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Writing Task 1

Informal Invitation letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You have recently moved to a different city for work, but you want to maintain contact with a friend from your previous workplace. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Describe the city you moved to*
- *Tell him/her about your new job*
- *Invite him/her to visit you*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Hi Joe

How's things in Whitby? Just a quick note to get you up to speed with my news and invite you down here next weekend.

Manchester is a sprawling place and there's loads of places to hang out no matter what your preference is. Even though it had a reputation for being an industrial city, it's really quite modern and even a bit peaceful.

The new job's going well. I'm still finding my feet at the insurance company, but everyone's been pretty helpful and patient. There doesn't seem to be the same office politics there was at our old workplace and that's a relief.

Anyway, next weekend I was wondering if you'd like to come down for a visit. I got a 2-bedroom flat so your accommodation is sorted and, would you believe it? Your beloved United is playing at home on Sunday so we can try to get some tickets.

Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best

Duncan

161 Words

Informal Information Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

Your friend asked you to find a par-time job for him/her to earn some money while studying. You found a job that might be suitable. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Give him/her the job description*
- *Explain why he/she should take the job*
- *Say what he/she should do to get the job*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Jack

How are you? You asked me recently if I knew of any part-time jobs to help you out with extra cash while you're at college. I think I've got some good news for you.

I saw an advert online, the other day, from a local supermarket and they're looking for part-time store workers. It's working in their warehouse on the night shift, restocking shelves and unloading trucks. It only pays minimum wage but it's very close to your college.

Why don't you check it out? You can get there on your bike in 5 minutes and night shift means it doesn't clash with your classes. Granted the money's not great but it looks like a steady job.

I'll send you the link and according to the site, you only need to fill out an online application form and, I guess, go for a short interview.

Good luck with your job hunting.

Take care

Jim

155 words

Informal Information Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You will take a short holiday in London next month and would like to spend some time with a friend who lives there.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Tell him when you will be in London and why*
- *Ask him for recommendations of what to do there*
- *Suggest some things you can do together*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Hi Faisal

How are you? Hope you're doing well there in London. Just a quick note to tell you that I'm having a long weekend there soon and it would be great if we could hang out.

I booked the Thames Hotel for 4 nights from the 11th to 14th August. Sure, I know it's a bit upmarket but after a year of non-stop work, I deserve some luxury and chill out time.

I reckon you've been there almost a year now so it'd be great if you can suggest some interesting places to check out. I remember you love the cultural stuff and I'm keen to visit some museums and galleries, if you know any good ones.

As you know, I'm a huge football fan so maybe we can catch a match together, as well as a West End show, if it's not too expensive! Whatever you think, let me know.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Take care.
Abdullah

159 words

Informal Request Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You are going away on a short trip. You want your friend to look after your home while you are away.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Say where you are going*
- *Describe your home*
- *Explain some of the things your friend must do while you are away*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Mary

How are you? Hope you are keeping well. Just a quick note to ask you if you can do me a huge favor.

At the end of the month, I'm going to Ireland for my sister's wedding. She's finally marrying John after a 9-year engagement. I'll be gone for 5 days and I was hoping you could look after my place while I'm away.

I know you haven't been to my place yet so, I'll text you the location. It's the new block of flats on Elm Street, number 12A. It's a one-bedroom place and the kitchen is well stocked with food and drink. Help yourself to anything and you're most welcome to stay.

The main reason I'm asking for your help is my cat, Felix, needs looking after. His food is in the fridge and he's properly house trained and friendly. You don't even need to let him out at night.

Give me a call and let me know what you think.

All the best
Sarah

168 words

Informal Advice Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

Your friend has written to you asking for your advice on whether to study marketing or information technology at a college in Australia. Write a letter to her. In your letter,

- *Ask her about the college*
- *Give her suggestions*
- *Explain your reasons*
-

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Fatima,

Hi! How's things? Congrats! Great to hear you've been offered a place at the college and in Australia! Sure, I can give you some advice on choosing between marketing and IT.

First of all, do you know anything about the college's reputation when it comes to both these courses? If they're famous for one or the other, then that should be a big factor in choosing, I guess.

To be honest, I don't really know much about marketing. I'm hardly a specialist there and can't really say much about it. But, as you know, I'm an IT graduate myself and since leaving college, I can tell you, I've had loads of attractive job offers. So, I really recommend IT.

Of course, technology is rapidly advancing with new, life changing, developments happening all the time. I'm sure that you'll have a lot more career choices and offers after you graduate.

I hope you make a wise and happy choice. Please let me know how it works out.

Good luck
Courtney

169 words

Informal Apology Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

Your friend bought a ticket for you for a sporting event, but you cannot go for some reasons.

Write a letter to your friend. In your letter,

- *Apologize to your friend*
- *Explain why you cannot go*
- *Suggest what your friend should do with the ticket*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Jack

Thanks a lot for thinking about me when you booked tickets for the cup final. I really appreciate it.

I'm sorry to say I can't make it to the match and I'm pretty disappointed about it. I hope you understand and accept my apology.

I can't go because my company has scheduled a team building weekend that coincides with the date of the game. We're all obliged to attend this gathering and it was booked months ago.

As for my ticket, I'll ask my cousin if he wants to buy it. She's a massive Arsenal fan and would love to go to the final. If she's not interested, I'll keep asking around until I find someone. In the meantime, you could try to get a refund for it through the ticket agent's website or you could call their customer care number.

I'm sorry I can't join you for the game. Enjoy the match!

All the best

Mike

157 words

Informal Invitation Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

While you were studying in the UK, you made friends with John Blaire who was one of your course tutors. He is coming to your country an international conference. You want to invite him to stay at your place and spend some time together.

Write a letter to him. In your letter,

- *Ask him about the conference*
- *Invite him to stay at your place*
- *Suggest some things you can do together*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Hi John

How are you? It's cool to hear that you'll finally visit my country next month. It would be great to see you again and spend some time hanging out, and you're welcome to stay with us.

You said in your message you'll be attending an international conference. Is that the Climate Change Summit in Seoul? It's been all over the news for days here but I haven't been paying much attention, to be honest.

Would you like to stay at my place while you're in Seoul? I have a 2-bedroom apartment and my young son can sleep with my wife and I. It would be no problem for us and we'd have more time to catch up.

We can also show you around the city in your spare time. There's lots to see here like the Seoul Tower and Namdaemoon Market. Anyway, tell me what you think and hopefully, I'll see you soon.

Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best
Park Joongo

165 words

Formal Recommendation Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

One of your friends wants to apply for a job at a summer school camp as a sports trainer. Write a letter to the camp manager to recommend your friend. In your letter,

- *Say how well you know your friend*
- *Describe the qualifications and experience your friend has*
- *Explain why you think your friend would be suitable for this job*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Ms Kelsey

In response to your enquiry, I am writing to recommend Liam Hartley for the position of football coach at Happy Days summer camp.

I have known Liam for 5 years as a player and, recently, in his capacity as a part-time coach at Eastern College. During this time, we became close colleagues and friends because of our shared philosophy in progressive and attacking football.

Along with a distinguished playing career with the College, in which we won the Eastern Championship, Liam has recently joined the coaching staff as assistant youth team coach. Furthermore, last month, he passed the state Football Coaching Level 1 Course.

He would be an ideal appointment for this vacancy because he has demonstrated ability as a motivating and innovative coach who has a positive rapport with his players. In addition, your campers would greatly benefit from the guidance of a young and personable individual who always has time to listen to individuals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards

Sam Graham

167 words

Formal Complaint Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

A road near your home is damaged. Write a letter to the council of your city/town to complain about it. In your letter,

- *Tell them who you are and where you live*
- *Explain the nature of your complaint*
- *Say what you would like them to do about it*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to complain about the condition of the road, specifically the A33, near my residence and the delay in commencing repairs.

My name is Seymore Bush and I am a surgeon at the county hospital. I live adjacent to the A33 and use the road six days a week to commute to my place of work.

For approximately one week now, parts of the A33 have been cordoned off due to surface damage caused by the recent flooding. As a result, several stretches of the road are operating as a single lane. It is difficult to comprehend why repair work has not started on the affected areas to alleviate severe delays.

I would appreciate if the council could inform road users when the repairs are scheduled to begin along with an estimated completion date. In the meantime, it would also be useful if the council could introduce a diversion system where motorists can use alternate routes.

I look forward to your reply.

Best regards

Mr. Bush

169 words

Formal Thanks Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You lost an item while traveling on a bus. An employee of the bus company assisted you in recovering your lost item. Write a letter to the company manager to thank the employee. In your letter,

- *Describe what you lost and why it was important to you*
- *How the employee helped you find it*
- *Explain how you felt after recovering it.*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to express my gratitude to your employee Mr. Joe Dolan who assisted me in recovering my mobile phone from your company's bus.

After travelling to work on the bus I got to my office where I discovered that my phone was missing. I remember it was in my trouser pocket and guessed that it could have fallen out while I was on the bus.

My phone is essential for my work and contains all my personal contacts, along with private information. When I called your depot, Mr. Dolan took all the details of my journey and the type of phone I used and assured me that he would search the bus in question. Approximately 20 minutes later he called me back and informed me that he had found my mobile.

Needless to say, I was incredibly relieved and thankful to Mr. Dolan who had taken the time to personally assist me in finding my lost phone.

Thank you for your resolution of this matter.

Best regards

M Daley

172 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You accidentally left an important item while checking out of a hotel. Write a letter to the hotel manager and ask them to send the item back to you. In your letter,

- *Provide the details of your stay*
- *Describe the item you left behind*
- *Tell the hotel manager how to return it to you*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to request the return of a personal item I left behind in my hotel room when I checked out.

I was a guest at your hotel, the Majestic, from 18th to 20th June and stayed in room 101. When I checked out, your domestic assistant checked the room to confirm that I had not left anything behind.

However, she failed to notice a pair of red shoes in the wardrobe. The shoes are size 34, have the Armani brand on the inside and the soles are black.

You can return the shoes to the address I provided when I signed in. My email address and phone number are also on the check in form I completed at your reception. I will gladly refund all the delivery costs when you send the receipts along with the shoes.

I look forward to your reply and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards

Jane Quigley

158 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You currently live in a rental apartment and the noise from your neighbors disturbs you. Write a letter to your landlord. In your letter,

- *Describe how the situation affects you*
- *Explain what steps you have taken to address the problem*
- *Ask the landlord to take action to address the issue*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to inform you about the excessive noise that my neighbors make and request that you rectify this situation.

I have been a tenant in your property for five years and recently the apartment next door has been rented to a group of students. They are incredibly noisy at the weekend with all night parties keeping me awake and causing me sleepless nights.

I have asked them on several occasions to turn down the volume of the music they play but they have consistently ignored me. I have even told them that I would have to call the police if they did not stop but to no avail.

I request that you speak to these tenants and inform them of the complaints they have received and advise them that if there is no immediate change in their behavior, you will be forced to evict them.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Best Regards

Todd Smelling

157 words

Formal Information Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You have recently read a book and noticed some incorrect information about a place that you know. Write a letter to the author of the book. In your letter,

include the name of the place and the incorrect information

provide the correct information

explain why it is important to correct this mistake

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

I am writing to inform you about a factual error in your recently published book, "The siege of Derry."

As a native of Derry, I found your knowledge of this subject to be very impressive however, I feel obliged to highlight an inaccuracy in your final chapter. You stated that the Siege Museum opened in 2015 but closed in 2021 due to lack of government funding and a disappointing number of visitors.

For your information, the museum re-opened in May 2022 after it received a grant from the National Lottery and since then has been one of the most popular attractions in Derry city, attracting over 1000 visitors per month.

I feel that it is important to correct the facts because visitors, who have read your book, will be under the impression that the museum is not operating and it needs as much publicity as possible to continue its successful re-launch.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards

Peter Wright

161 words

Formal Report Letter

You should spend about 20 minutes on this task

You had a minor accident at work and got injured. According to the company rules you have to report it in writing to your manager. In your letter,

- *Describe what happened and your injury*
- *Explain what the result of the accident was*
- *Suggest a way to avoid similar accidents in the future.*

Write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear sir

In accordance with company policy, I am writing to report an accident I had on company premises on 23 January this year.

While I was moving pallets in the car park a forklift truck reversed out of a parking bay and collided with the pallets and its rear wheel ran over my right foot. The driver stopped immediately and came to my assistance. He also apologized saying that he had not seen me crossing behind him and that the reversing sound on the forklift was not working.

Almost immediately I was taken to the local hospital where, after an x-ray, I was diagnosed with a broken bone in my foot. As a result, I had to take 2 weeks leave on sick pay, but I am now able to return to work.

Thankfully, I only suffered a minor injury however, I would advise the company to repair and test the reversing sound on all forklift trucks to prevent this type of accident from happening again.

Best regards

Jane Seymore

169 words

Formal Complaint Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You bought a set of speakers from a store recently and discovered that they were not working properly.

Write a letter to the store. In your letter,

- *Describe the problem with the speakers*
- *Describe what happened when you returned them to the store*
- *Explain what action you require*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to complain about the speakers that I purchased from your store on 2 October. When I attempted to use them, I detected a serious flaw.

Specifically, the problem that I noticed immediately was the sound quality. When I connected them to my laptop and played a song there was bass but not enough treble. I therefore consulted the user manual and tried to adjust the playback levels on the graphic equalizer but it made absolutely no difference.

I returned the speakers to your store on the following day, where your assistant tested them and she readily agreed there was a problem. She tried, for a considerable amount of time, to adjust the sound balance but was unable to improve the quality. Moreover, when she checked identical models, she found the same issue with them.

I am not satisfied with my purchase and strongly advise you to cease selling this particular model. I would like a full refund in the form of cash since that was my payment method.

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully yours

Rose White

182 words

Formal Request Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You read an online advertisement calling for volunteers to help you out at a charity fun run that will raise money for cancer research. You are interested in volunteering.

Write a letter to the organizing committee. In your letter,

- *Explain why you would like to volunteer*
- *As what volunteers are required to do*
- *Give your contact details*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/madam

I am writing to inquire about your advertisement requesting volunteers to assist at a charity fun run at Harrison Park on 22 April in aid of cancer research.

First of all, I would like to explain the reason why I am interested in volunteering. Unfortunately, last year I lost my father to cancer. Therefore, I firmly believe that cancer research is a vital service that needs financing, whether it be from the government or private sector.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me with more details about what is involved in volunteering. Specifically, what are a volunteer's duties and responsibilities and what hours are they expected to be available?

I can be contacted at any time on my mobile number or email which I have listed below. Alternatively, I can visit your office and speak with the organizing committee.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,
Kelly Thompson

151 words

Formal Apology Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You are scheduled to conduct a training course next week, but you will not be able to attend because you have some problems.

Write a letter to your college. In your letter,

- *Explain your situation*
- *Describe your problems*
- *Suggest an alternative arrangement*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing concerning the IELTS Teacher Training Workshop that I am scheduled to conduct on 12 October at the Language Department.

I regret to inform you that I have experienced some personal problems and I will not be able to conduct the workshop as scheduled.

I have recently been experiencing some minor medical problems with my right foot and upon consultation with a specialist, I have been advised to undergo a minor surgical procedure. This procedure has been scheduled for 12 October and if I do not take advantage of this, the next available appointment is after 6 months.

I realize this will be inconvenient for you and the department. However, I would like to propose an alternative date for the workshop, namely 12 November. I will have recovered sufficiently from the surgery by this time.

Please accept my sincerest apology. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
John Evans

153 words

Formal Application Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

The International Tech Company has placed an advertisement for web developers in your local newspaper.

Write a letter applying for the position. In your letter,

- *Explain what you are currently doing*
- *Describe why you are suitable for the job*
- *Explain when you are available to start*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to apply for the vacancy of website developer that your company has advertised in the Weekly Bugle.

At the moment, I am employed as a web developer for a local company that specializes in developing websites for local businesses. The job involves responding to enquiries from clients, conducting a needs analysis with them and designing sample sites for their approval.

During my employment with my current company, I have developed the skills of responding to customer needs and independent thinking. I am also flexible in that I am willing to relocate anywhere that your company might require.

According to my current contract, I am required to give one month's notice if I intend to resign. However, I have a positive working relationship with the company CEO and I am confident we could come to an agreement if your company requires me to start in less than one month.

I look forward to your response.

Best regards
David Jones

161 words

Formal Thanks Letter

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

You recently attended an intensive English course at a local academy. After the course you successfully passed the English entry test for an Australian college. You want to thank the academy.

Write a letter to the academy. In your letter,

- *Explain who you are and what course you did*
- *Tell them about your successful college application*
- *Thank the academy*

You should write at least 150 words

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your advice and support during my participation in a recent English course at your academy.

My name is Mario Noya and I was one of the attendees of the Intensive English Course held last April. Specifically, it was the 4-week, 40-hour course taught by Ms. Jones and Mr. Buxton.

Shortly after this course, I took the Perth Technical College entrance test in English and I am delighted to say that I successfully passed it. Actually, this was my third attempt at this test and if I had failed again, I would not be permitted to retake it.

I firmly believe that my success is mostly due to the excellent tuition I received at your academy. Your tutors were incredibly professional and knowledgeable when identifying the language areas and skills I needed to work on.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude to you.

Yours sincerely,
Mario Noya

156 words

Writing Task 2

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many people believe that the current system of both teachers and students in the classroom will no longer exist by the year 2050.

To what extent do you agree with this opinion?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is claimed by many that the contemporary practice of students interacting with teachers in actual classrooms is forecast to disappear by 2050. I strongly disagree with this statement and this essay will detail the reasons why.

While it is incontrovertible that remote learning has become an increasingly popular and convenient method of learning especially for adults and college students, I believe that this approach is not effective when it comes to children and adolescents. This is because these groups of pupils lack the concentration levels for distance learning where it is necessary to sit in front of a screen for long periods, usually at home where there are too many distractions. For instance, in my country in 2018, political leaders implemented a pilot scheme of studying remotely with several secondary schools. The result was that 80% of pupils had worse academic results when compared to other institutions that did not employ such a system.

Another drawback is that many courses are not practically suited to digital teaching, especially courses that involve a high degree of hands on practice, supervised by a tutor. Science subjects such as physics and chemistry require students to conduct experiments in a lab setting, which would be impossible with online classes. It is simply not realistic to expect students to have access to the necessary equipment and, obviously, there are health and safety issues associated with youngsters conducting hazardous experiments without guidance.

In conclusion, classroom tuition, with tutors and pupils in the same room, will never be completely replaced because remote learning is not a suitable approach for youngsters and, what is more, it is impractical for subjects requiring explicit practice.

276 words

Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Opinions on food are changing rapidly and there are many who believe that everyone should follow a vegetarian diet because it would have a positive impact on our health and the environment.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increased awareness of how a meat-free diet can benefit our health and the environment has resulted in the widely held belief that everyone should become vegetarian. I equally agree and disagree with this proposal and this essay will outline the reasons why.

On the one hand, there are several benefits to becoming a vegetarian. Specifically, medical research has proved conclusively that vegetarians are less likely to develop health-related issues such as obesity or cardio-vascular diseases. High cholesterol levels, moreover, can be reduced and controlled by eliminating meat from our diet. Additionally, sourcing food from alternatives to meat can reduce the negative environmental impact of industrial meat farming where huge swathes of natural habitat are lost every year to deforestation.

Meat consumption, however, is considered to be a reliable and essential source of vitamins and minerals that are crucial in maintaining physical health. A vegetarian diet lacks the important nutrients which are vital, for example, when it comes to the healthy development of children. As a result, these deficiencies need to be addressed by a high intake of supplements. One more consideration is that meat production is a billion-dollar industry on which millions of people rely upon for employment and switching to a vegetarian culture would result in the loss of their livelihood.

To conclude, I believe a balance of meat and vegetables in one's diet is the healthiest option that would have the advantage of safeguarding peoples' jobs. However, consumption of meat ought to be reduced for health and environmental reasons and alternatives should be considered.

258 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many elderly people are no longer being looked after by their families, rather they are living in nursing homes. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this trend?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of senior citizens in today's society are not being taken care of by their immediate family; instead, they are residing in care establishments. This essay will analyze the positive and negative aspects of this trend.

On a positive note, elderly peoples' physical and mental well-being are carefully monitored and evaluated by trained professionals in residential homes. Scientific research clearly identifies that most people over the age of 60 suffer from potentially serious health issues such as cardiovascular diseases. Care facilities, however, have suitably qualified medical personnel and equipment to meet these challenges. Additionally, from a psychological perspective, residents' mental health is stimulated through living in a community where there is potential for positive camaraderie with like-minded individuals.

On the other hand, there are several drawbacks to elderly people living in nursing homes that affect both themselves and their family members. For instance, being apart from their immediate family, on a daily basis, can result in unpleasant emotions such as feelings of isolation and being undervalued as a family member. The expense of care homes, in addition, can impose a serious financial burden on the family. In my country, for example, a one-month's stay usually costs 3000 dollars with other charges excluded. Consequently, the majority of people on low incomes usually have no choice but to take care of elderly family members by themselves.

In conclusion, homes for the aged provide geriatric patients with professional medical services that potentially prolong their lives. The challenges, however, include feelings of abandonment amongst residents along with the unmanageable financial costs to their families.

262 words

Advantages & Disadvantages

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Many university students nowadays live away from their home and their parents because of their university location, while others live with their families. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each situation?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Today, college students either reside in their family home or live at the place where they study. This essay will discuss the pros and cons of both practices.

For students who continue to live at home during their time at university, the major positive is a sense of familiarity and security. Those who remain at home have the comfort of a familiar daily routine where their parents provide for them, and they do not have to stress over domestic chores such as laundry and cooking. However, the main disadvantage is the financial burden they can place on their family. If the student does not study on a scholarship or has part-time employment, the financial costs to parents of supporting their adult child can be considerable.

The main advantage for students choosing to find accommodation at their college is that it fosters a sense of independence. Students often relish the challenge of having the responsibility of managing their own lives, whether it is something as simple as cooking their own meals to budgeting their finances. On the other hand, the primary disadvantages are the social challenges that come with relocating away from home. For some students, it is often quite difficult to form new friendships, especially in an academic environment, and failure to do so can result in negative feelings such as isolation and loneliness.

In conclusion, students who live at home continue to enjoy their home comforts but can create serious financial problems for their parents. In contrast, students who reside at their college can become more independent; however, they may become socially isolated.

264 words

Do Advantages Outweigh Disadvantages?

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

*Today children spend a lot of their free time watching TV.
Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages of this practice?*

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

In contemporary society youngsters spend a sizeable amount of their leisure time watching television. This essay will detail the reasons why the benefits and drawbacks are of equal importance.

For children, there are several advantages to watching television. To begin with, the educational content of certain programs can broaden their knowledge. TV channels such as National Geographic provide a variety of educationally rich content that enables youngsters to learn about other cultures and the natural world. Moreover, from the perspective of entertainment, television can help children relax, especially during periods of pressure at school such as the exam season. These relaxation periods are essential for pupils to reinvigorate themselves which, in turn, can energize them to approach their schoolwork with renewed motivation.

On the other hand, the downsides of excessive TV watching cannot be ignored. For instance, watching TV is a passive activity that can lead to a sedentary lifestyle that can have a negative impact on children's physical health. It has been proved that one of the factors contributing to the increasing number of obese children is a lack of physical exercise. Additionally, some TV shows may contain content that is inappropriate for minors, such as excessive violence or certain vices. Therefore, parental guidance through the monitoring of what children watch is important.

In conclusion, there are several positives such as the educational value and the relaxation time that watching TV can provide. However, the negatives should not be forgotten, which include unsuitable programs for youngsters and an inactive lifestyle.

251 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

While some people consider global warming to be the most pressing environmental problem, others believe that deforestation has a more devastating impact on our world.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience

Write at least 250 words

It is believed by some that global warming is the greatest threat to our environment, while others contend that deforestation is more destructive. This essay will elaborate on both these positions and explain why overpopulation is the primary cause of environmental issues.

It has been scientifically proven that the Earth's temperature has increased steadily over a relatively short period of time. Global warming has had an adverse effect on the world's climate with an increase in extreme weather conditions such as drought and flooding. Furthermore, the polar ice caps are shrinking, which has resulted in a rise in sea levels that threatens to engulf certain regions.

Deforestation, in addition, has accelerated with huge swathes of natural habitats destroyed. For instance, the Amazon rainforest has been reduced in size at a record rate over the previous decades. The effect on indigenous animals has been dire with many species pushed to the brink of extinction through the loss of their natural habitat.

The negative effects of both trends are significant; however, they are symptoms of the root problem which is overpopulation. The world's population now stands at approximately 8 billion and is projected to increase to 10 billion by 2050. This rise has placed increasing demands on the earth's natural resources and increased the levels of CO2 emissions to an extent that the rise in global temperatures is out of control.

In conclusion, global warming has contributed to life threatening weather conditions and the rise in sea levels, while deforestation has contributed to the extinction of several species. However, both are the result of the spectacular rise in the world's population to levels that have become unsustainable.

275 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people believe that it is the responsibility of supermarkets and manufactures to reduce the amount of packaging they use on products, while others are of the opinion that customers should avoid goods with excessive packaging.

Discuss both points of view and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

It is believed by some that retail outlets and producers should use as little packaging as possible, while others argue that consumers should boycott products that are excessively packaged. The essay will consider both these viewpoints while proposing that it is the responsibility of governments to combat this issue.

The amount of product packaging, particularly single-use plastics, has reached levels that pose a clear threat to our natural environment. Manufacturers and supermarkets are fully aware of the damage this type of packaging causes because of well-documented evidence. However, they continue to do very little to address this and take the cheapest, most convenient option of using materials that contribute to pollution to maximize their profits.

The influence of the consumer is very powerful, which is why some advocate the direct action of refusing to buy goods that have pollution-causing packaging. Customers can send a clear message to manufacturers that they will not contribute to pollution, which in turn will reduce company profit margins and force them to act. For instance, consumers can boycott products that are not clearly labeled with information about the packaging, such as 100% recyclable plastic.

Governments, through regulatory bodies, need to take immediate action to reduce the damage to the environment caused by too much packaging. Therefore, governments should impose penalties, such as an additional tax on companies that continue to use such practices. In addition, governments must introduce a complete ban on these harmful materials and fine all companies that violate it.

In conclusion, even though a consumer boycott can be effective in reducing the amount of packaging, it can be inconsistent, and manufacturers will always prioritize profits. Therefore, governments must introduce legislation to end the use of excessive and harmful packaging.

287 words

Discuss both views and give your own opinion

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Some people work for the same organization all their working life. Others think it is better to work for different employers.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

While many are in favor of the practice of dedicating their lives to a particular organization, others prefer to work for different ones. This essay will discuss both these beliefs and state the writer's opinion for why it is more advantageous to work for various companies.

For many employees, loyalty to a single company affords them the opportunity to become specialists who can gain valuable insights and expert knowledge in their particular vocation. This expertise, in turn, can provide the opportunity for career advancement. For instance, the CEO of a famous international bank started his career working as a bank teller. Because of his understanding of the industry, he worked his way up the corporate structure to the most senior position.

On the other hand, there are those who claim that it is more beneficial to work for a variety of organizations. The primary reason for this belief is the positive experience that can be gained by working in more challenging work environments, which have more progressive working practices. The ability of employees to be able to conform to alternative situations adds to the skills set, specifically flexibility and adaptability.

My own belief is that it is more beneficial for employees to work for a variety of companies, specifically when it pertains to professional development. Overcoming fresh challenges, presented in a different workplace, are essential for professional growth. In addition, changing organizations prevents feelings of monotony, which can have a negative impact on motivation and job satisfaction.

In conclusion, although employment with the same organization for a long period can provide the opportunity for specialization and possible promotion, it is my contention that working for a variety of companies increases an employee's skills.

283 words

Causes and Solutions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

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

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

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Obesity, in recent years, has become prevalent in certain nations which has resulted in a decline in the levels of well-being. This essay will discuss reasons for this phenomenon along with proposing some measures that can be implemented to reverse this trend.

The major reasons for weight gain, in my estimation, are an imbalanced diet along with a sedentary lifestyle. People nowadays have a preference for convenience food because they either do not have sufficient time to prepare a healthy meal or they are probably ignorant of the negative effects these fast foods have on their health. An additional factor is the idle lifestyle many citizens live as a result of the changes in working practices. Jobs that were once done entirely by humans have become increasingly automated, especially in the industrial sector, while employees in other fields spend an inordinate amount of time in front of computer screens.

Education can be the key to stemming this unhealthy trend. Throughout the education system, children need to be taught the importance of a healthy, balanced diet in a curriculum that also values and practices physical education. Moreover, citizens could be encouraged, through government health-awareness programs, to do more physical exercise. Having their awareness raised on the ill-effects of weight gain and the numerous benefits of maintaining fitness, people can be incentivized to make positive lifestyle adjustments.

In conclusion, an unhealthy diet and lack of exercise have resulted in obesity amongst people. Governments, therefore, should take responsibility for educating their citizens to be more responsible for their weight levels and physical fitness.

260 words

Causes and Effects

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

An increasing number of professional, such as teachers and doctors, are leaving their own poorer countries to work in developed countries.

What are the reasons for this trend? What effect does it have on the countries professionals are leaving?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Nowadays, professionals from developing countries have a tendency to emigrate to richer countries to find employment. This essay will discuss both the causes of this phenomenon and the issues that affect the nations they are leaving.

The primary reasons skilled employees from emerging nations seek work in more developed countries are a higher standard of living along with professional development. For instance, the average monthly salary for a white-collar worker, such as a teacher, in a developing country pales in comparison to their counterparts in so-called first world nations even though they perform identical duties and responsibilities. Additionally, outdated facilities and equipment in poor states hamper the ability of professionals such as doctors to practice contemporary medicine and improve their skills.

The effect this trend has on developing countries is invariably negative, particularly with regards to the nation's social and economic development. According to Scientific American magazine, every year, more than 4,000 foreign graduates of international medical schools come to the United States for a residency program and very few return home to take up employment in their native countries. This brain drain denies countries the talents of their brightest and best and limits a country's ability to progress as they are continuously faced with the challenge of retaining the most able professionals.

In conclusion, a comfortable material lifestyle coupled with the opportunity to advance one's career are the main reasons why professionals migrate to richer countries. The countries they leave behind struggle to find suitably qualified replacements and thus suffer from social and economic stagnation.

256 words

Multiple Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The internet is a valuable source of information and has given people the opportunity to gain knowledge.

Is all information on the internet reliable?

What can be done to control information online?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

Since its inception, the internet has grown to become a source of important information for many. This essay will discuss whether online information is largely accurate and measures that can be taken to ensure untrustworthy content can be controlled.

These days, almost anyone can open a website and upload any content they choose without formal regulations. Therefore, the result has been the creation of sites that contain information that has not been verified and quite often promote personal social and political agendas. For instance, the development of a vaccine for Covid-19 has witnessed a surge in sites that attempt to discredit the vaccines with no scientific data or research to justify their beliefs. Consequently, the attempts to control and cure this deadly virus have been hampered by the spread of disinformation.

Several countries have existing laws which prohibit sites that incite hatred or prejudice against sections of society, but these laws should be extended to prevent the spread of false information online. For example, governments should legally require that all sites have their facts independently verified by an impartial body and those who do not fulfil this requirement can have their site banned. Fines or imprisonment could be imposed on the perpetrators to deter others from committing the same offense. Alternatively, content warnings could be displayed on sites to inform the public that the information has not been verified and cannot be trusted.

In conclusion, because of the lack of control of what can be published online, many sites contain misinformation. It is governments' responsibility to ensure the public is protected from such malpractice and adopt appropriate measures to prevent it.

273 words

Positive or Negative Development

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

The development of technology has resulted in more employees working from home.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

The advances in technology have provided a lot of workers with the option of doing their jobs remotely rather than in a traditional workplace. This essay will discuss the reasons why this trend has equal positive and negative effects.

The main benefit of remote working is the flexibility it affords the employee in terms of working hours. Traditionally, work hours are fixed, usually from 9 to 5, which means employees are severely restricted in the time they can devote to essential non-work activities. For instance, if an employee needs to have medical treatment such as dental work, they invariably can only schedule it during work time. Consequently, it is at the discretion of the employer whether they can leave the workplace and if their salary will be deducted during this time. Working from home, however, means that workers can schedule time for non-work activities as they do not have to adhere to rigid working hours.

The major drawbacks of working from home are domestic distractions and the absence of camaraderie. Employees who have young families, for example, often get distracted by the demands of taking care of their children, and even though they employ babysitters and have family members to assist them, they cannot stop themselves from getting involved. Additionally, research amongst office workers who work remotely has identified isolation from colleagues as their greatest challenge. These workers miss the human contact and the friendly office atmosphere where they can bond with their co-workers.

To conclude, the major upside of working from one's own home is the flexible hours, whereas the downsides include feelings of isolation and the challenge of keeping focused on work because of their domestic environment.

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Mixed Questions

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic

Nowadays, more people are choosing to socialize online rather than face-to-face. Why is this happening? Is this a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

An increasing number of people are meeting and interacting with friends and family via social media sites rather than in person. This essay will discuss the reason for this trend along with the writer's explanation as to why this is a positive phenomenon.

The main explanation for this trend, in my estimation, is the changes in our lifestyle brought about by the increased demands of the workplace. Research has shown that employees are working a lot more hours these days; however, keeping in touch with their loved ones has never been easier because of the advances in the development of technology. A case in point is my flat mate's experience. Because of her comparatively high workload, scheduling time for in-person socializing is very challenging. Rather than lose touch, however, she finds it convenient to use technology to maintain relationships.

In spite of the risks of becoming a victim of criminal practice, such as fraud, I believe that communicating online has been a positive enhancement to our daily lives primarily because of the convenience it affords busy people. Before the development of the internet and social media, the length of time between contacting others could be considerable and, in some cases, could result in losing touch permanently. It is no longer necessary to invest time and effort in letter writing, for instance, that can be a burden for those who lead a hectic life.

In conclusion, people have increasingly resorted to interacting through technology because of their busy lifestyle. As a result, this practice has revolutionized the way we socialize and, in my view, has had a positive impact on society.

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