 12 | General

Today more and more tourists are visiting places where the conditions are difficult, such as the Sahara desert or the Antarctic.

What are the benefits and disadvantages for tourists who visit such places?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Today** = Currently
- ❖ **more and more tourists** = tourist numbers are increasing
- ❖ **places where the conditions are difficult** = in the world with difficult conditions
- ❖ **such as the Sahara desert or the Antarctic** = such as the Antarctic or the Sahara

Thesis Statement

What are the benefits and disadvantages for tourists who visit such places? In my view, while such places might offer a once-in-a-lifetime experience, they are likely to be both expensive and possibly dangerous.

Introduction Paragraph

Currently, tourist numbers are increasing to places in the world with difficult conditions, such as the Antarctic or the Sahara. In my view, while such places might offer a once-in-a-lifetime experience, they are likely to be both expensive and possibly dangerous.

Introduction 30 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 12 | General

In many places, new homes are needed, but the only space available for building them is in the countryside. Some people believe it is more important to protect the countryside and not build new homes there.

What is your opinion about this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In many places*** = In many parts of the world
- ❖ ***new homes are needed*** = there is a need for new homes
- ❖ ***the only space available*** = the only available place
- ❖ ***for building them*** = to build them
- ❖ ***Some people believe*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***to protect*** = protecting
- ❖ ***build new homes*** = the building of new houses

Thesis Statement

What is your opinion about this? In my view, a balanced approach should be taken by governments to fulfill both of these requirements.

Introduction Paragraph

In many parts of the world, there is a need for new homes but the countryside is the only available place in which to build them. According to some, protecting the countryside is more important than the building of new houses. In my view, a balanced approach should be taken by governments to fulfill both of these requirements.



Introduction 31 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 12 | General

Some people say that parents should encourage their children to take part in organised group activities in their free time. Others say that it is important for children to learn how to occupy themselves on their own.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***parents should encourage their children*** = children should be encouraged by their parents
- ❖ ***take part in*** = participate in
- ❖ ***organised group activities*** = group leisure activities
- ❖ ***Others say*** = others believe
- ❖ ***it is important for children to learn*** = it is important that children learn
- ❖ ***how to occupy themselves*** = how to amuse themselves
- ❖ ***on their own*** = without anyone else

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your opinion. In my view, both activities are important for children as they teach social skills and how to be independent.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, children should be encouraged by their parents to participate in group leisure activities in their free time. However, others believe that it is important that children learn how to amuse themselves without anyone else. In my view, both activities are important for children as they teach social skills and how to be independent.

Introduction 32 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 12 | General

In recent years, many small local shops have closed because customers travel to large shopping centres or malls to do their shopping.

Is this a positive or a negative development?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In recent years*** = In the last few years
- ❖ ***many*** = a considerable number of
- ❖ ***customers*** = shoppers
- ❖ ***prefer to go to*** = travel to
- ❖ ***large shopping centres or malls*** = big shopping malls

Thesis Statement

Is this a positive or a negative development? In my view, this will lead to the death of the local high street and is definitely a negative development.

Introduction Paragraph

In the last few years, a considerable number of small local shops have closed as shoppers prefer to go to the big shopping malls instead. In my view, this will lead to the death of the local high street and is definitely a negative development.



Introduction 33 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 11 | Academic

Governments should spend money on railways rather than roads.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Governments*** = Government / states
- ❖ ***spend money*** = expenditure (noun)
- ❖ ***railways*** = railway system
- ❖ ***rather than*** = instead of

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? In my view, railways are more appropriate candidates for state money as they are better for the environment.

Introduction Paragraph

Government expenditure should be on the railway system instead of on roads. In my view, railways are more appropriate candidates for state money as they are better for the environment.

Introduction 34 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 11 | Academic

Some people claim that not enough of the waste from homes is recycled. They say that the only way to increase recycling is for governments to make it a legal requirement.

To what extent do you think laws are needed to make people recycle more of their waste?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people claim that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***not enough*** = increase
- ❖ ***waste from homes*** = household waste
- ❖ ***make*** = making
- ❖ ***the only way to increase recycling*** = the only way to achieve this

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you think laws are needed to make people recycle more of their waste? In my view, such a law would be unworkable and that education would be a better way to increase recycling.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the amount of household waste that is recycled needs to increase, and making it a legal requirement to do so is the only way to achieve this. In my view, such a law would be unworkable and that education would be a better way to increase recycling.



Introduction 35 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 11 | Academic

Some people say that the only reason for learning a foreign language is to travel or work in a foreign country. Others say that these are not the only reasons why someone should learn a foreign language.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***for learning*** = to learn
- ❖ ***to travel or work*** = to work or travel
- ❖ ***in a foreign country*** = in that country
- ❖ ***not the only reasons*** = other reasons
- ❖ ***why someone should learn a foreign language*** = for learning a new language

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your opinion. In my view, it makes little sense to learn a language if you do not intend to put it into practice.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the only reason to learn a foreign language is to work or travel in that country. However, others say that there are other reasons for learning a new language. In my view, it makes little sense to learn a language if you do not intend to put it into practice.



Introduction 36 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 11 | Academic

Many governments think that economic progress is their most important goal. Some people, however, think that other types of progress are equally important for a country.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ **think** = ...is considered to be
- ❖ **their most important goal** = the most important goal of many governments
- ❖ **Some people** = Others
- ❖ **think** = would argue
- ❖ **other types** = other ways
- ❖ **equally important** = of equal importance

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your opinion. In my view, as all things stem from a strong economy, that must, inevitably, come first.

Introduction Paragraph

Economic progress is considered to be the most important goal of many governments. Others would argue that there are other ways for a country to progress that are of equal importance. In my view, as all things stem from a strong economy, that must, inevitably, come first.



Introduction 37 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 11 | General

Employers sometimes ask people applying for jobs for personal information, such as their hobbies and interests, and whether they are married or single. Some people say that this information may be relevant and useful. Others disagree.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***people applying for jobs*** = Job applicants
- ❖ ***sometimes ask*** = are sometimes asked
- ❖ ***personal information*** = personal details
- ❖ ***whether they are married or single*** = marital status
- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***Others disagree*** = ; others, however, do not agree

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your opinion. In my view, this kind of information is irrelevant to employers and should not be given.

Introduction Paragraph

Job applicants are sometimes asked for personal details, such as their hobbies or marital status. According to some, this information may be useful to employers; others, however, do not agree. In my view, this kind of information is irrelevant to employers and should not be given.

Introduction 38 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 11 | General

Some people say that in all levels of education, from primary schools to universities, too much time is spent on learning facts and not enough on learning practical skills.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***in all levels of ...*** = throughout the entire
- ❖ ***education ...from primary schools to universities*** = education system
- ❖ ***too much*** = preponderance
- ❖ ***learning facts*** = fact-based learning
- ❖ ***not enough*** = insufficient

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? In my view, both are important and a balanced curriculum is needed.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, throughout the entire education system, there is a preponderance of fact-based learning and insufficient time spent on learning practical skills. In my view, both are important and a balanced curriculum is needed.



Introduction 39 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 11 | General

News stories on TV and in newspapers are very often accompanied by pictures. Some people say that these pictures are more effective than words. What is your opinion about this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***accompanied by pictures*** = illustrate the stories with pictures
- ❖ ***on TV and in newspapers*** = the media
- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = some say
- ❖ ***these pictures*** = which
- ❖ ***pictures*** = photographs

Thesis Statement

What is your opinion about this? In my view, this is probably true, however, not all photographs can be trusted.

Introduction Paragraph

When the media reports the news they often illustrate the stories with pictures, which some say are more effective than words. In my view, this is probably true, however, not all photographs can be trusted.

Introduction 40 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 11 | General

Some people say that it is possible to tell a lot about a person's culture and character from their choice of clothes.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***it is possible*** = can
- ❖ ***tell a lot*** = tell you a lot
- ❖ ***a person's culture and character*** = their character and culture
- ❖ ***their choice of clothes*** = a person's choice of clothing

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? In my view, what someone wears can give the observer some ideas about that person but only in a superficial way.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, a person's choice of clothing can tell you a lot about their character and culture. In my view, what someone wears can give the observer some ideas about that person but only in a superficial way.



Introduction 41 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 10 | Academic

It is important for children to learn the difference between right and wrong at an early age. Punishment is necessary to help them learn this distinction.

To what extent do you agree/disagree?

What sort of punishment should parents and teachers be allowed to use to teach good behaviour to children?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***for children to learn*** = Teaching children
- ❖ ***It is important for children to learn*** = needs to be done (showing importance)
- ❖ ***difference*** = distinction
- ❖ ***to help them learn this distinction*** = To teach them this distinction
- ❖ ***Punishment is necessary to help them learn this distinction.***

To help them learn this distinction, punishment is necessary.



To teach them this distinction, punishment is necessary.

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree/disagree? I agree with this

What sort of punishment should parents and teachers be allowed to use to teach good behaviour to children? punishment takes many forms, not all of which need to be harmful.

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. Teaching children the difference between right and wrong is important and needs to be done at an early age. To teach them this distinction, punishment is necessary. I agree with this but would argue that punishment takes many forms, not all of which need to be harmful.

Sample 2. It has been argued that some form of punishment is a necessary part of teaching children how to decide between right and wrong. I agree with the idea that children be punished in some way if necessary and will argue that the form of punishment itself need not be violent or harmful but rather it could be a simple withdrawal of privilege.



Introduction 42 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 10 | Academic

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 that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***all university students*** = university students
- ❖ ***subjects that will be useful*** = only useful subjects
- ❖ ***science and technology*** = STEM
- ❖ ***study whatever they like*** = free to study the subjects they want = choose their own courses

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. In my view, if students are paying for their education, then they have the right to choose their own courses.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, university students should be free to study the subjects they want, whereas others believe that only useful subjects such as STEM should be allowed. In my view, if students are paying for their education, then they have the right to choose their own courses.



Introduction 43 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 10 | Academic

Countries are becoming more and more similar because people are able to buy the same products anywhere in the world.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***more and more similar*** = The similarity between is increasing
- ❖ ***similar*** = similarity
- ❖ ***because*** = as
- ❖ ***are able to*** = can
- ❖ ***anywhere in the world*** = regardless of their location in the world
- ❖ ***negative development*** = retrograde step

Thesis Statement

Do you think this is a positive or negative development? In my view, this is a retrograde step as it will lead to the death of local culture and the homogeneity of the high street.

Introduction Paragraph

The similarity between countries is increasing as people can buy the same products regardless of their location in the world. In my view, this is a retrograde step as it will lead to the death of local culture and the homogeneity of the high street.

Introduction 44 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 10 | Academic

Many museums charge for admission while others are free.

Do you think the advantages of charging people for admission to museums outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***charge for admission*** = have admission charges
- ❖ ***while others are free*** = while others do not
- ❖ ***charging people for admission*** = making people pay to see exhibits
- ❖ ***advantages*** = benefits
- ❖ ***museums*** = exhibits

Thesis Statement

Do you think the advantages of charging people for admission to museums outweigh the disadvantages? In my view, the benefits of making people pay to see exhibits do outweigh the disadvantages of free entrance.

Introduction Paragraph

Many museums have admission charges while others do not. In my view, the benefits of making people pay to see exhibits do outweigh the disadvantages of free entrance.



Introduction 45 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 10 | General

In many countries, the amount of crime is increasing.

What do you think are the main causes of crime?

How can we deal with those causes?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In many countries,*** = in many parts of the world
- ❖ ***the amount of crime*** = crime rates
- ❖ ***is increasing*** = There is a significant increase in...
- ❖ ***the main causes of crime*** = the main cause of this problem
- ❖ ***deal with*** = can be tackled

Thesis Statement

What do you think are the main causes of crime? social inequality is the main cause

How can we deal with those causes? can only be tackled by concerted governmental action

Introduction Paragraph

There is a significant increase in crime rates in many parts of the world. In my view, social inequality is the main cause of this problem which can only be tackled by concerted governmental action.

Introduction 46 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 10 | General

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

- ❖ ***Some parents*** = some parents = some people
- ❖ ***a large number of*** = lots of = a lot of
- ❖ ***buy their children ... toys*** = buy/purchase toys for their children
- ❖ ***the advantages for the child of having a large number of toys*** = the main benefit of this

Thesis Statement

What are the advantages and disadvantages for the child of having a large number of toys? the main benefit of this is fostering early learning, while the main downside could be a lack of social interaction

Introduction Paragraph

Sample 1. Some parents purchase a lot of toys for their children. In my view, the main benefit of this is fostering early learning, while the main downside could be a lack of social interaction.

Sample 2. 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.



Introduction 47 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 9 | Academic

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 disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some experts believe that*** = According to experts,
- ❖ ***it is better ... learning*** = learning is better
- ❖ ***a foreign language*** = a new language
- ❖ ***learning a foreign language*** = foreign language learning
- ❖ ***primary school*** = earlier start

Thesis Statement

Do the advantages of this outweigh disadvantages? I believe the earlier start to language learning outweighs the possible downside of linguistic overload

Introduction Paragraph

According to experts, learning a new language at primary school is better for children than at secondary school. I believe the earlier start to language learning outweighs the possible downside of linguistic overload.

Introduction 48 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 9 | Academic

Some people believe that unpaid community service should be a compulsory part of high school programmes (for example working for a charity, improving the neighborhood or teaching sports to younger children).

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***high school [students]***= high schoolers
- ❖ ***compulsory*** = must
- ❖ ***for example*** = such as
- ❖ ***working for a charity*** = charity work
- ❖ ***improving the neighborhood*** = neighbourhood improvements
- ❖ ***teaching sports to younger children*** = coaching younger children

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? In my view, if teenagers do such work, they should either be paid for it or should truly be "volunteers".

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, high schoolers must take part in unpaid community service (such as charity work, neighbourhood improvements, coaching younger children, etc.). In my view, if teenagers do such work, they should either be paid for it or should truly be "volunteers".



Introduction 49 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 9 | Academic

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 views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people say that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***the best way to improve*** = the most effective way of improving
- ❖ ***is by*** = would be to
- ❖ ***increasing the number of*** = more
- ❖ ***sports facilities*** = sporting facilities
- ❖ ***Others, however, say*** = However, others say (punctuation)
- ❖ ***effect*** = impact
- ❖ ***required*** = needed

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your opinion. In my view, the availability of facilities would be a step in the right direction but public health education would also be required.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the most effective way of improving public health would be to have more sporting facilities. However, others say this would have little impact and that other measures are needed. In my view, the availability of facilities would be a step in the right direction but public health education would also be required.



Introduction 50 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 9 | Academic

Every year several languages die out. Some people think that this is not important because life will be easier if there are fewer languages in the world. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **Every year** = annually
- ❖ **die out** = loses
- ❖ **Some people think that** = According to some,
- ❖ **this is not important** = this is unimportant
- ❖ **because** = as
- ❖ **life will be easier if there are fewer languages in the world**
=
if there are fewer languages spoken in the world, then **life will be easier**
(Change clause order)
- ❖ **effect** = impact
- ❖ **required** = needed

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? I agree with this view, and as English is fast becoming the global language, the more who can speak it, the better it will be in all spheres of life.

Introduction Paragraph

The world loses several languages annually due to natural extinction. According to some, this is unimportant as if there are fewer languages spoken in the world, then life will be easier. I agree with this view, and as English is fast becoming the global language, the more who can speak it, the better it will be in all spheres of life.



Introduction 51 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 9 | General

Being a celebrity such as a famous film star or sports personality brings problems as well as benefits.

Do you think that being a celebrity brings more benefits or more problems?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***celebrity*** = famous personality
- ❖ ***film star*** = film celebrities
- ❖ ***sports personality*** = sporting celebrities
- ❖ ***as well as*** = Although / also (change in grammar)

Thesis Statement

Do you think that being a celebrity brings more benefits or more problems? In my view, the wealth that fame brings certainly outweighs any possible disadvantages to being a celebrity.

Introduction Paragraph

Although being famous may bring some benefits to film and sporting celebrities, it also brings problems. In my view, the wealth that fame brings certainly outweighs any possible disadvantages to being a celebrity.

Introduction 52 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 9 | General

Some people think that the teenage years are the happiest times of most people's lives. Others think that adult life brings more happiness, in spite of greater responsibilities.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***years / times*** = period
- ❖ ***Others think that*** = others say that
- ❖ ***adult life*** = adulthood
- ❖ ***more happiness*** = happier
- ❖ ***in spite of*** = despite
- ❖ ***greater responsibilities*** = more responsibility

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. In my view, both times have an equal share of joy and sadness.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, being a teenager is the happiest period of most people's lives. However, others say that adulthood is a happier time despite having more responsibility. In my view, both times have an equal share of joy and sadness.



Introduction 53 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 8 | Academic

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

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***should*** = ought to
- ❖ ***children*** = their children
- ❖ ***good members of the society*** = good citizens
- ❖ ***Others, however,*** = However, others
- ❖ ***the school is the best place to learn this*** = this is best taught at school
- ❖ ***learn*** = taught = teaching

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your own opinion. In my view, both parties have a role to play in teaching children the workings of society.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, parents ought to teach their children how to be good citizens. However, others believe that this is best taught at school. In my view, both parties have a role to play in teaching children the workings of society.

Introduction 54 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 8 | Academic

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

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

Has this become a positive or negative development?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***the way many people interact with each other*** = The nature of people's interactions
- ❖ ***because of*** = due to

Thesis Statement

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

...has made many relationships superficial

Has this become a positive or negative development? In my view, this is indeed a negative development.

Introduction Paragraph

The nature of people's interactions has changed due to technology and has made many relationships superficial. In my view, this is indeed a negative development.



Introduction 55 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 8 | Academic

Increasing the price of petrol is the best way to solve growing traffic and pollution problems.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

What other measures do you think might be effective?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Increasing*** = to raise
- ❖ ***the best way*** = The most effective way
- ❖ ***solve*** = resolve
- ❖ ***rowing traffic and pollution problems*** = the problems of growing traffic and pollution

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? I disagree with this as it will affect the less wealth-off the hardest.

What other measures do you think might be effective? In my view, taxing car manufacturers who make polluting vehicles is a better solution.

Introduction Paragraph

The most effective way to resolve the problems of growing traffic and pollution is to raise the price of petrol. I disagree with this as it will affect the less wealth-off the hardest. In my view, taxing car manufacturers who make polluting vehicles is a better solution.

Introduction 56 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 8 | Academic

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

- ❖ ***In some countries*** = In some parts of the world,
- ❖ ***the average weight of people*** = people's average weight
- ❖ ***increasing*** = going up
- ❖ ***levels of health and fitness*** = fitness levels
- ❖ ***decreasing*** = going down

Thesis Statement

What do you think are the causes of these problems? a lack of exercise is to blame for this,

What measures could be taken to solve them? this could be solved by a public awareness campaign of the dangers of obesity

Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of the world, people's average weight is going up while their health and fitness levels are going down. In my view, a lack of exercise is to blame for this; however, this could be solved by a public awareness campaign of the dangers of obesity.



Introduction 57 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 8 | General

Today more people are travelling than ever before.

Why is this the case?

What are the benefits of traveling for the traveller?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Today*** = these days (also change in order)
- ❖ ***than ever before*** = than at any other time

Thesis Statement

Why is this the case? due to cheap commercial flights

What are the benefits of traveling for the traveller? learning about new cultures and possibly new languages will always be a positive experience for anyone

Introduction Paragraph

More people are traveling these days than at any other time. I believe this is due to cheap commercial flights more than any other reason. As for the benefits, learning about new cultures and possibly new languages will always be a positive experience for anyone.

Introduction 58 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 8 | General

Some people think that it is better to educate boys and girls in separate schools. Others, however, believe that boys and girls benefit more from attending mixed schools.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***to educate boys and girls*** = children are educated
- ❖ ***separate schools*** = same-sex schools
- ❖ ***Others, however, believe*** = However, others say
- ❖ ***benefit*** = beneficial
- ❖ ***educate*** = education

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your own opinion. In my view, schooling should reflect life, and gender segregation should be avoided in education.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, children are educated better in same-sex schools. However, others say that attending mixed schools is more beneficial for pupils. In my view, schooling should reflect life, and gender segregation should be avoided in education.



Introduction 59 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 7 | Academic

It is generally believed that some people are born with certain talents, for instance for sports or music, and others are not. However, it is sometimes claimed that any child can be taught to become a good sports person or musician.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***It is generally believed that*** = There is a general belief that
- ❖ ***born with certain talents*** = have an innate ability
- ❖ ***for sports or music*** = for music or sports
- ❖ ***However, it is sometimes claimed that*** = Some claim, however, that
- ❖ ***can be taught*** = can learn
- ❖ ***a good sports person or musician*** = to be a proficient musician or sportsperson

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your opinion. I believe, that while it may be possible to be taught to perform well, talent is a necessary prerequisite for success in those fields.

Introduction Paragraph

There is a general belief that some people have an innate ability for music or sports, and others do not. Some claim, however, that any child can learn to be a proficient musician or sportsperson. I believe, that while it may be possible to be taught to perform well, talent is a necessary prerequisite for success in those fields.

Introduction 60 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 7 | Academic

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 these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***each type of crime*** = every crime
- ❖ ***fixed punishments*** = a pre-determined sentence
- ❖ ***Others, however, argue that*** = However, others argue that
- ❖ ***the circumstances of an individual crime, and the motivation for committing it*** = the motivation and circumstances of the individual crime
- ❖ ***should always be taken into account*** = need to be considered
- ❖ ***when deciding on the punishment*** = before punishment is decided

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. In my view, every crime should be examined in this way if we are to have a true system of justice.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, every crime should have a pre-determined sentence. However, others argue that the motivation and circumstances of the individual crime need to be considered before punishment is decided. In my view, every crime should be examined in this way if we are to have a true system of justice.



Introduction 61 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 7 | Academic

As most people spend a major part of their adult life at work, job satisfaction is an important element of individual wellbeing.

What factors contribute to job satisfaction?

How realistic is job satisfaction for all workers?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***As most people*** = For most people,
- ❖ ***a major part*** = a considerable part
- ❖ ***spend at work*** = is spent at work
- ❖ ***job satisfaction*** = being satisfied with the work they do
- ❖ ***an important element of*** = make a major contribution to
- ❖ ***individual wellbeing*** = their wellbeing

Thesis Statement

What factors contribute to job satisfaction? I believe that a good salary and working conditions make a major contribution to job satisfaction

How realistic is job satisfaction for all workers? this is unlikely to be the case for all workers.

Introduction Paragraph

For most people, a considerable part of their adult life is spent at work, and being satisfied with the work they do is an important component of their wellbeing. I believe that a good salary and working conditions make a major contribution to job satisfaction, however, this is unlikely to be the case for all workers.

Introduction 62 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 7 | Academic

Some people think that universities should provide graduates with the knowledge and skills needed in the workplace. Others think that the true function of a university should be to give access to knowledge for its own sake, regardless of whether the course is useful to an employer.

What, in your opinion, should be the function of a university?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***universities should*** = the role of university is to
- ❖ ***provide graduates with*** = prepare graduates to
- ❖ ***in the workplace*** = enter the workplace
- ❖ ***Others think that*** = However, others believe that
- ❖ ***to give access*** = giving access
- ❖ ***the true function of*** = the true purpose of
- ❖ ***regardless of*** = irrespective of

Thesis Statement

What, in your opinion, should be the function of a university? In my view, higher education should teach students how to think for themselves and they can decide what career to pursue in their futures.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, the role of university is to prepare graduates to enter the workplace. However, others believe that giving access to knowledge is the true purpose of a university, irrespective of the needs of employers. In my view, higher education should teach students how to think for themselves and they can decide what career to pursue in their futures.



Introduction 63 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 7 | General

Some people feel that entertainers (e.g. film stars, pop musicians or sport stars) are paid too much money.

Do you agree or disagree?

Which other types of job should be highly paid?

Paraphrase

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

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree?

Which other types of job should be highly paid? In my view, having more space and more peace and quiet in a house outweigh the disadvantages of higher rental costs.

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.



Introduction 64 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 7 | General

Some people feel that entertainers (e.g. film stars, pop musicians or sport stars) are paid too much money.

Do you agree or disagree?

Which other types of job should be highly paid?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people feel that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***e.g.*** = such as
- ❖ ***film stars*** = in film
- ❖ ***pop musicians*** = music
- ❖ ***sport stars*** = sports
- ❖ ***are paid too much money*** = are over-paid
- ❖ ***should be highly paid*** = deserve a much higher level of pay

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I believe this is true when we consider how worthless these jobs actually are

Which other types of job should be highly paid? In my view, people such as doctors and nurses, firefighters, etc, deserve a much higher level of pay than these so-called "entertainers"

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, certain entertainers such as in film, music and sports, are over-paid for what they do. I believe this is true when we consider how worthless these jobs actually are. In my view, people such as doctors and nurses, firefighters, etc, deserve a much higher level of pay than these so-called "entertainers".



Introduction 65 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 6 | Academic

***Today, the high sales of popular consumer goods reflect the power of advertising and not the real needs of the society in which they are sold.
To what extent do you agree or disagree?***

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***the high sales*** = high volume of sales
- ❖ ***Today*** = current
- ❖ ***reflect*** = reflection
- ❖ ***the power of advertising*** = the persuasive allure of advertising
- ❖ ***not the real needs of the society*** = not a real indication of society's requirements

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? I believe that this depends on the type of goods sold

Introduction Paragraph

The current high volume of sales of consumer goods is a reflection of the persuasive allure of advertising, not a real indication of society's requirements. I believe that this depends on the type of goods sold, however.

Introduction 66 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 6 | Academic

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

- ❖ **Successful sports professionals** = Successful professional athletes
- ❖ **can** = have the potential to
- ❖ **earn a great deal more money** = make a lot more money
- ❖ **people in other important professions** = people working in other important professions
- ❖ **Some people think** = According to some,
- ❖ **fully justified** = perfectly acceptable
- ❖ **while** = whereas
- ❖ **unfair** = unwarranted

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? In my view, in a capitalist system, people have the right to earn whatever they can.

Introduction Paragraph

Successful professional athletes have the potential to make a lot more money than people working in other important professions. According to some, this is perfectly acceptable, whereas others believe it is unwarranted. In my view, in a capitalist system, people have the right to earn whatever they can.



Introduction 67 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 6 | Academic

Some people believe that visitors to other countries should follow local customs and behaviour. Others disagree and think that the host country should welcome cultural differences.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***visitors to other countries*** = when visiting other countries, people....
- ❖ ***follow local customs and behaviour*** = behave in accordance with local customs
- ❖ ***should welcome cultural differences*** = cultural differences should be welcomed (Active to Passive)

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your own opinion. In my view, in a capitalist system, people have the right to earn whatever they can.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, when visiting other countries, people should behave in accordance with local customs. However, others believe that the visitor's cultural differences should be welcomed by the host country. In my view, the traditions of the receiving country need to be observed by tourists and travellers.

Introduction 68 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 6 | Academic

Some people prefer to spend their lives doing the same things and avoiding changes. Others, however, think that change is always a good thing.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people...*** = There are some people who ...
- ❖ ***prefer*** = like
- ❖ ***spend their lives*** = live
- ❖ ***doing the same things*** = regular lives
- ❖ ***avoiding changes*** = unchanging
- ❖ ***Others, however, think that*** = , whereas others believe that
- ❖ ***change is always a good thing*** = change is always good

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your own opinion. In my view, some kind of change is necessary otherwise our lives become stagnant and meaningless.

Introduction Paragraph

There are some people who like to live unchanging and regular lives, whereas others believe that change is always good. In my view, some kind of change is necessary otherwise our lives become stagnant and meaningless.



Introduction 69 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 6 | General

Some people think it would be a good idea for schools to teach every young person how to be a good parent.

Do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Describe the skills a person needs to be a good parent.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***it would be a good idea*** = it would be good
- ❖ ***to teach*** = were taught (active to passive)
- ❖ ***every young person*** = youngsters
- ❖ ***how to be a good parent*** = parenting skills
- ❖ ***schools*** = while in school

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree with this opinion? In my view, this is unnecessary
Describe the skills a person needs to be a good parent. they can learn these skills from their own parents, such as how to empathize, support, and discipline their own future children.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, it would be good if youngsters were taught parenting skills while in school. In my view, this is unnecessary as they can learn these skills from their own parents, such as how to empathize, support, and discipline their own future children.

Introduction 70 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 6 | General

Using a computer every day can have more negative than positive effects on young children.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Using a computer every day*** = Everyday computer use
- ❖ ***can have*** = has the potential to
- ❖ ***more negative*** = more harmful
- ❖ ***positive effects*** = beneficial in regard to its effects

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I do agree with this as overuse can cause both health and social problems for the child.

Introduction Paragraph

Everyday computer use has the potential to be more harmful than beneficial in regard to its effects on young children. I do agree with this as overuse can cause both health and social problems for the child.



Introduction 71 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 5 | Academic

Universities should accept equal numbers of male and female students in every subject.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Universities*** = Universities (no need to change every single word)
- ❖ ***should*** = need to
- ❖ ***accept*** = take
- ❖ ***equal numbers of*** = an equal number of
- ❖ ***male and female students*** = students of both genders
- ❖ ***in every subject*** = regardless of the subject

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? In my view, this would not work in practice as some subjects are naturally gender-biased.

Introduction Paragraph

Universities need to take an equal number of students of both genders regardless of the subject. In my view, this would not work in practice as some subjects are naturally gender-biased.



Introduction 72 of Cambridge 101 Samples

Cambridge book 5 | Academic

In some countries, young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies.

Discuss advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In some countries,*** = In some parts of the world,
- ❖ ***young people high school*** = high school graduates
- ❖ ***for a year between*** = a gap year = a year off
- ❖ ***between ... and starting university studies*** = before starting university
- ❖ ***male and female students*** = students of both genders
- ❖ ***in every subject*** = regardless of the subject

Thesis Statement

Discuss advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.

In my view, a year off may help develop a young person in many ways; however, it is possible that this time may also dissuade them from further study.

Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of the world, high school graduates are encouraged to take a gap year before starting university. In my view, a year off may help develop a young person in many ways; however, it is possible that this time may also dissuade them from further study.



Introduction 73 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 5 | Academic

Some people think that a sense of competition in children should be encouraged. Others believe that children who are taught to co-operate rather than compete become more useful adults.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people think that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***competition*** = competitive
- ❖ ***Others believe that*** = others think that
- ❖ ***co-operate rather than compete*** = co-operation, rather than competition,
- ❖ ***become more useful adults*** = it will be more useful when they become adults

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your own opinion. I believe that both approaches are needed to make children into more rounded adults.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, children should be encouraged to be competitive. However, others think that co-operation, rather than competition, should be taught instead as it will be more useful when they become adults. I believe that both approaches are needed to make children into more rounded adults.

Introduction 74 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 5 | Academic

Research indicates that the characteristics we are born with have much more influence on our personality and development than any lifetime experiences.

Which do you consider to be the major influence?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Research indicates that*** = Research shows that
- ❖ ***the characteristics we are born with*** = our innate characteristics
- ❖ ***have influence (noun) on*** = influence (verb)
- ❖ ***personality and development*** = development and personality
- ❖ ***any lifetime experiences*** = any experience we might acquire in our lifetime

Thesis Statement

Which do you consider to be the major influence? In my view, our upbringing and environment shape us more than any other factors.

Introduction Paragraph

Research shows that our innate characteristics influence our development and personality much more than any experience we might acquire in our lifetime. In my view, our upbringing and environment shape us more than any other factors.



Introduction 75 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 5 | General

Some people believe that children are given too much free time. They feel that this time should be used to do more school work.

How do you think children should spend their free time?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some people,
- ❖ ***are given*** = have
- ❖ ***too much free time*** = an excess of free time
- ❖ ***. They feel that this time should be*** = which should be (two sentences changed into one sentence)
- ❖ ***to do more school work*** = for further study

Thesis Statement

How do you think children should spend their free time? In my view, children need time for both play and study in equal measure to make them more rounded individuals.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some people, children have an excess of free time which should be used for further study. In my view, children need time for both play and study in equal measure to make them more rounded individuals.



Introduction 78 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 4 | Academic

Happiness is considered very important in life.

Why is it difficult to define?

What factors are important in achieving happiness?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Happiness*** = To be happy
- ❖ ***very important*** = of considerable importance
- ❖ ***define*** = definition

Thesis Statement

Why is it difficult to define? as what happiness means varies from person to person, offering a definition is difficult

What factors are important in achieving happiness? As for myself, being free to live and work as I please defines happiness for me.

Introduction Paragraph

To be happy in life is of considerable importance. However, as what happiness means varies from person to person, offering a definition is difficult. As for myself, being free to live and work as I please defines happiness for me.



Introduction 77 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 4 | Academic

Compare the advantages and disadvantages of three of the following as media for communicating information.

State which you consider to be the most effective.

-comics -books -radio -television -film -theatre

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***communicating information*** = transmitting information
- ❖ ***consider to be*** = are
- ❖ ***television*** = TV

Thesis Statement & Introduction Paragraph

Out of the several mediums available for transmitting information, I believe that TV, film, and Radio, are the most effective as they have the advantages of mass audience appeal, and being easily available. However, there are also possible disadvantages as such media may become instruments for propaganda and state control.



Introduction 79 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 4 | Academic

Happiness is considered very important in life.

Why is it difficult to define?

What factors are important in achieving happiness?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Happiness*** = To be happy
- ❖ ***very important*** = of considerable importance
- ❖ ***define*** = definition

Thesis Statement

Why is it difficult to define? as what happiness means varies from person to person, offering a definition is difficult

What factors are important in achieving happiness? As for myself, being free to live and work as I please defines happiness for me.

Introduction Paragraph

To be happy in life is of considerable importance. However, as what happiness means varies from person to person, offering a definition is difficult. As for myself, being free to live and work as I please defines happiness for me.



Introduction 81 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 3 | Academic

Popular events like the football world cup and other international sporting occasions are essential in easing international tensions and releasing patriotic emotions in a safe way.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In many countries*** = In many parts of the world,
- ❖ ***have*** = are facing
- ❖ ***students' behaviour*** = behaviour of their students

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? allowing teachers to take back control of their classrooms by whatever means necessary

Introduction Paragraph

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Introduction 81 of Cambridge 101 Samples
Cambridge book 3 | Academic

Popular events like the football world cup and other international sporting occasions are essential in easing international tensions and releasing patriotic emotions in a safe way.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***sporting occasions*** = sporting events
- ❖ ***the football world cup*** = the World Cup in football
- ❖ ***are essential in easing*** = are an essential way to ease
- ❖ ***international tensions*** = tensions between nations
- ❖ ***releasing patriotic emotions in a safe way*** = accompanying patriotic fervour

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? In my view, such events do little in this regard as they are more about money than national pride these days.

Introduction Paragraph

Popular international sporting events such as the World Cup in football, are an essential way to ease and release tensions between nations and accompanying patriotic fervour. In my view, such events do little in this regard as they are more about money than national pride these days.



Introduction 82 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 3 | Academic

When a country develops its technology, the traditional skills and ways of life die out. It is pointless to try and keep them alive.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***When*** = As
- ❖ ***develops its technology*** = a country's technology develops
- ❖ ***the traditional skills*** = its traditional skills
- ❖ ***It is*** = it becomes
- ❖ ***keep them alive*** = maintain them

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? I disagree with this as such skills are a part of the culture and heritage of a nation and should be preserved.

Introduction Paragraph

As a country's technology develops, its traditional skills and customs tend to die out and it becomes a pointless exercise to maintain them. I disagree with this as such skills are a part of the culture and heritage of a nation and should be preserved.

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Cambridge book 3 | Academic

In many countries, children are engaged in some kind of labour. Some people regard this completely wrong while others consider it valuable and important for learning and enabling them to be responsible.

What are your opinions on this?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In many countries,*** = In many parts of the world,
- ❖ ***in some kind of labour*** = work in some way
- ❖ ***Some people*** = Some
- ❖ ***regard this completely wrong*** = believe this is unacceptable
- ❖ ***valuable and important for learning and enabling them to be responsible***
= valuable life lessons

Thesis Statement

What are your opinions on this? In my view, work is for adults and children should be studying above all else.

Introduction Paragraph

In many parts of the world, children have to work in some way. Some believe this is unacceptable, while others think that work provides the children with valuable life lessons. In my view, work is for adults and children should be studying above all else.



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What are your opinions on this? In my view, such events do little in this regard as they are more about money than national pride these days.

Introduction Paragraph

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Cambridge book 3 | General

Some people believe that children's leisure activities must be educational; otherwise they are a complete waste of time.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***otherwise*** = unless (watch grammar)
- ❖ ***must be educational*** = connected with education
- ❖ ***a complete waste of time*** = wasting their time

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? In my view, children need an equal amount of play and study time for their all-round development.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, unless children's leisure activities are connected with education, they will be wasting their time. In my view, children need an equal amount of play and study time for their all-round development.



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Cambridge book 2 | Academic

Fatherhood ought to be emphasized as much as motherhood. The idea that women are solely responsible for deciding whether or not to have babies leads on to the idea that they are also responsible for bringing the children up.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Fatherhood*** = The role of the father
- ❖ ***ought to be*** = needs
- ❖ ***emphasized*** = emphasis
- ❖ ***solely responsible for*** = the sole responsibility to
- ❖ ***to have babies*** = to have children
- ❖ ***leads on to the idea that*** = the premise is therefore that
- ❖ ***for bringing the children up*** = for raising them

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? In my view, regardless of current opinion, a child needs both a father and mother in their life.

Introduction Paragraph

The role of the father needs as much emphasis as that of the mother. As it is the woman who has the sole responsibility to decide to have children, the premise is therefore that they are also responsible for raising them. In my view, regardless of current opinion, a child needs both a father and mother in their life.



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Without capital punishment (the death penalty) our lives are less secure and crimes of violence increase. Capital punishment is essential to control violence in society.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Without capital punishment*** = With the absence of capital punishment
- ❖ ***crimes of violence*** = violent crimes
- ❖ ***essential*** = an essential tool
- ❖ ***to control violence*** = for the control of violence
- ❖ ***in society*** = within society

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree? I disagree, as capital punishment has failed throughout history to stop violent crimes from being committed.

Introduction Paragraph

With the absence of capital punishment as a sentencing option, violent crimes increase and our lives are less secure as a consequence. The death penalty is, therefore, an essential tool for the control of violence within society. I disagree, as capital punishment has failed throughout history to stop violent crimes from being committed.



Introduction 90 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 2 | Academic

The position of women in society has changed markedly in the last twenty years. Many of the problems young people now experience such as juvenile delinquency arise from the fact that many married women now work and are not at home to care for their children.

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***The position of women*** = women's role
- ❖ ***in the last twenty years*** = During the last twenty years,
- ❖ ***markedly*** = significantly
- ❖ ***at home to care for their children*** = home and childcare
- ❖ ***Many of the problems*** = many problems
- ❖ ***work*** = workplace
- ❖ ***Many of the problems young people now experience*** = many problems for young people

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? In my view, such problems for today's youth are based on more than just an absent mother.

Introduction Paragraph

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Introduction 91 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 2 | General

Some governments say how many children a family can have in their country. They may control the number of children someone has through taxes. It is sometimes necessary and right for a government to control the population in this way.

Do you agree or disagree?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***in their country*** = In some countries,
- ❖ ***Some governments say*** = there are restrictions (depends on context)
- ❖ ***how many children*** = the number of children
- ❖ ***a family can have*** = allowed in a family
- ❖ ***through taxes*** = via taxation
- ❖ ***the population*** = population growth
- ❖ ***control the number of children someone has*** = such action

Thesis Statement

Do you agree or disagree? I agree with this idea as an ever-expanding population is one of the biggest problems we currently face.

Introduction Paragraph

In some countries, there are restrictions on the number of children allowed in a family, which is sometimes implemented via taxation. Some believe such action is necessary to control population growth. I agree with this idea as an ever-expanding population is one of the biggest problems we currently face.



Introduction 92 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 2 | General

Millions of people every year move to English-speaking countries such as Australia, Britain or America, in order to study at school, college or university.

Why do so many people want to study in English?

Why is English such an important international language?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **every year** = Every year, (change in order)
- ❖ **move** = relocate
- ❖ **in order to study at school** = for study purposes

Thesis Statement

Why do so many people want to study in English? In my view, this reflects the fact that English is the current global language

Why is English such an important international language? vital for both academia and business

Introduction Paragraph

Every year, millions of people relocate to English-speaking countries for study purposes. In my view, this reflects the fact that English is the current global language and is therefore vital for both academia and business.



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Cambridge book 1 | Academic

There are many different types of music in the world today.

Why do we need music?

Is the traditional music of a country more important than the international music that is heard everywhere nowadays?

Paraphrase

- ❖ **different types of music** = different styles of music
- ❖ **in the world** = The world (change in order)

Thesis Statement

Why do we need music? I think music acts as a gateway to emotions

Is the traditional music of a country more important than the international music that is heard everywhere nowadays? traditional music works best in this regard as it connects us to our country's culture

Introduction Paragraph

The world is filled with different styles of music. I think music acts as a gateway to emotions, and that traditional music works best in this regard as it connects us to our country's culture.

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Cambridge book 1 | Academic

Should wealthy nations be required to share their wealth with poorer nations by providing them with things such as food and education?

Or is this the responsibility of the governments of poorer nations to look after their citizens?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***wealthy nations*** = richer countries
- ❖ ***poorer nations*** = poorer ones
- ❖ ***providing with*** = help With
- ❖ ***look after their citizens*** = be responsible for the welfare of their citizens

Thesis Statement

Should wealthy nations be required to share their wealth with poorer nations by providing them with things such as food and education? In my view, some help may be provided

Or is this the responsibility of the governments of poorer nations to look after their citizens? it would be best for every nation to learn to be self-sufficient

Introduction Paragraph

It is often asked whether richer countries should help poorer ones with things such as food and education, or should those countries' governments be responsible for the welfare of their citizens. In my view, some help may be provided but it would be best for every nation to learn to be self-sufficient.



Introduction 95 of Cambridge 101 Samples Cambridge book 1 | General

We are becoming increasingly dependent on computers. They are used in business, crime detection and even to fly planes.

What things will they be used for in future?

Is this dependence on computers a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***dependent*** = dependency
- ❖ ***crime detection*** = crime
- ❖ ***to fly planes*** = aviation
- ❖ ***used in business*** = for business

Thesis Statement

What things will they be used for in future? In the future, almost every aspect of our lives will be reliant on computers to some extent,

Is this dependence on computers a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits? in my view, would be a negative development

Introduction Paragraph

Our dependency on computers for business, aviation, and crime detection is increasing. In the future, almost every aspect of our lives will be reliant on computers to some extent, which in my view, would be a negative development.

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A topic from real exam takers

Some people believe that companies should manufacture products that last for a long time. Others feel that the emphasis should be placed on producing goods that are cheap.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***Some people believe that*** = According to some,
- ❖ ***products*** = a product
- ❖ ***companies should manufacture products that...*** = when a company manufactures a product it should...
- ❖ ***Others feel that*** = others believe that
- ❖ ***emphasis should be placed on*** = should be the priority
- ❖ ***cheap*** = cheapness

Thesis Statement

Discuss both views and give your own opinion. In my view, a balance should be struck between long-lasting goods and the retail price.

Introduction Paragraph

According to some, when a company manufactures a product it should last for a long time; however, others believe that cheapness should be the priority in production. In my view, a balance should be struck between long-lasting goods and the retail price.



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Some people work for the same organisation all their working life. Others think that it is better to work for different organisations.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***for the same organisation*** = in one company
- ❖ ***Others think*** = , whereas others believe
- ❖ ***it is better to work*** = working is better

Thesis Statement

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. In my view, this depends on your personality and the career path you have chosen.

Introduction Paragraph

Some people spend all their working life in one company, whereas others believe working for different organisations is better. In my view, this depends on your personality and the career path you have chosen.

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One of the consequences of improved medical care is that people are living longer and life expectancy is increasing.

Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***One of the consequences of*** = a consequence of
- ❖ ***improved medical care*** = improvements in medicine
- ❖ ***people are living longer*** = people's lives are being extended
- ❖ ***life expectancy is increasing*** = extended along with life expectancy

Thesis Statement

Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?

I believe the benefits of this to the individual are seriously outweighed by the disadvantages that an increasingly aged population can bring to society.

Introduction Paragraph

As a consequence of improvements in medicine, people's lives are being extended along with life expectancy. I believe the benefits of this to the individual are seriously outweighed by the disadvantages that an increasingly aged population can bring to society.



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Car ownership has increased so rapidly over the past 30 years that many cities in the world are now 'one big traffic jam'.

How true do you think this statement is?

What measures can governments take to discourage people from using their cars?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***increased so rapidly*** = The rapid increase
- ❖ ***'one big traffic jam'*** = an enormous traffic jam
- ❖ ***over the past 30 years*** = in the previous three decades
- ❖ ***many cities in the world*** = many of the world's cities

Thesis Statement

How true do you think this statement is? I believe this is true

What measures can governments take to discourage people from using their cars? only a significant increase in frequency and cheapness of public transport will tempt drivers out of their cars

Introduction Paragraph

The rapid increase in car ownership in the previous three decades has turned many of the world's cities into an enormous traffic jam. I believe this is true and only a significant increase in frequency and cheapness of public transport will tempt drivers out of their cars.

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

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

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***In some countries*** = In some parts of the world,
- ❖ ***an increasing number of people*** = more and more people
- ❖ ***are suffering from health problems*** = are experiencing health issues
- ❖ ***as a result of*** = as a consequence of
- ❖ ***eating much fast food*** = excessive fast food consumption
- ❖ ***to impose higher tax*** = imposing higher taxes
- ❖ ***on this kind of food*** = on this type of food

Thesis Statement

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? In my view, taxation is never the answer, only education can positively change people's behaviour.

Introduction Paragraph

In some parts of the world, more and more people are experiencing health issues as a consequence of excessive fast food consumption. It has been suggested that imposing higher taxes on this type of food is a necessary remedy to the situation. In my view, taxation is never the answer, only education can positively change people's behaviour.



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The continued rise in the world's population is the greatest problem faced by humanity at the present time.

What are the causes of this continued rise?

Do you agree that it is the greatest problem faced by humanity?

Paraphrase

- ❖ ***at the present time*** = currently
- ❖ ***faced by humanity*** = facing humanity
- ❖ ***the greatest problem*** = The greatest issue
- ❖ ***The continued rise*** = the continual increase

Thesis Statement

What are the causes of this continued rise? I believe this is caused by cultural factors in developing countries

Do you agree that it is the greatest problem faced by humanity? although disturbing, in my view, climate change is the greatest problem we face to date

Introduction Paragraph

The greatest issue currently facing humanity is the continual increase in the world's population. I believe this is caused by cultural factors in developing countries and although disturbing, in my view, climate change is the greatest problem we face to date.

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