

IELTS writing

Task 2

Recent writing task 2 questions

Essay 1: Some people say it is more important to plant trees in the open spaces in towns and cities than to build more housing. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 2: Some believe it is important for cities and towns to invest heavily in building large outdoor public spaces. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 3: Some countries import a large amount of food from other parts of the world. To what extent is this a positive or negative trend?

Essay 4: Nowadays many people travel to foreign countries for pleasure. Some believe this travel has a negative impact on the countries travelled to. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 5: Some people say that all popular TV programmes should aim to educate viewers about important social issues. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Essay 6: To succeed in a business, one needs to know math's. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 7: Some educators believe that every child should be taught how to play a musical instrument. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 8: In many countries, traditional foods are being replaced by fast food. This has a negative impact on families, individuals and societies. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 9: Some think the current generation should take steps to protect the environment for the next generation. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 10: Some countries invest in specialized sports facilities for top athletes but not for the average person. Is this a positive or a negative development?

Essay 11: Studies show that crime rates are lower among those with educational degrees. Therefore, the best way to reduce the crime rate is to educate criminals while they are still in prison. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 12: Many educational institutions give greater importance to subjects related to science and ignore subjects such as drama and literature. Is this a positive or a negative development?

Essay 13: Some people think that it is a waste of time for high school students to study literature, such as novels and poems. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 14: Whether or not a person achieves their aims in life is mostly related to luck. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 15: Some think that it is more important for children to engage in outdoor activities instead of playing video games. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 16: Some people think that the most important function of music is to help people relax. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 17: People buy a product if it fulfills their needs; there is no need for advertisement. To what extent do you agree or disagree with it?

Essay 18: Some people think that the government should invest more money in teaching science than other subjects to make progress. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay 19: Although there is a lot of translation software available, learning a language still could be advantageous. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 20: Nowadays, celebrities are more famous for their glamour and wealth than for their achievements, and this has set a bad example for young people. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 21: Nowadays young people are admiring media and sports stars, even though they do not set a good example. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Essay 22: Today, more and more people use robots to do tasks at home and at work. Do you think it is a positive or negative development? Why?

Essay 23: In many countries, people wear more western-style clothes (suits and jeans) than their traditional clothes. Why? Is it a positive or negative development?

Essay 24: Fast food is becoming one part of life everywhere; this has bad effects on our lifestyle and diet. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 25: Some people think the spread of multinational companies and globalization produce positive outcomes for everyone. Do you agree or disagree with the statement?

Essay 26: The key solution for the environmental issues is for the current generation to live a less comfortable life to benefit future generations. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 27: Many scientists believe that now we can study the behavior of a three-year-old child to see whether they will grow up to be criminals. To what extent do you think crime is determined by human nature? Is it possible to stop children from growing up to be criminals?

Essay 28: Countries should produce the food that their population eats, and import as little as possible. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons, examples to your answer.

Essay 29: Some people believe that too many resources and attention are devoted to the protection of wild animals and birds. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 30: Most people these days prefer getting news online to reading newspapers or watching TV. Do you think it is a positive development?

Essay 31: The most effective way to solve traffic and transport problems in the cities is to discourage people from the suburbs or the countryside from moving to the cities. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 32: Rich countries often give financial aid to poor countries, but it does not solve poverty. So rich countries should give other types of help to poor countries rather than financial aid. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 33: Today, more and more full time university students focus on other activities rather than spend a lot of time studying. Some people think it is essential for university students to be involved in other activities. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 34: Some people think the government should not spend on international aid because there are disadvantaged people in their country, such as the unemployed and homeless. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay 35: Fast food is becoming one part of life everywhere; this has bad effects on our lifestyles and diet. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay 36: Some people think it is one of the best ways to solve environmental problems by increasing the cost of fuels for cars and other vehicles. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 37: With the development of online communication, people will never be alone and will always be able to make new friends. To what extent do you agree?

Essay 38: There aren't many houses to accommodate people so it has several social consequences. Only the government can solve this problem. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 39: Technology is destroying social interactions. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 40: Subjects like arts, music and drama are more important than other subjects and therefore should be given more time in the calendar. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay 41: Some people think that the government is wasting money on arts and that this money could be better spent elsewhere. To what extent do you agree with this view?

Essay 42: Some people believe that hobbies need to be difficult to be enjoyable. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 43: In some societies, the number of crimes committed by teenagers is growing. Some people think that regardless of age, teenagers who commit major crimes should receive adult punishment. To what extent do you agree?

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Essay 45: Having a lot of international sports events may promote world peace. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 46: The film is a less important form of art and literature. To what extent do you agree?

Essay 47: Companies should provide sports and social facilities for local communities. To what extent do you agree?

Essay 48: Communication through text messaging and other instant forms of online communication are short and basic. Some people think this will be the death of grammar and spelling. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay 49: Some people think that public libraries are not necessary whereas others believe that they are essential for people. To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Essay 50: Some people believe that after the child begins his/her schooling their teachers will have more influence than their parents. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 51: People's shopping habits depend more on the age group that they belong to than any other factors. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 52: It is not necessary to travel to other places to learn about other cultures of other people. We can learn just as much from books, films and the internet. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay 53: In the past, lectures were used as a way of teaching a large number of students, but now with the development of technology for education, many people think there is no justification for attending lectures. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion.

Essay 54: Living on earth would become difficult in the future. So, more money should be spent on researching other planets to live, like Mars. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 55: Some people believe that the whole family (grandparents, uncles and aunts) bringing up children is better than only parents. What is your opinion?

Essay 56: A lot of people think people are being over dependent on phones and the internet? Do you agree?

Essay 57: In school or universities, girls prefer subjects related to art and boys prefer subjects related science. Should this tendency be changed? What is your opinion?

Essay 58: The young should get advice from old people than young people. Do you agree or disagree?

Essay 59: It is too expensive to look after and repair old buildings. This money should be spent on building modern buildings instead. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 60: Some people say it's a waste of time to plan for the future. We should live in the present. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Essay 61: Some people think that famous people can help international aid organizations to draw attention to important problems. Others believe that the celebrities can make the problems seem less important. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 62: Some people think that governments should spend more money on sports facilities for top athletes, others argue that this money should be spent on sports facilities for ordinary people. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Essay 63: Some believe that more action should be taken to prevent crime, while others feel that crime is being tackled effectively now. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

Essay 64: Some people believe that the Olympic games help bring people from different nations together, while others claim that holding the Olympics wastes money which could be used for important issues. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Essay 65: Some people believe the purpose of education should be helping the individual to become useful for society, while others believe it should help individuals to achieve their ambitions. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Essay 66: Some people think students should study the science of food and how to prepare it. Others think students should spend time on important subjects. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 67: Some feel that the effects of advertising are positive for individuals and businesses, while others think they are negative. Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

Essay 68: Some people believe that the experiences children have before they go to school will have the greatest effect on their future life. Others argue that experiences gained when they are teenagers have a bigger influence. Discuss both views and give your opinions.

Essay 69: Some think scientists should be allowed to send messages into space to communicate with other life forms while others believe this is too dangerous. Discuss both sides and give your own opinions.

Essay 70: Some people think that the government should ban dangerous sports, but others think that people should have the freedom to do whatever sport activities they choose. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 71: Some people think that young people should follow the traditions of their society and others think young people should be free to behave as individuals. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 72: Some people think governments should spend money on measures to save languages with few speakers from dying out completely. Others think this is a waste of financial resources. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 73: Directors of large organizations earn much higher salaries than ordinary employees do. Some people think it is necessary, but others hold that it is unfair. Discuss both views and give your own opinions.

Essay 74: Some people think sports are important for society, while others believe they should be taken as leisure activities. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Essay 75: Some people believe that mobile phone conversations should be banned in crowded and social places. Others disagree. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Essay 76: Human activities have negative effects on plant and animal species. Some people think it is too late to do anything about this problem. Others believe that effective measures can be taken to improve this situation. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 77: Some people think it is more beneficial to take part in sports which are played in teams, like football, while other people think that taking part in individual sports is better like tennis and swimming. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Essay 78: Some people think that music plays an important role in society, others think it's just a form of entertainment. Discuss both the sides and give your opinion.

Essay 79: Some people say that history has little or nothing to offer, while others say that the study of the past helps the present. Discuss both the view and give your opinion.

Essay 80: Some people believe that money is the best gift for teenagers while others disagree. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Essay 81: In some countries, a few people earn extremely high salaries. Some people think that this is good for a country, while others believe that the government should control salaries and limit the amount people can earn. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 82: Does the educational success of a student depend on the teacher or the attitude? Discuss both sides and give an opinion.

Essay 83: Some people think the best way to stay fit is to join the gym/health club, while others think doing everyday activities such as walking and climbing stairs is sufficient. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 84: Discipline is an ever-increasing problem in modern schools. Some people think that discipline should be the responsibility of teachers, while others think that this is the role of parents. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Essay 85: Some people think that formal education should start for children as early as possible. While others think that it should not start until 7 years of age. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 86: Some people argue that it is best to accept a bad situation, such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money. Others believe that it is better to try and improve such situations. Discuss both the view and give your opinion.

Essay 87: Some people believe anyone can make art (paint, music, poetry) while others believe people with specific ability can. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay 88: In some countries, people encourage students to find part-time jobs while some people don't. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Essay 89: Limited money should be spent on computer equipment or good teachers. Discuss both views and state your opinion.

Essay 90: It is now possible for scientists and tourists to travel to remote natural environments, such as the South Pole. Do the advantages of this development outweigh disadvantages?

Essay 91: In many workplaces, online communication is now more common than face-to-face meetings. Do the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?

Essay 92: In many countries, plastic containers have become more common than ever and are used by many food and drink companies. Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Essay 93: In the past, most people worked for small businesses, while more people now work for large businesses. What are the advantages and disadvantages of working for large businesses?

Essay 94: In the past, knowledge was contained in books. Nowadays, knowledge is uploaded to the internet. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Essay 95: It is sometimes suggested that primary school children should learn how to grow vegetables and keep animals. Do you think that the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Essay 96: The personal information of many individuals is held by large internet companies and organisations. Do you think the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Essay 97: Some people think new homes need to be built with private outdoor space such as a garden, yard, or balcony. Do you think this is more advantageous or more disadvantageous?

Essay 98: Young people are often influenced by their peers. This is called peer group pressure. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Essay 99: In some countries, young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.

Essay 100: Demand for gas and oil is increasing and so finding new resources in remote and untouched areas is a necessity. Do the advantages of this outweigh its disadvantages?

Essay 101: Some of the local languages are becoming extinct. What are the advantages and disadvantages?