

WRITING TASK 2 PRACTICE

QUESTIONS

ACADEMIC

TYPE 1: OPINION ESSAY

(DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE? / TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE?)

Some people think that universities should only accept students with the highest marks, while others believe that all students should be given a chance.

Do you agree or disagree?

The internet has transformed the way information is shared and consumed, but it has also led to information overload.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

It is better for students to study a wide range of subjects at university rather than specialise in one specific field.

Do you agree or disagree?

Advertising encourages people to buy things they do not need.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Some believe that using mobile phones in public places should be banned.

- Do you agree or disagree?

TYPE 2: DISCUSSION ESSAY

(DISCUSS BOTH VIEWS AND GIVE YOUR OWN OPINION)

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

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Some believe that individuals can do little to protect the environment, while others think it is the responsibility of individuals to make a difference.

Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

Many people prefer to live in cities, while others believe that life in the countryside is better.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Some people believe that learning a foreign language is best at primary school, while others think it should be at secondary school.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Some think the best way to improve road safety is by increasing the minimum legal age for driving cars or riding motorbikes. Others think there are better ways to do this.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.



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TYPE 3: PROBLEM AND SOLUTION ESSAY

(WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF THIS PROBLEM AND HOW CAN IT BE SOLVED?)

In many countries, plastic containers have become more common than ever and are used by many food and drink companies.

What problems are caused by this? What can be done to solve them?

Many large cities are facing increasing problems with traffic congestion.

What are the causes of this? What measures could be taken to tackle the issue?

A growing number of people are overweight and suffering from various health issues.

What are the reasons for this trend? What can be done to address the problem?

The number of homeless people is increasing in many countries.

What are the causes of homelessness, and what can be done to reduce it?

In many parts of the world, students are unable to concentrate in school.

What are the reasons for this, and what can be done to improve concentration?

TYPE 4: ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES ESSAY

(WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES? / DO THE ADVANTAGES OUTWEIGH THE DISADVANTAGES?)

More and more people are choosing to work from home.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this development?

Online education is becoming increasingly popular.

Do the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?

Many people choose to take a gap year between finishing school and starting university.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?

Using public transport has become a common option in urban areas.

Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of this development.

Some companies allow employees to work flexible hours.

Do the advantages of this policy outweigh the disadvantages?



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TYPE 5: TWO-PART / DIRECT QUESTION ESSAY (TWO DISTINCT QUESTIONS ARE ASKED IN ONE PROMPT)

Nowadays, more people move to other countries for work.

Why do they do this? What problems can it cause?

More and more people are buying products online.

What are the reasons for this trend? Is it a positive or negative development?

In some countries, young people are choosing not to vote.

Why is this happening? What can be done to encourage them to vote?

Many people today find it difficult to balance work with their personal life.

What are the causes of this imbalance? How can it be addressed?

Many children spend hours every day playing computer games.

Why is this the case? Is it a positive or negative development?

