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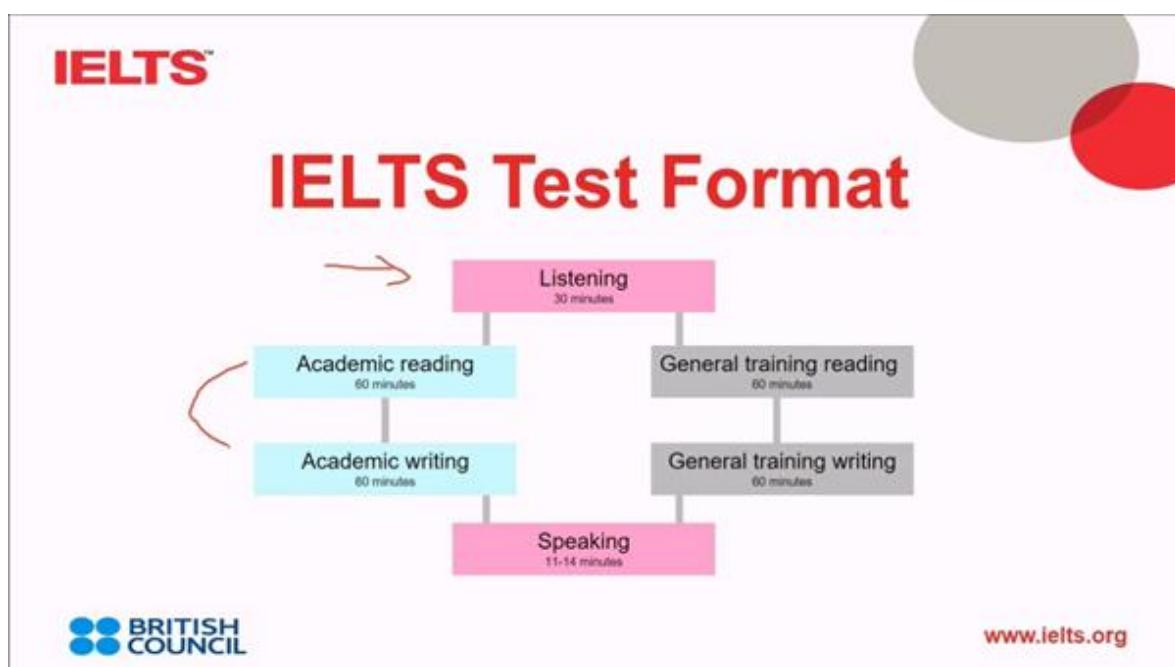


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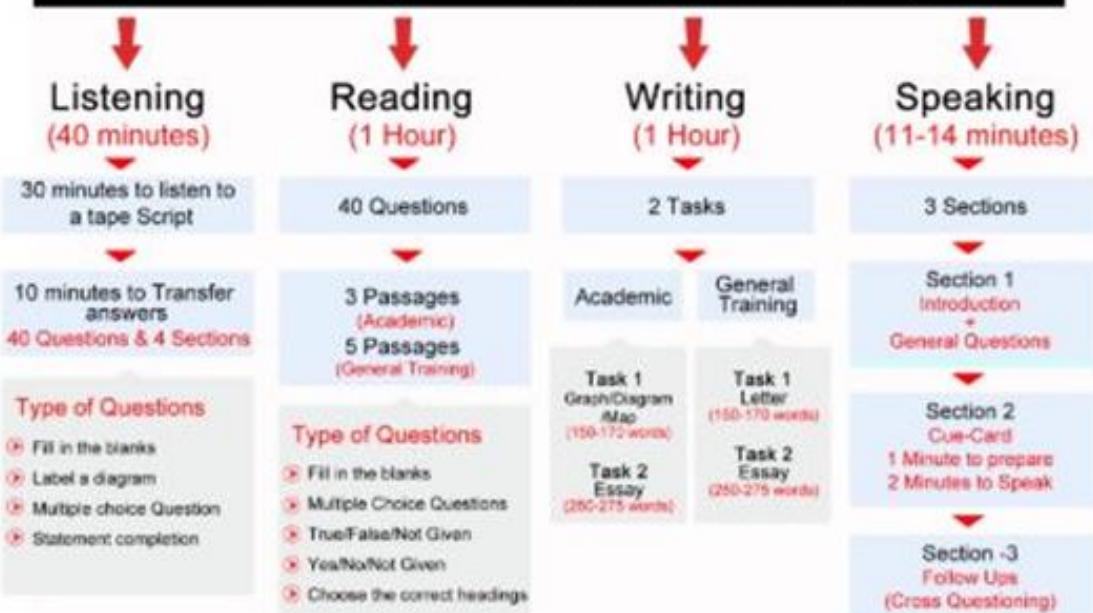
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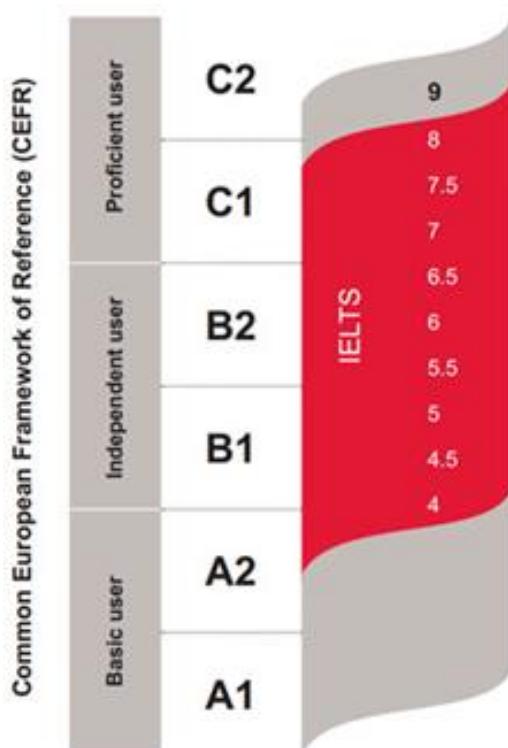
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How does IELTS compare to other English Language exams?

English Level	CEFR	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	TOEFL CBT	TOEFL PBT	Cambridge Exams
Proficiency	C2	9.0 8.5				CPE Proficiency
Advanced	C1	8.0 7.5 7.0	110-120	270-300	637-677	CAE Advanced
Upper Intermediate	B2	6.5 6.0 5.5	87-109	227-269	567-636	FCE First
Intermediate	B1	5.0 4.5 4.0	57-86	163-226	487-566	PET Preliminary
Elementary	A2	3.5 3.0	40-56	120-162	433-486	KET Key
Beginner	A1	2.5 2.0	0-39	0-119	310-434	
Starter	A0	1.0				



Into Space

Kahoot – <https://create.kahoot.it/share/be>

Which facts surprised you?

We will:

- Talk about space exploration
- Watch a record-breaking jump
- Read a news article about space travel
- Discuss the moon landing and conspiracy theories
- Listen to a talk about living on a space station
- Read an IELTS essay about space exploration
- Write an essay

Speaking practice - IELTS parts 1 and 3

- Would you like to travel to space?
- Do you like movies about space?
- What qualities do you think an astronaut needs?
- Some people think that space exploration is a waste of government resources. Do you agree or not?

A leap from the edge of space reading

Fill in the gaps in the text – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9oKEJ1pXPw>

Who is Elon Musk? Found out 3 key facts then read the article about space x and do activities 2-6

Was the moonwalk a hoax?

Read the arguments for and against this theory in “Moonwalk” and then give your opinion.

Conspiracy theories - IELTS speaking part 2

Conspiracy theory: “an attempt to explain harmful or tragic events as the result of the actions of a small, powerful group” .

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/conspiracy-theory>

Do you know of any other conspiracy theories?

Prepare a 2 minute presentation in which you describe a conspiracy theory and give the arguments for and against it. Tell your audience why you do/do not believe it.

What it’s like to live on the international space station? Listen to the video and answer the questions on the worksheet. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GhJ6CTDEoM>



IELTS essay

1. Read the sample essay:

- Some people think that space exploration is a waste of resources while others think that it is essential for mankind to continue to explore the universe in which we live.
- Discuss both sides and give your opinion

2. Do the following quizlet matching task for help with academic vocabulary:

- Quizlet: https://quizlet.com/?_8cwxtx?x=1qqt&i+1q2s/w

3. Vocabulary: make a list of any other new words that you come across in the model essay

4. Look at the hand out on IELTS Writing task two-5 essay types

5. You should now have some ideas and useful language which will help you to complete the following:

- Space exploration costs a huge amount of money to tax payers. What are the advantages and disadvantages of spending money on space exploration?

Extension Task

Now watch “What will humans look like in 100 years?” and answer the questions on the worksheet
https://www.ted.com/talks/juan_enriquez_what_will_humans_look_like_in_100_years?language=en

Extension Task

Find an article or a video on space exploration. Write 5 questions for another student to answer.

Places to look: BBC
The Guardian
The Independent
TED-ED
National Geographic
Firefly-resources-library: try the Britannica or Carel sites – both have plenty of interesting articles

Speaking Parts 1 and 3

Space exploration

Speaking Part 1:

1. Do you want to travel into space?
2. Do you like moves about space?
3. If space travel became affordable for everyone, would you want to visit another planet?

Speaking Part 3:

1. Do you think it's worthwhile looking for life on other planets?
2. Is it too much money sending people into space?
3. Do you think that space travel will become as common as air travel in future?



Reading – A Leap from the Edge of Space

In 2012, skydiver Felix Baumgartner completed his final daredevil dive—by leaping from the edge of space. _____, as he has been called, broke the record for the highest skydive ever by leaping from a height of 128,100 feet! That's 24 miles above Earth's surface.

His **free fall**, or the part of the fall before releasing _____, lasted for four minutes and 19 seconds. At one point, Baumgartner was falling at a speed _____ hour. That's faster than the speed of sound! He is the only human being outside of a vehicle to achieve this speed, which is usually reached only by special jets.

Accomplishing this feat was no easy task. Launching from Roswell, New Mexico, a balloon _____ to his jump height. He then had to complete a 40-step checklist before he was cleared for the jump. A team in Roswell monitored his fall. But even with this level of support, Baumgartner's dive was _____ dangerous.

Baumgartner wore a special 100-pound _____ to protect his body from deadly conditions high in the air. Because of the low pressure in this part of the _____, his blood and other bodily fluids would begin to boil if his skin was exposed to air. So his suit **approximated**, or got close to, air pressure on the ground. It also protected him _____ at that height.

At one point in the jump, Baumgartner's _____ started to fog up. Then he began spinning out of control. This could have caused him to lose consciousness and might have resulted _____ to his body.

"There was a period of time where I really thought, 'I am in trouble,' " Baumgartner said after landing. Thankfully, he had been _____ and release his parachute safely.

Baumgartner, 43, is from Austria, where he served _____. He also flies helicopters. His earlier feats include difficult jumps from landmarks such as the Petronas Twin Towers in Malaysia. Even with all this experience, he has been training for this event for the past five years.

Baumgartner's jump did more than break _____. The data collected from his fall will help NASA develop stronger and safer spacesuits for astronauts. He also may have inspired dreams of flight in the more than 8 million viewers who _____ live on YouTube.

Baumgartner now plans to retire from being a daredevil and fly rescue helicopters.

"It's hard to realize what happened because there's still so many emotions," Baumgartner told the press after the event. "I had tears in my eyes _____ [to Earth] a couple of times because you're sitting there, and you thought about that moment so many times."



Choose from sentences/ words A – Q to fill the gaps. There are more sentences than you will need.

- A. carried Baumgartner in a capsule
- B. visor
- C. of 833.9 miles per
- D. ... records..
- E. extremely
- F. atmosphere
- G. able to regain control
- H. a parachute
- I. in permanent damage
- J. "Fearless Felix"
- K. ... watched his fall
- L. spacesuit
- M. when I was coming back
- N. from the extreme cold
- O. a childhood dream
- P. in the military
- Q.the alien



SpaceX capsule lifts off

1 Warm-up

What do you know about Elon Musk and his company SpaceX?

2 Space words

Match the words on the left to the definitions on the right.

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. in orbit | a. a small rocket engine on a spacecraft, used to make changes in its flight path |
| 2. lift off | b. heavy equipment |
| 3. hardware | c. the part of a spacecraft in which the people on it live |
| 4. a capsule | d. to land in the sea |
| 5. a thruster | e. to leave the ground |
| 6. splash down | f. to separate (a spacecraft) from another in space |
| 7. undock | g. travelling around a planet, star, etc. |

3 Before you read

You are going to read about the launch of SpaceX's capsule, The Dragon. Guess the answers to the questions below and then read the text to check or correct them.

1. When was the last time America's space agency (NASA) put humans into orbit?
a. 2015 b. 2011 c. 2004
2. Which country has been providing space transport to NASA since it retired its shuttles?
a. Russia b. China c. the United Kingdom
3. How long did the capsule take to reach orbit?
a. 11 minutes b. 33 minutes c. 54 minutes
4. How long has Elon Musk worked on this project?
a. 5 years b. 9 years c. 17 years
5. When is the capsule planned to splash down?
a. Friday 8 March b. Friday 22 March c. Sunday 31 March

Elon Musk's SpaceX capsule lifts off

Monday, March 4th

1 Elon Musk's SpaceX company has launched a capsule designed to carry people from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

2 There is no crew on this flight, but if it goes well, the American space agency NASA is likely to approve the system to take regular astronauts into space later this year. According to Musk, this could be the first step towards opening space travel to commercial customers.

3 The US has not been able to put humans into orbit since it retired its shuttles in 2011. In the past, NASA engineers had full control of all aspects of vehicle design and the agency owned and operated the hardware. However, since 2011, it has been paying to use Russian Soyuz vehicles instead and it is now paying Musk's company to produce spacecraft to take people to the International Space Station (ISS).

type of forces that humans will experience when they get to ride in the spacecraft. SpaceX has nicknamed the dummy "Ripley" - after the main character in the Alien movies.

9 For the California company, this mission is a key milestone in its short history. Mr Musk, a technology entrepreneur and engineer, set up the organisation with the specific intention of taking people into space.

10 "It's been 17 years to get to this point, from 2002 to now. To be frank, I'm a little emotionally exhausted because it was super stressful," he told reporters immediately after the launch.

11 "Our focus has been on serving NASA's needs but once Dragon is in regular operation, I think we will seek commercial customers of which the NASA administrator, and NASA in general, has been very supportive."



- 4** NASA officials still check off every step, but the approach is regarded as more efficient and less costly. The agency's chief, Jim Bridenstine, stressed on Saturday that the re-introduction of American crew transport did not mean an end to cooperation with Russia.
- 5** "We want to make sure that we keep our partnership with Russia which has been very strong for a long period of time," he said.
- 6** "But we also want to make sure we have our own capability to get back and forth to the International Space Station, so that we can have this strong partnership where they can launch on our rockets and we can launch on their rockets."
- 7** SpaceX's Dragon capsule lifted off on Saturday 02 March at 02:49 EST (07:49 GMT). It took 11 minutes to reach orbit, and it finally arrived at the ISS on Sunday.
- 8** Because this is just a demonstration, there are no astronauts aboard - but there is a "test dummy". Dressed in a spacesuit and sitting next to a window, this simulator of a human being is fitted with sensors around the head, neck, and spine. These sensors are designed to gather data on the
- 12** Mr Musk said those customers could include private citizens going to the ISS, just as they have done on Soyuz vehicles in the past. Separately, the entrepreneur is developing a much bigger system - which he calls the Starship and Super Heavy rocket – to transport people to the Moon and Mars.
- 13** The Dragon crew capsule includes life-support systems and powerful thrusters to push the vessel to safety if something goes wrong with a rocket during an ascent to orbit. It also has four parachutes to control the return to Earth. Dragon crew capsules will splash down in the Atlantic not far from Kennedy.
- 14** After being taken to orbit, the Dragon makes its own way to the station using onboard thrusters. ISS astronauts will be watching closely to see that the capsule behaves as it should.
- 15** The Dragon is expected to stay at the station until Friday. According to the current plan, it will undock and fire its thrusters to come out of orbit, and splash down at roughly 13:45 GMT.

Source: BBC

4 Checking understanding

Answer the questions.

1. How has NASA changed since 2011?

2. What are the advantages of contracting SpaceX to design and build space capsules?

3. What is the purpose of the "test dummy" aboard the flight?

4. What is Musk's long-term aim?

5. What are the features of the Dragon capsule?

6. How will the Dragon reach the ISS after it enters space?

5 Words/phrases from the text

Find words in the text which mean ...

1. the group of people who work together on a spacecraft (*uncountable noun, P.2*): _____
2. verify (*phrasal verb, P.4*): _____
3. an important event in the development or history of something (*noun, P.9*): _____
4. the action of moving upwards (*noun, P.13*): _____

Match the words to form phrases from the text and create your own sentence for each phrase.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. put humans | a. after a character |
| 2. take people | b. into orbit |
| 3. nicknamed | c. into space |
| 4. make | d. its own way |
| 5. fire | e. its thrusters |
| 6. come | f. out of orbit |

6 Talking point

Would you like to travel into space? Why/why not?



Moonwalk: Reading

1969: the middle of the Cold War. The US and the USSR were bitter enemies on Earth and archrivals in space too. The Russians had become the first country to put a man in space and around the world cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was a household name. So the Americans were desperate to put a man on the moon - but were they desperate enough to fake a lunar landing? "Yes," say the conspiracy theorists, "and we can prove it too!" "Rubbish!" say the experts from NASA - but then they would, wouldn't they? Here are the main arguments put forward that it was all a hoax and the response from NASA.



Arguments for it all being a hoax

The flag

Look at the picture of the flag - you can see clearly that it is fluttering in the wind. But this is impossible! The moon has no atmosphere, there is no air and no wind. The flag should be hanging limp on the pole, not sticking out like that. The picture is obviously fake!

Arguments against

The Americans were prepared for this of course. Each flag is attached vertically by a pole and horizontally by a rod. If the rod is not extended properly, or twisted, the flag cannot hang straight and so it looks like it may be moving. However, when you watch the videos you will see that the flags are perfectly still.

The shadows

Look at the picture which has two astronauts in and then look at their shadows - they're pointing in different directions! The sun is a very long way away so the shadows should all be parallel, not going off at different angles. The picture is obviously taken in a film studio with different lights.

Shadows do two things - they show the form of the object that causes the shadow, and the form of the object the shadow falls on. In this picture the astronauts are walking along a steep ridge with the shadows falling on either side. Anyway, if there were more than one studio light each astronaut would have more than one shadow.

The astronaut

The first man on the moon was Neil Armstrong, surely he's the best person to talk to about his moonwalk. However, he's very reluctant to give interviews - perhaps he has something to hide!

Neil Armstrong is a shy person and is very unlike famous people these days who will do anything to get on TV. He has in fact given a number of interviews, he does however refuse to speak to those who call him a liar.

The background

Here are two pictures, one with the spacecraft in and one from a different angle, but look - the same background is in the two pictures. How can that be? This shows that the pictures are fakes - it's a huge photograph of moon mountains and they've used the same photograph for the background.

The backgrounds certainly look similar but they are not identical. If you look closely you can see small differences in the forms. The mountains were a long way off so of course they appeared in most of the pictures.

**The stars**

We know that space is full of stars but where are the stars in the photographs? In fact there are no stars in any of the Apollo photographs! They forgot to paint them in!

The photos were taken during the lunar day which meant that the moon was very bright. The astronauts wore white suits to deflect the heat and were also bright. The moon has no atmosphere either. As a result there was enough light to take photos but not to see the stars.

The equipment

After the so-called lunar landings the Americans left behind equipment, including the lunar module. Yet looking through telescopes on Earth there is nothing visible - perhaps there is nothing there!

The lunar module has a diagonal diameter of 31 feet across the footpads. At the moment there is no telescope on Earth that is powerful enough to see something that small.

The rocks

The astronauts said they brought back rocks from the moon - but these could have been collected by robots, or perhaps they're fakes as well!

The amount of people needed to make, test and launch robots would be very great but not one person has said this happened. The rocks were sent to geologists around the world, not one has said they were fakes - not even the Russians.



What it's like to live on the International Space Station

Which words do you think go into the following gaps?

Last week, three __1__ went into space on a new __2__. They all felt nervous about the __3__ but everything went fine. After several weeks in space, their __4__ returned to earth with a __5__ landing.

Now watch the video: <https://ted-ielts.com/what-its-like-to-live-on-the-international-space-station/>

Listen to the first 2 minutes of the video again and answer the following questions with no more than 3 words and/or a number.

1. What is her job?
2. How long did she spend on the International Space Station?
3. How old was she when she visited the space station?
4. What does she compare the size of her capsule to?
5. How many people are on the ISS?

TRUE OR FALSE?

Continue to listen to the video, starting at 02:00. Decide whether the following statements are true or false, according to the speaker.

It's hard work to move about the space station.
She enjoyed the nighttime in the space station.
It took a long time to get to work each morning.
Her team was the first to use the robotic arm.
They needed to lie down to get to sleep.

SUMMARY COMPLETION

Now skip ahead to 04:28 and continue to listen. You should try to fill in the blanks in the following summary. Use no more than three words and/or a number from the passage for each answer.

Although the food on the space shuttle looks bad, it actually tastes __11__. The most important thing, though, is eating together, which is true both in space and __12__. She found that __13__ was a good way to stay connected with people on earth, so she played a duet on the __14__ of human spaceflight. She also spoke with her family __15__ while she was in space.



Writing part 2

Some people think that space exploration is a waste of resources while others think that it is essential for mankind to continue to explore the universe in which we live.

Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Model essay:

Some governments and private companies spend vast amounts of money on space programmes, but this is often criticised as wasteful when there are clearly issues here on Earth that need to be solved. This essay will look at both viewpoints, and then decide that some limited space exploration should be undertaken.

First of all, it is true that there are issues plaguing this planet that need our attention more than space travel. Around the world, millions of people are starving to death or dying from preventable diseases. It seems unjust that governments are devoting billions of dollars to send people into space when these fundamental problems still exist. There are also existential threats such as extinction due to climate change, and yet we are devoting the best minds to explore other planets rather than saving this one. If it is just a matter of exploration, then there are even parts of this world that are not yet explored, such as the bottom of the ocean.

Despite those valid concerns, space exploration is still important. The astronauts who go up into orbit are not just “exploring space” in the sense that explorers used to travel the world, but rather they are scientists conducting experiments that may prove beneficial to the future of humanity. The work that they do in space could be instrumental in stopping the next pandemic or ending hunger. Certainly, money spent on Earth would appear to be a more direct resolution, but perhaps these space experiments will have a greater ultimate benefit.

In conclusion, this is a difficult issue because, while space travel is important, it seems hard to justify the vast amounts of money spent on it. However, this money will probably yield important long-term results and so it is important to continue.

Now it's your turn!

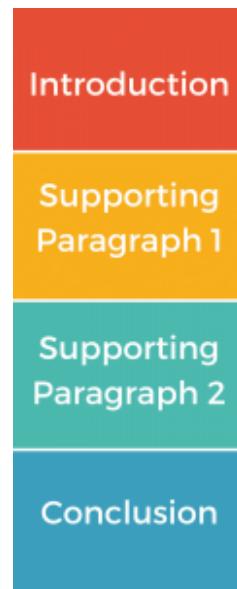
Space exploration costs tax payers' an exorbitant amount of money each year. What are the advantages and disadvantages of spending money on space exploration?



IELTS writing task 2

Overview & structures for all 5 major question types

General structure for all essay question answers



The sentences you put in each paragraph will depend on what type of question you get.

The five most common IELTS Writing Task 2 questions are:

1. Opinion (Agree or Disagree)
2. Advantages and Disadvantages
3. Situation and Solution
4. Discussion (Discuss both views)
5. Two-part Question

Each of the 5 question types are outlined on the following pages

Opinion Questions (Agree or Disagree)

Typical Question Words

What is your opinion?

Do you agree or disagree?

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Direct question.

Example Question

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

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

(Make sure that you decide whether you agree or disagree. Don't 'stand in the middle'!)

Structure



Introduction

Sentence 1- Paraphrase Question

Sentence 2- Thesis Statement (It is agreed.../It is disagreed.../This essay agrees/disagrees...)

Sentence 3- Outline Sentence (This essay will discuss....)

Main Body Paragraph 1

Sentence 1- Topic Sentence

Sentence 2- Explain Topic Sentence

Sentence 3- Example

Main Body Paragraph 2

Sentence 1- Topic Sentence

Sentence 2- Explain Topic Sentence

Sentence 3- Example

Conclusion

Sentence 1 - Summary and your clear opinion

Sample Answer

It is often argued that volunteering should be made part of the school curriculum. This essay agrees with that suggestion completely because of the benefits it brings to pupils. The essay will first look at how voluntary work can help students develop soft skills and then discuss how these extracurricular activities are valued by universities and employers.

Education should not be limited to strictly academic pursuits and those in education should also develop life skills, such as teamwork, empathy and self-discipline, and one of the best ways to hone these aptitudes is through community service. Serving those less fortunate than ourselves teaches us many lessons including how to work with people from other backgrounds and the value of hard work. For example, I personally volunteered to spend 6 weeks in Africa teaching disadvantaged children and this led to a much higher work ethic when I returned to my studies.

Many colleges and companies are also increasingly looking for this type of experience. Most school leavers have the same grades and charitable works can help set you apart from the herd. For example, Cambridge and Oxford receive thousands of applications from straight-A students every year and can only accept a small percentage of applicants. What you have done outside the classroom is often the thing that differentiates you from everyone else and gets you that coveted spot.

In conclusion, teenagers should be made to partake in unpaid work as part of their schooling because it will help them learn things they wouldn't ordinarily learn from their teachers and it will also boost their chances of getting into third level education.

Advantages and Disadvantages Questions

Typical Question Words

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your own opinion.

Example Question

Computers are being used more and more in education.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your own opinion

Structure

Introduction

Sentence 1- Paraphrase Question



Sentence 2- Outline Sentence

Main Body Paragraph 1

Sentence 1- State One Advantage
 Sentence 2- Expand/Explain Advantage
 Sentence 3- Example
 Sentence 4- Result

Main Body Paragraph 2

Sentence 1- State One Disadvantage
 Sentence 2- Expand/Explain Disadvantage
 Sentence 3- Example
 Sentence 4- Result

Conclusion

Sentence 1- Summary
 Sentence 2- Opinion

Sample Answer

It is argued that technology is playing an every increasing role in schools and universities. This essay will firstly, discuss student freedom as one of the main advantages of this and secondly, outline decreasing levels of face to face contact as one of the main disadvantages.

One of the principle advantages of an increase in the use electronic devices in education is the autonomy it provides students. Students have the freedom to focus on whatever topic or subject they want and study it in depth through the internet. A prime example of this is the amount of online university courses available to students, covering a myriad of subjects, that up until recently were unavailable to most learners. This has resulted in more people studying third level degrees than ever before, at a pace and schedule that suits them.

The main disadvantage associated with increasing use of technology in education is the decrease in face to face interaction between students. Students spend more time looking at computer screens by themselves than interacting with each other. For instance, the recent explosion in smartphone use has been at the expense of genuine human interaction. This results in soft skills, such as verbal communication and empathy, being affected. In conclusion, the benefits technology brings to education, such as student autonomy, must be weighed against the drawbacks, such as negative effects on human interaction. Overall, the educational benefits outweigh the disadvantages because human beings will always want human contact and most people will not solely use IT for education.

Situation and Solution Questions

Typical Question Words

Problem and solution.
 Cause and solution.

Example Question

Students are becoming more and more reliant on computers.

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

Structure

Introduction

Sentence 1- Paraphrase Question
 Sentence 2- Outline Sentence



Main Body Paragraph 1

Sentence 1- State Problem

Sentence 2- Explain problem

Sentence 3- Result

Sentence 4- Example

Main Body Paragraph 2

Sentence 1- State Solution

Sentence 2- Explain Solution

Sentence 3- Example

Conclusion

Sentence 1- Summary

Sentence 2- Recommendation or Prediction

Sample Answer

Learners are becoming ever more dependent on technology, such as the Internet and mobile devices. This essay will discuss one of the main problems associated with dependence on computers and suggest a viable solution.

The principal problem with over-reliance on technology, such as tablets and computers, is plagiarism. Students often use search engines to answer a question and simply copy the text from a website, rather than thinking about the question. This practice is not only prohibited in schools and universities but also stunts a student's intellectual development. For example, many teachers complain that students copy web pages straight from Wikipedia word for word rather than giving a reasoned answer to their questions.

A solution to this worrying problem is asking students to email their answers to teachers and teachers using anti-plagiarism software to detect copying. Moreover, students would be made aware of this practice and this would inspire them to answer questions using their own words, rather than someone else's. For instance, many universities already use this kind software to scan course work for plagiarism and it could be extended to include all homework, by learners in both secondary and tertiary education.

In summary, one of the main problems with over-use of technology in education is plagiarism and this can be solved through the use of plagiarism detection software. It is predicted that more and more students' will email their work to their teacher and this work will be scrutinised for plagiarism.

Discuss Both Views Question (Discussion Essay)

Typical Question Words

Discuss both points of view and give your opinion.

Example Question

Computers are being used more and more in education. Some people say that this is a positive trend, while others argue that it is leading to negative consequences.

Discuss both sides of this argument and then give your own opinion.

Structure

Introduction

Sentence 1- Paraphrase Question and/or state both viewpoints.

Sentence 2- Thesis Statement

Sentence 3- Outline Sentence

Main Body Paragraph 1

Sentence 1- State first viewpoint

Sentence 2- Discuss first viewpoint

Sentence 3- Reason why you agree or disagree with viewpoint

Sentence 4- Example to support your view



Main Body Paragraph 2

Sentence 1- State second viewpoint
 Sentence 2- Discuss second viewpoint
 Sentence 3- Reason why you agree or disagree with viewpoint
 Sentence 4- Example to support your view

Conclusion

Sentence 1- Summary
 Sentence 2- State which one is better or more important

Sample Answer

There is an ever increasing use of technology, such as tablets and laptops, in the classroom. It is often argued that this is a positive development, whilst others disagree and think it will lead to adverse ramifications. This essay agrees that an increase in technology is beneficial to students and teachers. This essay will discuss both points of view.

It is clear that the Internet has provided students with access to more information than ever before. Moreover, learners have the ability to research and learn about any subject at the touch of a button. It is therefore agreed that technology is a very worthwhile tool for education. Wikipedia is a prime example, where students can simply type in any keyword and gain access to in-depth knowledge quickly and easily.

However, many disagree and feel that technology deprives people of real human interaction. Human interaction teaches people valuable skills such as discourse, debate and empathy. Despite this, human interaction is still possible through the internet and this essay disagrees technology should be dismissed for this reason. For instance, Skype and Facebook make it possible for people to interact in ways that were never before possible.

While the benefits of technology, particularly the internet, allow students to tap into limitless sources of information, some still feel that people should be wary of this new phenomena and not allow it to curb face to face interaction. However, as long as we are careful to keep in mind the importance of human interaction in education, the educational benefits are clearly positive.

Two-Part Questions

Typical Question Words

There will normally be a statement and they will then ask you to answer to separate questions.

Example Question

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 the expectation of job satisfaction for all workers?

Structure

Introduction

Sentence 1- Paraphrase Question
 Sentence 2- Outline Sentence (mention both questions)

Main Body Paragraph 1

Sentence 1- Answer first question directly
 Sentence 2- Explain why
 Sentence 3- Further explanation
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Main Body Paragraph 2

Sentence 1- Answer second question directly
Sentence 2- Explain why
Sentence 3- Further explanation
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Conclusion

Sentence 1- Summary

Sample Answer

As the majority of adults spend most of their time at work, being content with your career is a crucial part of a person's health and happiness. This essay will first discuss which elements lead to job satisfaction and it will then address the question of how likely it is that everyone can be happy with their job.

The two most important things that lead to someone being satisfied at work are being treated with respect by managers and being compensated fairly. If those more senior than you respect you as a person and the job you are doing then you feel like you are valued. A fair salary and benefits are also important considerations because if you feel you are being underpaid you will either resent your bosses or look for another job. These two factors came top of a recent job satisfaction survey conducted by Monster.com, that found that 72% of people were pleased with their current role if their superiors regularly told them they were appreciated.

With regards to the question of happiness for all workers, I think this is and always will be highly unlikely. The vast majority of people fail to reach their goals and end up working in a post they don't really care about in return for a salary. This money is just enough to pay their living expenses which often means they are trapped in a cycle of disenchantment. For example, The Times recently reported that 89% of office workers would leave their jobs if they did not need the money.

In conclusion, being satisfied with your trade or profession is an important part of one's well-being and respect from one's colleagues and fair pay can improve your level of happiness, however, job satisfaction of all workers is an unrealistic prospect.



What will humans look like in 100 years?

1. What is the “question that matters”?
2. What were prosthetics like in the past?
3. What has happened to them as we have started to adapt them?
4. Give an example of an “essential” prosthetic.
5. For what reason might a human want a prosthetic voluntarily, even if they have no disability?
6. If we can reprogramme cells and change them into organs what might we be able to do to those new organs?
7. What did Lord Rees say about the universe?
8. What is our moral imperative, according to the speaker?
9. What does Life One civilization do?
10. ... and Life Two?
11. Why might we want to create Life Three and Four civilizations?
12. What are the two possible outcomes of a successful brain transplant?

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