

ESSAY FEEDBACK

Some people think that the government is wasting money on the arts and that this money could be spent elsewhere.

To what extent do you agree with this view?

Content corrections

Sometimes people criticize the government for spending too much money on the arts instead of allocating them to projects that are more important [good paraphrased intro statement]. In my opinion, the government should not reduce expenditures for the art because it is a matter of our culture and education that are required in any modern society. Moreover, I am convinced that the culture does not always receive enough money.

Your thesis Statement is not that clear. I'm not sure what "it is a matter of our culture and education that are required in any modern society" means. I think this is because "it is a matter" is wrong.

You have 3 supporting points for your essay. So you have two choices. Either specifically refer to these (a direct thesis statement): e.g.

In my opinion, the government should not reduce expenditure on the arts because it improves the image of the country, avoids job losses, and raises educational standards.

Or indirect where it is less specific:

In my opinion, the government should not reduce expenditure on the arts for several reasons.

I would recommend the second as it's easier and quicker. Plus the first can be difficult as it has to be parallel.

The first reason that [this makes it more coherent. Without this it at first seems like your first sentence is a topic sentence for the whole paragraph, but it's not. It's the first of three points so make sure that is clear] we should not safe on our culture including arts because conducting various exhibitions, festivals and concerts can improve the image of any country among tourists and locals. Secondly, if we reduce the funding, many people who work in this industry may lose their jobs. In addition, I think that people attending art exhibitions become more educated and satisfied and as a result, such people have better productivity [productive in what way? This needs a bit more clarification] overall that is an advantage for the country in general.

Generally a good paragraph as you present several ideas that are all clear, though note my point about the third point.

On the other hand, I understand people, who suppose that the government spend too much money on the arts, because they deem it was more important to build roads, bridges or invest more in medicine. They think that buildings or medical equipment are tangible and may bring much utility, in contrast, art and other cultural projects begin and end and often after that, nothing remains. Another disadvantage is that some art projects may not always be successful, [another sentence just to explain this would help or a short example of something that may not be successful. You don't have much time so it should not be a long example. I've given a possibility] such as exhibitions that few people attend, and this is another reason to consider them a waste of money.

Again, generally a good paragraph as you explain your ideas, though note my point above.

In conclusion, attracting more private investors, who will fund or sponsor arts, might be a partial solution of this problem [avoid offering solutions as it may appear like you are adding new ideas which you should not do in a conclusion. Just having the last sentence is fine] I believe that despite other concerns about this issue, art occupies the significant place in our society and it is too gullible not to finance it sufficiently because it may deprive us of the opportunity to be more educated in matters of our culture.

Grammar corrections

Sometimes people criticize the government for spending too much money on the arts instead of allocating them [it] to projects that are more important. In my opinion, the government should not reduce expenditures for [expenditure on] the arts because it is a matter [part / aspect] of our culture and education that are [is] required in any modern society. Moreover, I am convinced that the culture [the arts - 'culture' cannot be used in this was as a synonym for the arts, even if the internet suggests it can. But you could say 'cultural projects' as you do near the end of the essay] does not always receive enough money.

We should not safe [save] on our culture including the arts because conducting various exhibitions, festivals and concerts can improve the image of any country among tourists and locals. Secondly, if we reduce the funding, many people who work in this industry may lose their jobs. In addition, I think that people attending art exhibitions become more educated and satisfied and as a result, such people have better productivity overall that [overall, which - check when you can use 'that' in relative clauses - <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/relative-clauses.html>] is an advantage for the country in general.

On the other hand, I understand people, who suppose [people who think/believe] that the government spends too much money on the arts, because they deem it was [is] more important to build roads, bridges or invest more in medicine. They think that buildings or medical equipment are tangible and may bring much utility, in contrast, [...utility. In contrast,... - 'in contrast can't be used to join clauses - check the links below to clauses and structure] art and other cultural projects begin and end and often after that, nothing remains. Another disadvantage is that some art projects may not always be successful, and this is another reason to consider them a waste of money

In conclusion, attracting more private investors, who will fund or sponsor arts, might be a partial solution of [to] this problem. I believe that despite other concerns about this issue, art occupies the [a] significant place in our society and it is too gullible [I'm not sure what you are trying to say here, but 'gullible' is definitely the wrong word. It means you too easily believe something or get duped into doing something. Something like 'it does not make sense' would fit.] not to finance it sufficiently because it may deprive us of the opportunity to be more educated in matters of our culture.

<https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/sentence-clauses.html>

<https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/sentence-structure.html>

Band Criteria	Remarks (refer to the attached public band descriptors)	Band 6.5
Task Response	<p>These are taken from the official public band descriptors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> addresses all parts of the task - Yes presents a clear position throughout the response - Yes presents, extends and supports main ideas, but there may be a tendency to over-generalise and/or supporting ideas may lack focus - Yes <p>All these criteria are met, though as I point out you lack focus with a few of your ideas and over-generalise.</p>	7
Coherence and Cohesion	There are some faults with cohesion and coherence so it is not quite a 7. As I pointed out, the first sentence of the first body paragraph is not quite clear and 'in contrast' is not joined properly. Some of the cohesive devices are a bit mechanical (secondly; in addition], so could be made more sophisticated to get a 7.	6
Lexical Resource	There are some errors but you have some good collocations, an awareness of style and you do use some less common lexical items (vocabulary).	7
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	This is nearly a 7 but not quite. Most sentences have around 1 error which is a bit too much to get a 7, and the grammar errors that there are are quite noticeable.	6

Concluding remarks

You are close to a band 7. The things to work on are coherence and grammar so take note of the content and grammar errors that I pointed out.