

*Choose an essay from the following questions.*

*You should spend about 40 minutes on this task and write at least 250 words.*

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

- 1 A growing number of people feel that animals should not be exploited by people and that they should have the same rights as humans, while others argue that humans must employ animals to satisfy their various needs, including uses for food and research.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

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- 2 In some countries governments are encouraging industry and business to move out of large cities and go to regional areas.

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

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- 3 Education is not a luxury, but a basic human right and as such should be free for everyone irrespective of personal wealth.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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- 4 In most countries multinational companies and their products are becoming more and more important. This trend is seriously damaging our quality of life.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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- 5 More and more qualified people are moving from poor to rich countries to fill vacancies in specialist areas like engineering, computing and medicine. Some people believe that by encouraging the movement of such people, rich countries are stealing from poor countries. Others feel that this is only part of the natural movement of workers around the world.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

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- 6 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?

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- 7 Scientists and the news media are presenting ever more evidence of climate change. Governments cannot be expected to solve this problem. It is the responsibility of individuals to change their lifestyle to prevent further damage.

What are your views?

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- 8 Successful sports professionals can earn a great deal more money than people in other important professions. Some people think this is fully justified while others think it is unfair.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

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- 9 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.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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- 10 Universities should allocate the same amount of money to their sport activities as they allocate to their libraries.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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- 11 The world is experiencing a dramatic increase in population, which is causing problems not only for poor, undeveloped countries, but also for industrialized and developed nations.

Describe some of the problems that overpopulation causes, and suggest at least one possible solution.

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- 12 In many countries the proportion of elderly people is increasing.

Could this trend have more positive or negative effects on society?

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- 13 Even though globalization affects the world's economies in a very positive way, its negative side should not be forgotten.

Discuss.

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- 14** Millions of people every year move to English- speaking countries such as Australia, Britain or America, in order to study at school, college or university.

Why do so many people want to study in English?  
Why is English such an important international language?

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- 15** In today's world of advanced science and technology, we still greatly value artists such as such as writers, musicians and painters.

What can the arts tell us about life that science cannot?

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- 16** Every year an increasing number of students choose to go to another country for their higher education.

Do you think the benefits of this development outweigh the problems associated with it?

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- 17** Some people prefer to spend their lives doing the same things and avoiding changes. Others, however think that change is always a good thing.

Discuss both sides and give your own opinion.

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- 18** Popular events like the football world cup and other international sporting occasions are essential in easing international tensions and releasing patriotic emotions in a safe way.

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

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- 19** Fresh water has always been a limited resource in some parts of the world. Today, however, growing worldwide demand has made this a global problem.

What are the causes of the increased demand and what measure could governments and individuals take to respond to this problem?

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- 20** 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?

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