

#### **IV. Writing**

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Choose one topic to write about.

1. You see the announcement below in *Society Worldwide*, an international magazine.

##### **CHILDHOOD - PAST AND PRESENT.**

We invite you, our readers, to submit an article on family celebrations which you remember, to be included in our forthcoming series on the changing nature of childhood.

Share your memories with our readers, describing some examples of celebrations from your own childhood and explaining clearly how such celebrations may be different for children today. Write your article.

Write at least 230 words.

2. These days more fathers stay at home and take care of their children while mothers go out to work. What could be the reasons for this? Do you think it is a positive or a negative development?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

3. Some people think that instead of preventing climate change, we need to find a way to live with it. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

5. The older generations tend to have very traditional ideas about how people should live, think and behave. However, some people believe that these ideas are not helpful in preparing younger generations for modern life.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

6. Most tourists who come to your country only visit the same few overcrowded places. Consequently the Tourist Board is trying to encourage people to spend holidays in the countryside, and it is planning a new brochure called The Undiscovered Countryside. You have been asked to write a contribution to the brochure. You should include information about what can be done on a countryside holiday, what kinds of accommodation are available and what the weather conditions are likely to be.

Write the contribution to the brochure.

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

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

8. You have been invited to write an article for PROJECT XXI, an international magazine which covers interesting and important developments throughout the world. The article must draw readers' attention to and raise interest in the main challenge faced by young people in your country at present days. Write the article.

Write at least 230 words.

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

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

11. New stories on TV and in newspapers are very often accompanied by pictures. Some people say that these pictures are more effective than words.

What is your opinion about this?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

12. A British film company would like to make a 30-minute video for tourists about your town. You have been invited to submit proposals stating:

- what places the video should show and why
- who it would be interesting to have interviewed on the video and why
- what is special about the character of your town that the video should try to convey.

Write your proposal.

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11. You have just seen the following advertisement on your school notice board:

#### **COMPETITION!!!**

Help us to improve our English! We need a better range of good magazines for the library and we want you to write a report on your first and second choices of magazines, telling us why you think they would benefit students.

Rules: 1. Magazines, not books or newspapers.

2. Magazines in English.

3. Real magazines, not your own inventions!

Prize: A year's subscription to your own first choice of magazine.

Write your report. Write at least 230 words.

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

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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14. Your college/workplace magazine has a regular feature about videos. This month it is your turn to select three currently available videos of different types (e.g. cinema film, pop/rock, educational, tourist, sports event) and write a review for the magazine, indicating why your colleagues, who are of varied nationalities, might or might not want to watch them. Write at least 230 words.

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

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

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

16. Some people think that all university students should study whatever they like. Others believe that they should only be allowed to study subjects that will be useful in the future, such as those related to science and technology.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

18. It has become increasingly popular for students to spend a period of time studying in another country as part of their course. The SIMON International Student Directory contains information about educational systems throughout the world and aims to help students wishing to study abroad. You have been asked to write the entry about different types of educational opportunities in your country for students from the age of 16 upwards.

Write your entry. Write at least 230 words.

19. In many countries, the amount of crime is increasing.

What do you think are the main causes of crime? How can we deal with those causes?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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20. Some experts believe that it is better for children to begin learning a foreign language at primary school rather than secondary school.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

21. You have seen the following in an international magazine.

**WANT A FREE TRIP TO YOUR IDEAL DESTINATION?**

Tell us about recent improvements in facilities for visitors to your country. We'll publish the most informative articles each month and after six months we'll fly the author of the best article anywhere in the world.

**HAVE THE HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME!**

Write the article about facilities for visitors to your country. Write at least 230 words.

22. Some people say that the best way to improve public health is by increasing the number of sports facilities. Others, however, say that this would have little effect on public health and that other measures are required.

Discuss both 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 230 words.



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23. Every year several languages die out. Some people think that this is not important because life will be easier if there are fewer languages in the world.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

24. A new satellite TV series is being shown in your country. It seems worth watching for several reasons, including the quality of the English language used. Write a review of the series for your school newsletter, encouraging schoolmates to watch regularly.

Write at least 230 words.

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

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

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 230 words.

27. An international organisation is conducting research into employment prospects in different parts of the world. You have been asked to contribute a report entitled Opportunities for School-leavers with particular reference to your local area. You should include information on kinds of employment available for young people, pay and conditions, and training possibilities.

Write at least 230 words.

28. Increasing the price of petrol is the best way to solve growing traffic and pollution problems. To what extent do you agree or disagree? What other measures do you think might be effective?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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29. In some countries the average weight of people is increasing and their levels of health and fitness are decreasing.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

30. Today more people are travelling than ever before.

Why is this the case? What are the benefits of travelling for the traveller?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

31. Some people say that education system is the only critical factor to development of a country. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

You should write at least 230 words.

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

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

33. Some people believe that there should be fixed punishments for each type of crime. Others, however, argue that the circumstances of an individual crime, and the motivation for committing it, should always be taken into account when deciding on the punishment.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

34. 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?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

36. Can you think of any social benefits of immigration? Are there any economic or social disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

37. Dieting can change a person's life for the better or ruin one's health completely. What is your opinion?

Write at least 230 words

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38. The best way to reduce the number of traffic accidents is to raise age limit for the younger drivers and lower age limit for the aged ones. Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

39. "Home schooling belongs to the past and is unacceptable in the modern society.

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

Use your own knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence. Write at least 230 words

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

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

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41. Financial education should be mandatory component of the school program. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Write at least 230 words

42. Many people believe that formal “pen and paper” examinations are not the best method of assessing educational achievement.

Discuss this view and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

43. Some people choose to eat no meat or fish. They believe that this is not only better for their own health but also benefits the world as a whole.

Discuss this view and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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44. Ecological balance is impossible to archive when technological progress constantly ruins our environment. Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

45. Modern communications mean that it's no longer necessary to write letters.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

46. Many childhood diseases can now be prevented through the use of vaccines.

Should parents be made by law to immunise their children against common diseases or should individuals have the right to choose not to immunise their children?

You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence. You should write at least 230 words.



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47. Many criminals re-offend after they have been punished. Why do some people continue to commit crimes after they have been punished, and what measures can be taken to tackle this problem?

You should write at least 230 words.

48. Many people believe that parents are not as close to their children as they used to be. Suggest some reasons why this could be true.

You should use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and relevant evidence. You should write at least 230 words.

49. In today's job market it is far more important to have practical skills than theoretical knowledge. In the future, job applicants may not need any formal qualifications.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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60. Some people think schools should group pupils according to their academic ability, but others believe pupils with different abilities should be educated together. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Write at least 230 words.

51. It is generally believed that the Internet is an excellent means of communication but some people suggest that it may not be the best place to find information.

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 230 words

52. More and more students are choosing to study at colleges and universities in a foreign country. Do the benefits of studying abroad outweigh the drawbacks?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

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53. Some people believe that it is wrong to keep animals in zoos, while others think that zoos are both entertaining and ecologically important. Discuss both views.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

54. Some people think that school children need to learn practical skills such as car maintenance or bank account management along with the academic subjects at school. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

55. Some people think that human history has been a journey from ignorance to knowledge. Others argue that this underestimates the achievements of ancient cultures, and overvalues our achievements.

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 230 words.

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56. 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 230 words

57. Many high-level positions in companies are filled by men even though the workforce in many developed countries is more than 60 per cent female. Companies should be required to allocate a certain percentage of these positions to women.

To what extent do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

58. It has been said that the world is becoming a global village in which there are no boundaries to trade and communication. Do the benefits of globalisation outweigh the drawbacks? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 230 words

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59. Some people believe that the range of technology available to individuals today is increasing the gap between rich people and poor people, while others say that technology has the opposite effect. Discuss both views and give your opinion. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

60. Is freedom of speech necessary in a free society?  
Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

61. Some people think women should be allowed to join the army, the navy and the air force just like men.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

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62. Machine translation (MT) is faster but less accurate than human translation and there is no immediate or predictable likelihood of machines taking over this role from humans.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

63. More and more people are migrating to cities in search of a better life, but city life can be extremely difficult. Explain some of the difficulties of living in a city. How can governments make urban life better for everyone? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

64. Competitiveness is considered to be a positive quality among people.

How does competitiveness affect individuals?

Is competitiveness a positive or negative quality? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words

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65. Many people say that we now live in 'consumer societies' where money and possessions are given too much importance. Others believe that consumer culture has played a vital role in improving our lives. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Write at least 230 words.

66. Modern lifestyles mean that many parents have little time for their children. Many children suffer because they do not get as much attention from their parents as children did in the past.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 230 words.

67. Despite improvements in vehicle technology, there are still large numbers of road accidents.

Explain some of the causes of these accidents, and suggest some measures that could be taken to address the problem.

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

Write at least 230 words.

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68. Some people believe that robots will play an important role in future societies, while others argue that robots might have negative effects on society.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

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

Write at least 230 words.

69. Computers and modems have made it possible for office workers to do much of their work from home instead of working in offices every day. Working from home should be encouraged as it is good for workers and employers.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 230 words.

70. Nowadays many students have the opportunity to study for part or all of their courses in foreign countries.

While studying abroad brings many benefits to individual students, it also has a number of disadvantages.

Do you agree or disagree?

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

Write at least 230 words.



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71. As mass communication and transport continue to grow, societies are becoming more and more alike leading to a phenomenon known as globalization. Some people fear that globalization will inevitably lead to the total loss of cultural identity.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

72. In some countries young people have little leisure time and are under a lot of pressure to work hard in their studies.

What do you think are the causes of this?

What solutions can you suggest?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

73. Several languages are in danger of extinction because they are spoken by very small numbers of people. Some people say that governments should spend public money on saving these languages, while others believe that would be a waste of money.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

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74. Universities should accept equal numbers of male and female students in every subject. To what extent do you agree or disagree? You should write at least 230 words.

75. Some people say that advertising encourages us to buy things that we really do not need. Others say that advertisements tell us about new products that may improve our lives. Which viewpoint do you agree with?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

76. School children are becoming far too dependent on computers. This is having an alarming effect on reading and writing skills. Teachers need to avoid using computers in the classroom at all costs and go back to teaching basic study skills.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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77. Governments should make more effort to promote alternative sources of energy.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

78. It is right that university graduates should earn more money than less well educated people, but they should pay the full cost of their education.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Write at least 230 words.

79. Illiteracy has traditionally been viewed as largely a third world problem.

However it is becoming apparent that in countries such as the USA and Australia, illiteracy is on the increase.

Discuss possible causes for this and its effect on society.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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80. The money given to help poor countries does not solve the problem of poverty, so rich countries should give other types of help instead.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

81. In today's competitive world, many families find it necessary for both parents to go out to work. While some say the children in these families benefit from the additional income, others feel they lack support because of their parents' absence.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

82. Behaviour in schools is getting worse. Explain the causes and effects of this problem, and suggest some possible solutions. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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83. Some people think the main purpose of schools is to turn children into good citizens and workers, rather than to benefit them as individuals.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

84. It has been said, "Not every thing that is learned is contained in books."

Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books. In your opinion, which source is more important? Why?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

85. In the last century, the first man to walk on the moon said it was "a giant leap for mankind". However, some people think it has made little difference to our daily lives.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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86. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Parents are the best teachers.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

87. The number of overweight children in developed countries is increasing. Some people think this is due to problems such as the growing number of fast food outlets. Others believe that parents are to blame for not looking after their children's health.

To what extent do you agree with these views?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

88. Online shopping is increasing dramatically. How could this trend affect our environment and the kinds of jobs required? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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89. Some people believe that studying at university or college is the best route to a successful career, while others believe that it is better to get a job straight after school.

Discuss both views and give your opinion. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

90. People nowadays work hard to buy more things. This has made our lives generally more comfortable, but many traditional values and customs have been lost and this is a pity.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

100. According to those in the travel business, the nature of the average 'holiday' is changing. Rather than seeking a relaxing break in a far-away place, people now want excitement on their holidays and are keen to participate in unusual and challenging activities.

Do you agree or disagree?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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101. Recent figures show an increase in violent crime among youngsters under the age of 18. Some psychologists claim that the basic reason for this is that children these days are not getting the social and emotional learning they need from parents and teachers.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

102. In recent years, there has been growing interest in the relationship between equality and personal achievement. Some people believe that individuals can achieve more in egalitarian societies. Others believe that high levels of personal achievement are possible only if individuals are free to succeed or fail according to their individual merits.

What is your view of the relationship between equality and personal success?

Use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and with relevant evidence. You should write at least 230 words.

103. People who have original ideas are of much greater value to society than those who are simply able to copy the ideas of others well.

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

Use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and with relevant evidence. You should write at least 230 words.



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

What factors contribute to job satisfaction?

How realistic is the expectation of job satisfaction for all workers?

Use your own ideas, knowledge and experience and support your arguments with examples and with relevant evidence. You should write at least 230 words.

105. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of having a car.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

106. Childhood obesity is becoming a serious problem in many countries. Explain the main causes and effects of this problem, and suggest some possible solutions.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

## 11 Grade

### IV. Writing

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

107. The main reason people go to work is to earn money.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

What, in your opinion, should be the function of a university? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

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

Which do you consider to be the major influence?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

## 11 Grade

### IV. Writing

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

110. Many people say that the only way to guarantee getting a good job is to complete a course of university education. Others claim that it is better to start work after school and gain experience in the world of work.

How far do you agree or disagree with the above views?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 230 words.

111. The range and quality of food that we can buy has changed because of technological and scientific advances. Some people regard this change as an improvement, while others believe that it is harmful.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

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

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

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### **IV. Writing**

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

113. There are many different types of music in the world today. Why do we need music? Is the traditional music of a country more important than the international music that is heard everywhere nowadays? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

114. In the developed world, average life expectancy is increasing. What problems will this cause for individuals and society? Suggest some measures that could be taken to reduce the impact of ageing populations. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

115. Traffic and housing problems in major cities could be solved by moving large companies and factories and their employees to the countryside.

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

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

## 11 Grade

### IV. Writing

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

116. It is true that weddings have become more costly and extravagant in recent years. There are several reasons for this, and in my view it is a negative trend. You should write at least 230 words.

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

117. Some people think that all teenagers should be required to do unpaid work in their free time to help the local community. They believe this would benefit both the individual teenager and society as a whole.

Do you agree or disagree? You should write at least 230 words.

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

118. Some people think that it is important to have a single language as an international official language. Others think that it will make it difficult to identify countries and cause a loss of culture.

What are your opinions on this?

You should write at least 230 words.

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

## 11 Grade

### IV. Writing

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

118. In many countries nowadays, young single people no longer stay with their parents until they are married, but leave to study or work somewhere else.

Do you think this trend has more advantages or disadvantages?

You should write at least 230 words.

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

119. Some people think that governments should give financial support to creative artists such as painters and musicians. Others believe that creative artists should be funded by alternative sources. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

120. People have different job expectations for jobs. Some people prefer to do the same job for the same company, whereas others prefer to change jobs frequently.

Write about the advantages and disadvantages of each viewpoint?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

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### IV. Writing

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

121. The subjects that children are taught in schools are decided by central authorities. Some people say that teachers, not politicians, should be responsible for this task. To what extent you agree or disagree with this opinion? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. You should write at least 230 words.

122. Nowadays animal experiments are widely used to develop new medicines and to test the safety of other products. Some people argue that these experiments should be banned because it is morally wrong to cause animals to suffer, while others are in favour of them because of their benefits to humanity. Discuss both views and give your own opinion. You should write at least 230 words.

123. What discovery in the last 100 years has been most beneficial for people in your country?  
Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.  
You should write at least 230 words. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

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### IV. Writing

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

124. Some people think that universities should not provide so much theoretical knowledge but give more practical training throughout their courses.

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

You should write at least 230 words. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

125. Children who are brought up in families that do not have large amounts of money are better prepared to deal with the problems of adult life than children brought up by wealthy parents.

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

You should write at least 260 words.

126. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

A person should never make an important decision alone.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

You should write at least 230 words. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.



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### IV. Writing

**Maximum score for Writing section = 40 points**

**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

127. Some people believe that a college or university education should be available to all students. Others believe that higher education should be available only to good students.

Discuss these views. Which view do you agree with? Explain why.

You should write at least 230 words. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

128. The role of prisons should be to punish criminals who have committed serious crimes. Training courses and education offered to prisoners are a waste of taxpayer's money. To what extent do you agree or disagree? You should write at least 230 words.

129. Some people regard video games as harmless fun, or even as a useful educational tool.

Others, however, believe that video games are having an adverse effect on the people who play them. In your opinion, do the drawbacks of video games outweigh the benefits?

You should write at least 260 words.

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### IV. Writing

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**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

130. When people move to another country, some of them decide to follow the customs of the new country.

Others prefer to keep their own customs. Compare these two choices.

Which one do you prefer? Support your answer with specific details.

You should write at least 230 words.

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

131. Some people think that all university students should study whatever they like. Others believe that they should only be allowed to study subjects that will be useful in the future, such as those related to science and technology.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Write at least 230 words.

132. Some people think that strict punishments for driving offences are the key to reducing traffic accidents. Others, however, believe that other measures would be more effective in improving road safety. 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 230 words.

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### IV. Writing

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**Time for Writing section = 60 minutes**

Choose one topic to write about.

133. Governments should not have to provide care or financial support for elderly people because it is the responsibility of each person to prepare for retirement and support him or herself.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion? You should write at least 230 words.

134. Some people say that computers have made life easier and more convenient.

Other people say that computers have made life more complex and stressful.

What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

You should write at least 230 words.

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

135. Countries are becoming more and more similar because people are able to buy the same products anywhere in the world. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

You should write at least 230 words.