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Both views topics and idea generation

1. Nowadays famous people are photographed by professional photographers everywhere they go. Some people say this is a good thing because the public are interested in their lives. Other people think that photographers are wrong to follow famous people.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. give 2 reasons for each view explain each view with why ? How ? and example

View 1: Photographers following celebrities can be a good thing

Reason 1: The public is genuinely interested in celebrities' lives

- Why? Famous people influence fashion, entertainment and popular culture, so people naturally want to know what they do outside their professional lives.
- How? Photographers provide pictures of celebrities attending events, travelling or spending time with friends, which satisfies public curiosity.
- Example: For example, when a famous actor visits a new country, photographs of their trip may become popular on social media because fans are interested in their lifestyle.

Reason 2: It can help celebrities promote themselves and their work

- Why? Publicity is extremely important for actors, singers and other public figures.
- How? Photographs taken by the media can keep celebrities in the public eye and indirectly promote their films, music, fashion brands or other projects.
- Example: For instance, when a popular actor is photographed at the premiere of a new film, the pictures may attract attention online and encourage more people to watch the movie.

View 2: Photographers are wrong to constantly follow famous people

Reason 1: Celebrities deserve privacy in their personal lives

- **Why?** Being famous does not mean that a person gives up their basic right to privacy.
- **How?** Constant photography can make celebrities feel watched wherever they go, even when they are spending private time with family or friends.
- **Example:** For example, a celebrity having dinner with their children may want to enjoy a peaceful family occasion, but paparazzi taking photographs could make the experience stressful and uncomfortable.

Reason 2: Excessive photography can become harassment and create safety risks

- **Why?** Some photographers may go to extreme lengths to obtain exclusive pictures because such images can be highly profitable.
- **How?** They may follow celebrities in cars, wait outside their homes or chase them in public places, potentially causing accidents or threatening their safety.
- **Example:** A clear example is when paparazzi pursue a celebrity's vehicle to get photographs, which can distract the driver and increase the risk of a serious road accident.

My opinion

I believe photographers should be allowed to photograph famous people in public places, but constantly following them is unacceptable. There is a legitimate public interest in celebrities and their professional activities, but this should not outweigh their right to privacy and personal safety.

2. Some people say that young people should be encouraged to leave home when they become adults, while others claim it is better if they remain with their family. Discuss both views and give your opinion

View 1: Young people should leave home when they become adults

Reason 1: It develops independence and responsibility

- **Why?** Living away from parents forces young adults to make their own decisions and take responsibility for their daily lives.
- **How?** They have to manage cooking, cleaning, budgeting, paying bills and solving problems without relying on their parents.

- **Example:** For example, a university graduate who moves to another city for a job may learn how to manage rent and monthly expenses, which can make them more financially responsible and self-reliant.

Reason 2: It helps them develop personally and professionally

- **Why?** Moving away from home exposes young people to new environments, people and experiences.
- **How?** They have more opportunities to build social networks, adapt to different lifestyles and make career-related decisions independently.
- **Example:** For instance, a young person who moves from a small town to Dhaka for a job may meet people from different backgrounds and develop communication and professional skills that could improve their career prospects.

View 2: Young people should remain with their family

Reason 1: Living with family provides emotional and practical support

- **Why?** Young adults can face considerable pressure from education, employment and relationships, so having family nearby can provide emotional security.
- **How?** Parents can offer advice, encouragement and practical help when their children experience difficulties.
- **Example:** For example, a young graduate who is struggling to find a suitable job may benefit from living with their parents because they can provide emotional support and advice while the graduate searches for employment.

Reason 2: Staying at home can reduce financial pressure

- **Why?** Moving out can be extremely expensive, particularly for young people who are studying or starting their first job.
- **How?** By living with their parents, they can avoid or reduce expenses such as rent, utility bills and food costs, allowing them to save money.
- **Example:** For instance, a young employee who continues living with their family might save a significant portion of their salary and eventually use those savings to buy a house or start a business.

My opinion

I would argue that young adults should eventually move out when they are financially and emotionally ready, rather than leaving home simply because they have reached a certain age. Although living with parents offers valuable support and financial advantages, becoming independent is an important part of adulthood.

3. Some people think that the best way to get the news is through newspapers while others think it is through online media. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Newspapers are the best way to get news

Reason 1: Newspapers provide reliable and well-researched information

- Why? Traditional newspapers usually have professional journalists and editors who check information before publication.
- How? News stories often go through fact-checking and editorial processes, which can reduce inaccurate or misleading information.
- Example: For example, when reporting on a major political or economic event, a newspaper may interview several sources and verify statistics before publishing the article.

Reason 2: Newspapers offer detailed and comprehensive coverage

- Why? Printed newspapers have enough space to explain the background and consequences of important events rather than simply giving short updates.
- How? Readers can find analysis, interviews, opinions and supporting information in one place.
- Example: For instance, a newspaper article about climate change may explain its causes, long-term effects and government policies, giving readers a deeper understanding of the issue.

View 2: Online media is the best way to get news

Reason 1: Online media provides news much faster

- Why? Digital platforms can publish information immediately after an event occurs.
- How? News websites, apps and social media can send instant notifications, whereas printed newspapers normally have to wait until the next publication.
- Example: For example, if a major earthquake occurs, people can receive updates about casualties, rescue operations and warnings within minutes through online news platforms.

Reason 2: Online media is more convenient and accessible

- Why? People can access digital news almost anywhere using a smartphone or computer.

- How? They can read news while travelling, at work or at home without carrying a physical newspaper.
- Example: For instance, a university student can check international news on their phone while commuting to class, making it easier to stay informed despite having a busy schedule.

4. Some believe success in life comes from hard work, dedication, and motivation. While many believe success depends on other important factors like money and appearance. Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

View 1: Success comes from hard work, dedication and motivation

Reason 1: Hard work and dedication help people develop skills

- Why? Success usually requires expertise and experience, which cannot be gained overnight.
- How? By consistently practising and working towards a goal, people can improve their abilities and overcome weaknesses.
- Example: For example, a student who studies regularly and practises difficult subjects every day is more likely to achieve excellent academic results than someone who relies only on natural intelligence.

Reason 2: Motivation helps people overcome failure and difficulties

- Why? Most successful people face setbacks before achieving their goals.
- How? Strong motivation encourages them to learn from their mistakes, remain focused and continue working despite obstacles.
- Example: For instance, an entrepreneur whose first business fails may use the experience to improve their strategy and eventually establish a successful company.

View 2: Success depends on money and appearance

Reason 1: Money provides access to better opportunities

- Why? Financial resources can give people access to high-quality education, training, technology and professional networks.

- How? These advantages can make it easier for wealthy individuals to develop skills and enter competitive fields.
- Example: For example, a wealthy student may be able to attend a prestigious university and take expensive professional courses, giving them advantages over someone from a financially disadvantaged background.

Reason 2: Appearance can influence people's first impressions

- Why? In many professions, people are judged partly by their appearance, particularly in industries such as modelling, entertainment and sales.
- How? An attractive and well-presented person may receive more attention and create a positive first impression, which can lead to professional opportunities.
- Example: For instance, companies recruiting sales representatives may prefer candidates who are confident and well-groomed because they need to interact with customers and represent the company's image.



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5. Some people think that technological development decreases crime in society while others believe it actually encourages crime. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Technological development decreases crime

Reason 1: Technology makes it easier to monitor and prevent criminal activity

- **Why?** Modern technology allows police and authorities to observe public places and identify suspicious behaviour.
- **How?** CCTV cameras, facial-recognition systems and automated security systems can monitor streets, shops and transport facilities, while recorded footage can help identify offenders.

- **Example:** For example, if a robbery occurs in a shopping centre, CCTV footage can help police identify the suspect and reconstruct what happened.

Reason 2: Technology improves the ability of police to solve crimes

- **Why?** Digital tools allow law-enforcement agencies to collect and analyse evidence more efficiently.
- **How?** Technologies such as DNA analysis, digital databases, GPS tracking and forensic software can provide evidence that would have been difficult to obtain in the past.
- **Example:** For instance, investigators can use DNA evidence found at a crime scene to identify a suspect, even when there are no eyewitnesses.

View 2: Technology encourages crime

Reason 1: It has created new forms of crime

- **Why?** Criminals can now exploit the internet and digital systems to commit offences remotely.
- **How?** Hackers can steal personal information, break into accounts, spread malware or conduct online financial fraud without physically meeting their victims.
- **Example:** For example, criminals may send fake banking messages to people and persuade them to reveal passwords or one-time security codes, allowing money to be stolen from their accounts.

Reason 2: Technology allows criminals to commit crimes on a much larger scale

- **Why?** Digital platforms allow criminals to reach thousands or even millions of potential victims quickly.
- **How?** A fraudulent website, scam message or malicious social-media campaign can be distributed to a huge number of people at very little cost.
- **Example:** For instance, an online scammer can send thousands of fraudulent messages in a single day, potentially defrauding victims in several different countries.



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6. Some people think competition at work, school and in daily life is a good thing, while others believe we should cooperate more. Discuss both views and give your opinion

View 1: Competition is a good thing

Reason 1: Competition motivates people to perform better

- Why? When people compete with others, they often become more determined to improve their performance.
- How? Competition encourages them to work harder, set higher goals and identify their weaknesses.
- Example: For example, students who compete for the highest grades may study more consistently and spend extra time practising difficult subjects.

Reason 2: Competition encourages innovation and progress

- Why? When companies or individuals compete, they have to find better ways of doing things to stay ahead.
- How? Businesses may develop new products, improve their services or reduce prices in order to attract customers.
- Example: For instance, competition between smartphone companies has encouraged them to introduce better cameras, longer-lasting batteries and more advanced features.

View 2: Cooperation is more beneficial

Reason 1: Cooperation helps people solve problems more effectively

- Why? Many modern problems are too complicated for one person to solve alone.
- How? When people combine their knowledge, skills and experience, they can approach a problem from different perspectives and find better solutions.
- Example: For example, during a natural disaster, doctors, firefighters, police officers and volunteers need to cooperate to rescue victims and provide essential services.

Reason 2: Cooperation creates stronger relationships and a healthier environment

- Why? Excessive competition can make people view others as rivals rather than teammates.
- How? Cooperation encourages people to support each other, share knowledge and build trust, which can create a more positive environment at school and work.

- Example: For instance, employees who work together on a project can share their expertise and help one another overcome difficulties, resulting in both better relationships and better results.

My opinion

I believe both competition and cooperation are valuable, but cooperation is more important in daily life and the workplace. Healthy competition can motivate people and encourage progress, but excessive competition may create stress, jealousy and conflict. Therefore, people should compete when it encourages improvement while cooperating when achieving a common goal.

7. Some believe academic success depends on good teachers, while others think it depends on students' attitude and determination. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

View 1: Academic success depends on good teachers

Reason 1: Good teachers make difficult subjects easier to understand

- Why? Some academic concepts are complicated, and students may struggle to understand them without proper guidance.
- How? Skilled teachers can explain difficult ideas in simple ways, use practical examples and adapt their teaching methods to different students.
- Example: For example, a good mathematics teacher can break a complicated algebra problem into several simple steps, enabling weaker students to understand it and perform better in exams.

Reason 2: Teachers provide guidance and identify students' weaknesses

- Why? Students may not always recognise which areas they need to improve.
- How? Experienced teachers can assess students' performance, give constructive feedback and recommend specific strategies for improvement.
- Example: For instance, an English teacher may notice that a student repeatedly makes grammatical errors and give them targeted exercises, helping them improve their writing and achieve a higher IELTS score.

View 2: Academic success depends on students' attitude and determination

Reason 1: Determination encourages consistent effort

- Why? Even the best teacher cannot force a student to study or practise if they have no motivation.
- How? A determined student is more likely to attend classes regularly, complete assignments, revise lessons and continue studying despite difficulties.
- Example: For example, a student who struggles with physics but studies for two hours every day and regularly practises past papers can eventually achieve excellent results.

Reason 2: A positive attitude helps students overcome failure

- Why? Academic progress often involves mistakes and setbacks, so students need resilience rather than giving up after a poor result.
- How? Students with a growth-oriented attitude can learn from their mistakes, accept feedback and change their study strategies.
- Example: For instance, if a student performs poorly in their first mathematics exam but analyses their mistakes and works harder before the next exam, they may significantly improve their grade.

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8. Some think university students should study whatever they like, while others believe they should study subjects that will be useful in the future, such as science and technology. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

View 1: University students should study whatever they like

Reason 1: Students perform better when they study subjects they are passionate about

- **Why?** Genuine interest increases motivation and makes students more willing to invest time and effort in their studies.

- **How?** When students enjoy their subject, they are more likely to attend lectures, do independent research and develop a deeper understanding of the topic.
- **Example:** For example, a student who is passionate about literature may spend extra time reading novels and analysing different writing styles, eventually achieving excellent academic results.

Reason 2: Society needs people with diverse skills and professions

- **Why?** A country cannot function effectively with only scientists and technology specialists.
- **How?** Subjects such as education, history, law, art and literature produce teachers, lawyers, writers and other professionals who make important contributions to society.
- **Example:** For instance, although doctors and engineers are essential, society also needs talented teachers and lawyers to educate future generations and maintain a fair legal system.

View 2: Students should study subjects that will be useful in the future

Reason 1: These subjects provide better employment opportunities

- **Why?** Modern economies increasingly depend on science, technology and specialised technical skills.
- **How?** Graduates in areas such as computer science, engineering and data analysis may have access to a wider range of well-paid jobs.
- **Example:** For example, a student who studies software engineering may find employment in technology companies, banks or international businesses because these organisations increasingly rely on digital systems.

Reason 2: Useful subjects can contribute to economic and technological development

- **Why?** Countries need skilled professionals to solve future problems and remain competitive in the global economy.
- **How?** Graduates in science and technology can develop new technologies, improve healthcare and create solutions to problems such as climate change and energy shortages.
- **Example:** For instance, engineers and renewable-energy scientists can develop more efficient solar panels, helping countries reduce their dependence on fossil fuels.

9. Some university students want to study subjects in addition to their main subjects, while others believe they should focus all their time on their qualification. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

View 1: University students should study additional subjects

Reason 1: Additional subjects help students develop a wider range of skills

- Why? University education should not only provide specialised knowledge but also prepare students for different situations in life and work.
- How? Studying subjects outside their main field can improve communication, creativity, critical thinking and general knowledge.
- Example: For example, an engineering student who takes a business or communication course may become better at presenting ideas and managing projects, which can be useful in their future career.

Reason 2: It can improve future career opportunities

- Why? Modern employers often value graduates who have skills beyond their main academic qualification.
- How? Knowledge of areas such as programming, foreign languages or business can make graduates more versatile and allow them to apply for different positions.
- Example: For instance, a marketing student who also learns data analysis may have an advantage when applying for jobs because they can understand both marketing strategies and customer data.

View 2: Students should focus entirely on their main qualification

Reason 1: Concentrating on one subject can lead to better academic performance

- Why? University qualifications often contain a large amount of specialised knowledge that requires considerable time and effort.
- How? By concentrating on their major, students can spend more time attending lectures, conducting research and preparing for examinations.
- Example: For example, a medical student needs to study anatomy, pharmacology and clinical skills in considerable depth, so spending too much time on unrelated subjects could affect their academic performance.

Reason 2: Too many additional subjects can create unnecessary pressure

- **Why?** University students already have demanding workloads, and taking extra courses may cause stress and exhaustion.
- **How?** Trying to balance several subjects can reduce the amount of time available for assignments, revision and rest.
- **Example:** For instance, a student who takes several optional courses alongside a demanding engineering degree may struggle to meet deadlines and could ultimately receive lower grades in their main qualification.

10. Some believe the only reason to learn a foreign language is to travel or work abroad, while others say there are other important reasons. Discuss both views and give your opinion

View 1: People learn a foreign language mainly for travel or working abroad

Reason 1: A foreign language makes travelling easier

- **Why?** Travellers need to communicate with local people in everyday situations.
- **How?** Knowing the local language helps them ask for directions, order food, use public transport and deal with emergencies without depending entirely on translation apps.
- **Example:** For example, a tourist visiting Japan who knows basic Japanese can communicate with hotel staff and restaurant workers more easily, making the trip more convenient.

Reason 2: Language skills are valuable for international employment

- **Why?** People who work abroad need to communicate effectively with colleagues, customers and employers.
- **How?** Speaking the local language can help employees understand workplace instructions, build professional relationships and adapt to the local working environment.
- **Example:** For instance, a Bangladeshi employee working for a company in Germany who can speak German may communicate more effectively with local colleagues and have better opportunities for career progression.

View 2: There are other important reasons to learn a foreign language

Reason 1: Learning another language improves cognitive abilities

- **Why?** Language learning requires people to remember vocabulary, understand grammar and switch between different linguistic systems.

- **How?** This regular mental exercise can improve memory, concentration and problem-solving abilities.
- **Example:** For example, students who learn a second language from an early age often practise remembering new vocabulary and switching between languages, which can strengthen their mental flexibility.

Reason 2: It helps people understand other cultures and build relationships

- **Why?** Language is closely connected to a country's culture, traditions and way of thinking.
- **How?** Learning another language allows people to communicate more deeply with foreigners and understand their customs rather than relying on stereotypes or translations.
- **Example:** For instance, someone learning Spanish may become interested in Spanish-speaking countries' literature, festivals and traditions and develop friendships with native speakers.

10. Some think the internet has brought people closer together, while others believe people and communities have become more isolated. Discuss both views and give your opinion

View 1: The internet has brought people closer together

Reason 1: It makes communication faster and easier

- **Why?** People can communicate instantly regardless of geographical distance.
- **How?** Messaging apps, video calls and social-media platforms allow people to exchange messages, photos and experiences in real time.
- **Example:** For example, a person living abroad can have a video call with their parents every evening, allowing them to maintain a close relationship despite being thousands of kilometres away.

Reason 2: It helps people build communities based on shared interests

- **Why?** People with similar interests can find one another online even if they live in completely different places.
- **How?** Online groups and forums allow individuals to share advice, experiences and emotional support with people who have similar interests or goals.

- Example: For instance, students preparing for an international exam can join online study groups where they exchange resources and encourage one another, creating a sense of community.

View 2: The internet has made people and communities more isolated

Reason 1: Excessive internet use can reduce face-to-face interaction

- Why? People may become so absorbed in their phones and social media that they spend less time interacting with those around them.
- How? Instead of talking to family members or neighbours, individuals may spend their free time scrolling through social media, watching videos or playing online games.
- Example: For example, family members may sit together at dinner but remain focused on their phones rather than having a meaningful conversation.

Reason 2: Online interaction can weaken real-life community relationships

- Why? Digital communication cannot always provide the same sense of connection as physical interaction.
- How? If people increasingly rely on online friendships and virtual communities, they may become less involved in neighbourhood activities and local social events.
- Example: For instance, residents who spend most of their leisure time interacting with online communities may be less likely to participate in neighbourhood gatherings or community projects.



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11. Some believe governments should fund art and culture, while others think governments should only fund science. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

View 1: Governments should fund art and culture

Reason 1: Art and culture preserve a country's identity and heritage

- Why? Traditional music, literature, crafts, architecture and festivals reflect a nation's history and values.
- How? Government funding can help museums, cultural centres and artists preserve traditions that might otherwise disappear.
- Example: For example, the Bangladeshi government can provide grants to traditional musicians and craftsmen so that younger generations continue to learn and practise cultural traditions.

Reason 2: Art and culture improve people's quality of life

- Why? Cultural activities provide entertainment, emotional enrichment and opportunities for people to express themselves creatively.
- How? Funding museums, theatres, galleries and public cultural events makes these activities more accessible to ordinary citizens rather than limiting them to wealthy people.
- Example: For instance, government-funded cultural festivals can allow families and young people to attend performances and exhibitions at little or no cost, making cultural experiences accessible to a wider population.

View 2: Governments should only fund science

Reason 1: Scientific research can solve major social problems

- Why? Scientific development is essential for tackling problems related to health, climate change, energy and food security.
- How? Government funding allows researchers to conduct expensive experiments and develop new medicines, technologies and sustainable solutions.
- Example: For example, public funding for medical research can contribute to the development of new treatments for serious diseases, potentially saving thousands of lives.

Reason 2: Science and technology contribute directly to economic development

- Why? Countries with strong scientific and technological sectors are more likely to create innovative industries and highly skilled jobs.

- How? Investment in research can lead to new technologies, businesses and industries, increasing productivity and international competitiveness.
- Example: For instance, government investment in renewable-energy research could help a country develop affordable clean-energy technology while creating new employment opportunities.

My opinion

I disagree with the idea that governments should fund only science. Although scientific research is essential for economic development and solving major problems, art and culture also play an important role in preserving national identity and improving people's quality of life. Therefore, governments should maintain a reasonable balance between the two areas.

12. Some believe advertising has a strong effect on people's decision-making, while others think it has little or no real impact. Discuss both views and give your opinion

View 1: Advertising strongly influences people's decisions

Reason 1: Advertising creates awareness and persuades consumers to buy products

- **Why?** People are more likely to consider a product when they repeatedly see information about it.
- **How?** Companies use attractive images, emotional language, celebrity endorsements and repeated advertisements to make products memorable and desirable.
- **Example:** For example, if a person repeatedly sees advertisements for a new smartphone showing its advanced camera and stylish design, they may become interested in buying it even if their existing phone still works well.

Reason 2: Advertising can influence people's perceptions and preferences

- **Why?** Consumers do not always make decisions based entirely on objective information; emotions and social perceptions also play a role.
- **How?** Advertisements associate products with ideas such as success, beauty, popularity or a particular lifestyle, which can make consumers feel that buying them will improve their social image.
- **Example:** For instance, a sportswear advertisement featuring a famous athlete may encourage young people to buy that brand because they associate it with fitness, confidence and success.

View 2: Advertising has little or no real impact

Reason 1: People often make decisions based on their actual needs and experience

- **Why?** Consumers usually have specific requirements and budgets when purchasing products.
- **How?** They may compare prices, read reviews and consider quality before making a decision, rather than simply buying something because they saw an advertisement.
- **Example:** For example, someone looking for a laptop for university may compare several models online and choose one based on battery life, performance and price, regardless of how attractive its advertisements are.

Reason 2: People have become more sceptical about advertising

- **Why?** Consumers are increasingly aware that advertisements are designed to persuade them and may exaggerate the benefits of products.
- **How?** People can easily check independent reviews, customer feedback and alternative products online before spending their money.
- **Example:** For instance, if an advertisement claims that a skincare product produces dramatic results, consumers may check reviews from other users before deciding whether the claim is trustworthy.

13. Some people think large amounts of money should be spent constructing new high-speed railway lines, while others believe the money should be spent improving existing public transport. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

View 1: Governments should spend money on new high-speed railway lines

Reason 1: High-speed rail can improve connections between major cities

- **Why?** Faster trains can significantly reduce travelling time between distant urban areas.
- **How?** People can travel between cities quickly without dealing with airport security, traffic congestion or long-distance driving.
- **Example:** For example, a high-speed railway connecting Dhaka with Chattogram could allow businesspeople and tourists to travel between the two cities much more quickly, encouraging greater economic and social interaction.

Reason 2: High-speed rail can support long-term economic development

- Why? Efficient transport infrastructure makes it easier for people, businesses and goods to move between different regions.
- How? Faster connections can encourage tourism, create construction and railway-related jobs and attract investment to areas connected by the new network.
- Example: For instance, a high-speed rail station in a smaller city could attract businesses and tourists, creating new employment opportunities and stimulating the local economy.

View 2: Governments should improve existing public transport

Reason 1: Existing systems serve a much larger number of people

- Why? Buses, metro systems and conventional trains are used every day by millions of commuters, particularly in large cities.
- How? Improving their frequency, reliability, cleanliness and capacity would immediately benefit a large proportion of the population.
- Example: For example, upgrading bus networks in Dhaka could reduce waiting times and make daily commuting easier for thousands of workers and students.

Reason 2: Improving existing transport is often more cost-effective

- Why? Constructing entirely new high-speed railway networks requires enormous amounts of money and land.
- How? Governments can often achieve significant improvements by repairing tracks, purchasing additional buses or trains and upgrading existing stations and signalling systems.
- Example: For instance, instead of spending billions on a completely new railway line, a government could modernise existing rail infrastructure and increase the number of services, benefiting current passengers at a lower cost.

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14. Some people think that environmental problems should be solved on a global scale, while others believe it is better to deal with them nationally. Discuss both views and give your own opinion

View 1: Environmental problems should be solved globally

Reason 1: Environmental problems cross national borders

- **Why?** Issues such as climate change, air pollution and ocean pollution do not stop at national boundaries.
- **How?** Pollution produced in one country can affect neighbouring countries and even distant regions through the atmosphere and oceans. Therefore, countries need to work together to address the causes.
- **Example:** For example, carbon emissions from factories and vehicles in different countries contribute collectively to global warming, so reducing emissions in only one country cannot solve climate change.

Reason 2: International cooperation allows countries to share resources and expertise

- **Why?** Developing countries may not have enough money or technology to deal with complex environmental problems on their own.
- **How?** Wealthier nations can provide funding, technology and scientific knowledge, while countries can jointly develop solutions to problems such as renewable energy and deforestation.
- **Example:** For instance, developed countries can help poorer nations install solar and wind power systems, allowing them to reduce their dependence on fossil fuels without sacrificing economic development.

View 2: Environmental problems should be dealt with nationally

Reason 1: Different countries face different environmental problems

- **Why?** Environmental challenges vary according to geography, climate, population and economic conditions.
- **How?** National governments understand their own environmental priorities and can create policies specifically suited to local circumstances.
- **Example:** For example, a coastal country such as Bangladesh may need to prioritise flood protection and rising sea levels, whereas a landlocked country may focus more heavily on air pollution or water management.

Reason 2: National governments can implement policies more quickly and effectively

- **Why?** International agreements can take years to negotiate because many countries have different economic and political interests.
- **How?** A national government can introduce environmental regulations, impose pollution taxes or restrict harmful activities without waiting for international consensus.
- **Example:** For instance, a government can immediately ban single-use plastic bags or introduce stricter emissions standards for factories within its own country.

15. Some people believe that recycling household waste should be the responsibility of individuals, while others think that governments should be responsible for making sure that waste is recycled. Discuss both views and give your own opinion

View 1: Individuals should be responsible for recycling

Reason 1: Individuals produce household waste, so they should take responsibility for it

- **Why?** Most household waste is created through people's daily consumption of food, packaging and other products.
- **How?** If people separate recyclable materials such as plastic, glass and paper at home, the recycling process becomes much easier and more efficient.
- **Example:** For example, households can keep separate bins for food waste, plastic bottles and paper, allowing recyclable materials to be collected and processed instead of being sent to landfills.

Reason 2: Individual responsibility can encourage environmentally friendly habits

- **Why?** When people are personally responsible for managing their waste, they become more aware of the environmental consequences of their consumption.
- **How?** Regular recycling can encourage people to reduce unnecessary packaging, reuse products and make more environmentally conscious purchasing decisions.
- **Example:** For instance, a family that regularly separates its waste may start buying products with less plastic packaging and using reusable shopping bags.

View 2: Governments should be responsible for recycling

Reason 1: Governments have the resources and infrastructure needed for large-scale recycling

- **Why?** Individual households cannot effectively recycle waste if there is no proper collection and processing system.
- **How?** Governments can provide separate collection bins, recycling centres and waste-processing facilities across cities and communities.
- **Example:** For example, a local authority can introduce separate recycling bins and regular collection services, making it convenient for residents to dispose of paper, glass and plastic correctly.

Reason 2: Government regulations can ensure that people and businesses follow recycling rules

- **Why?** Not everyone will recycle voluntarily, particularly if it requires extra effort or expense.
- **How?** Governments can introduce laws, financial incentives and penalties to encourage households and companies to recycle properly.
- **Example:** For instance, a government could impose fines on businesses that send recyclable materials to landfills while offering tax incentives to companies that use recycled materials.

16. Human activity has had a negative impact on plants and animals around the world. Some people think that this cannot be changed, while others believe actions can be taken to bring about a change. Discuss both views and give your own opinion

View 1: The damage cannot be changed

Reason 1: Some environmental damage is irreversible

- **Why?** Certain species and natural habitats can disappear permanently once they are destroyed.
- **How?** When a species becomes extinct, it cannot simply be brought back into the natural ecosystem, and damaged ecosystems may take hundreds of years to recover.
- **Example:** For example, the extinction of the dodo shows that once a species disappears completely, human efforts cannot naturally restore it.

Reason 2: Human demand for resources continues to increase

- **Why?** Growing populations need more land, food, energy and housing, which puts continuous pressure on wildlife and natural habitats.

- **How?** Forests may be cleared for agriculture and construction, while increased industrial activity can cause pollution and habitat loss.
- **Example:** For instance, rapid urbanisation can destroy forests and wetlands to make space for roads and housing, reducing the habitats available to wild animals.

View 2: Actions can bring about positive change

Reason 1: Governments can protect endangered species and habitats

- **Why?** Strong environmental policies can reduce the destruction of natural ecosystems.
- **How?** Governments can establish protected areas, restrict deforestation, ban illegal hunting and introduce penalties for activities that harm wildlife.
- **Example:** For example, creating national parks can protect forests from development and provide endangered animals with safe areas where their populations can recover.

Reason 2: Sustainable practices can reduce human pressure on nature

- **Why?** Many environmental problems are caused by unsustainable consumption of natural resources.
- **How?** People and businesses can use renewable energy, recycle materials, reduce pollution and adopt more sustainable farming practices.
- **Example:** For instance, replacing fossil fuels with solar and wind power can reduce pollution and greenhouse-gas emissions, helping to protect ecosystems from further environmental damage.

17. Some people think that the government should ensure the healthy lifestyle of people. However, others argue that it should be decided by individuals and it is their responsibility. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion

View 1: The government should ensure people's healthy lifestyles

Reason 1: Governments can create a healthier environment for everyone

- **Why?** People's health is strongly affected by their surroundings, and individuals cannot control many environmental factors themselves.
- **How?** Governments can regulate food quality, control air pollution, provide clean water and build public spaces where people can exercise.

- **Example:** For example, a government can introduce strict food-safety regulations and require restaurants to follow hygiene standards, reducing the risk of food-borne illnesses.

Reason 2: Government policies can prevent unhealthy behaviour on a large scale

- **Why?** Some people may continue harmful habits because they are unaware of the risks or find it difficult to change their behaviour.
- **How?** Governments can use public-health campaigns, taxes and regulations to discourage smoking, excessive alcohol consumption and unhealthy diets.
- **Example:** For instance, increasing taxes on cigarettes can make tobacco products less affordable while public campaigns can educate people about the long-term health consequences of smoking.

View 2: Individuals should be responsible for their own health

Reason 1: People have different health needs and lifestyles

- **Why?** There is no single lifestyle that is suitable for everyone because people's age, physical condition, preferences and circumstances differ.
- **How?** Individuals are in the best position to decide what type of diet, exercise routine and daily schedule works for them.
- **Example:** For example, one person may prefer running every morning, while another may choose swimming or cycling depending on their physical abilities and interests.

Reason 2: Personal responsibility encourages long-term healthy habits

- **Why?** A healthy lifestyle requires daily choices, which cannot realistically be controlled by the government.
- **How?** Individuals must decide what they eat, how much they exercise, whether they smoke and how they manage their sleep and stress.
- **Example:** For instance, a person who decides to exercise regularly and replace processed food with healthier meals is more likely to maintain these habits in the long term than someone who changes only because of government pressure.

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18. 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

View 1: Increasing sports facilities is the best way to improve public health

Reason 1: Sports facilities encourage people to exercise regularly

- **Why?** Lack of convenient and affordable places to exercise can discourage people from being physically active.
- **How?** If governments build more parks, gyms, swimming pools and sports centres, people can exercise close to their homes and develop regular routines.
- **Example:** For example, if a neighbourhood has a well-maintained public park with walking paths and outdoor exercise equipment, local residents may be more likely to walk or exercise regularly.

Reason 2: Accessible sports facilities can reduce lifestyle-related diseases

- **Why?** Regular physical activity can help prevent problems associated with sedentary lifestyles, such as obesity and cardiovascular disease.
- **How?** Affordable facilities allow people to engage in activities such as running, swimming and cycling without paying expensive membership fees.
- **Example:** For instance, a free community sports centre could encourage low-income residents to exercise regularly, potentially reducing obesity and other health problems.

View 2: Sports facilities alone have little effect

Reason 1: Public health depends heavily on people's diet and lifestyle

- **Why?** Exercise is only one part of a healthy lifestyle; poor nutrition, smoking and excessive alcohol consumption can also cause serious health problems.
- **How?** Governments need to educate people about healthy eating and discourage harmful habits through public-health campaigns and regulations.
- **Example:** For example, reducing the consumption of sugary drinks through health campaigns and taxes may help prevent obesity even among people who do not regularly use sports facilities.

Reason 2: People may not use sports facilities even when they are available

- **Why?** Simply building gyms or sports centres does not guarantee that people will exercise.
- **How?** Busy work schedules, lack of motivation, safety concerns or limited awareness can prevent people from using these facilities.
- **Example:** For instance, a new public gym may remain largely unused if local residents work long hours and have little motivation to exercise.

19. Some people believe that modern lifestyles are negatively affecting people's mental well-being, while others think that modern life has improved people's quality of life. Discuss both views and give your own opinion

View 1: Modern lifestyles negatively affect mental well-being

Reason 1: Modern life creates greater stress and pressure

- **Why?** People today often face intense pressure from work, education, financial responsibilities and competition.
- **How?** Long working hours, tight deadlines and the expectation to be constantly productive can leave people with little time to rest or spend with their families.
- **Example:** For example, an office employee who works long hours and answers work messages late at night may experience chronic stress and eventually suffer from burnout.

Reason 2: Excessive use of technology can reduce real-life interaction

- **Why?** Although technology makes communication easier, excessive screen use can replace meaningful face-to-face relationships.
- **How?** People may spend hours scrolling through social media or watching online content instead of talking to family members, meeting friends or participating in community activities.
- **Example:** For instance, a young person who spends most of their free time on social media may gradually become socially isolated and feel lonely despite being connected to hundreds of people online.

View 2: Modern life has improved people's quality of life

Reason 1: Technology has made everyday life easier and more convenient

- **Why?** Modern technology saves time and reduces the effort required for many daily tasks.
- **How?** Online banking, food delivery, digital communication and remote working allow people to complete tasks without travelling or waiting in long queues.
- **Example:** For example, people can now pay bills and purchase essential items online within minutes, giving them more time to relax or spend with their families.

Reason 2: Modern medicine and better living standards improve well-being

- **Why?** Advances in healthcare, sanitation and living conditions have made people's lives healthier and safer.
- **How?** People have access to better medical treatment, safer drinking water, improved housing and more effective healthcare services.
- **Example:** For instance, modern medical technology allows doctors to detect and treat diseases earlier, which can increase life expectancy and reduce the anxiety associated with serious illnesses.

20. Nowadays many people work part or full time from home. Some people say that working from home has many benefits while others disagree. Discuss both views and give your own opinion

View 1: Working from home has many benefits

Reason 1: It saves time and money

- **Why?** Employees do not need to commute to and from the workplace every day.
- **How?** They can avoid traffic jams, public transport costs and the time spent travelling, which gives them more time for work, family and relaxation.
- **Example:** For example, an employee who normally spends two hours commuting every day can use that time to exercise, have breakfast with their family or start work earlier.

Reason 2: It can improve work-life balance and reduce stress

- **Why?** Working from home gives employees greater flexibility over how they organise their daily routines.
- **How?** They can take short breaks, spend more time with their children and manage household responsibilities alongside their professional duties.

- **Example:** For instance, a parent working from home may be able to have lunch with their children or take care of a child between meetings, reducing the pressure of balancing work and family life.

View 2: Working from home has disadvantages

Reason 1: It can reduce social interaction and teamwork

- **Why?** Employees who work remotely may have fewer opportunities for face-to-face communication with colleagues.
- **How?** Online meetings and messages cannot always replace informal conversations and direct collaboration in an office.
- **Example:** For example, a new employee working entirely from home may find it difficult to build relationships with colleagues or learn workplace practices because they rarely interact with them in person.

Reason 2: Home can contain distractions and make it difficult to separate work from personal life

- **Why?** Household responsibilities can interrupt employees, while working in the same place where they relax can make it harder to switch off.
- **How?** People may be distracted by children, household chores or family members, and they may continue checking work emails after their official working hours.
- **Example:** For instance, an employee with young children may struggle to concentrate during online meetings and later work late at night to complete unfinished tasks.

21. Some people believe that employees should work fewer hours to achieve a better work-life balance, while others think that working longer hours is necessary for career success. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Employees should work fewer hours

Reason 1: Better mental well-being

- **Why?** Long working hours can cause stress and exhaustion.
- **How?** Fewer working hours give employees more time to rest, exercise and spend time with family.
- **Example:** For example, an employee who finishes work at 5 p.m. can spend the evening with family instead of working late every night.

Reason 2: Greater productivity

- **Why?** Well-rested employees can concentrate better.
- **How?** Adequate rest reduces fatigue and helps workers remain focused.
- **Example:** For instance, an employee who gets enough rest may complete a task accurately in six hours rather than making mistakes after working for ten hours.

View 2: Longer hours are necessary

Reason 1: Faster career progression

- **Why?** Employees who work harder may gain more experience.
- **How?** Extra responsibilities can help them develop professional skills.
- **Example:** A junior employee who volunteers for additional projects may be promoted more quickly.

Reason 2: Higher income

- **Why?** Longer hours can sometimes lead to overtime payments or increased earnings.
- **How?** Employees can use additional working hours to increase their monthly income.
- **Example:** For example, a nurse working additional shifts may earn enough to support their family more comfortably.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because maintaining a healthy work-life balance is more important for long-term well-being and sustainable productivity.



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22. Some people believe governments should spend more money on public services, while others think reducing taxes should be a higher priority. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Spend more on public services

Reason 1: Better healthcare and education

- **Why?** Public services directly affect people's quality of life.
- **How?** More funding can improve hospitals, schools and public facilities.
- **Example:** Government investment can provide modern equipment to public hospitals.

Reason 2: Reduces social inequality

- **Why?** Poorer citizens depend heavily on affordable public services.
- **How?** Free or subsidised services give disadvantaged people access to essential opportunities.
- **Example:** Free education can allow children from low-income families to attend university.

View 2: Reduce taxes

Reason 1: People have more disposable income

- **Why?** Lower taxes leave households with more money.
- **How?** People can spend or save their additional income.
- **Example:** A lower-income family could use tax savings to pay for better food or education.

Reason 2: Encourages economic activity

- **Why?** Lower taxes can encourage businesses and investment.
- **How?** Companies may use extra money to expand and hire workers.
- **Example:** A small business could use tax savings to open another branch.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because strong public services are essential for creating a fair and prosperous society.

23. Some people believe that everyone should receive the same salary regardless of their profession, while others think that income should depend on a person's skills and responsibilities. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Equal salaries

Reason 1: Reduces inequality

- **Why?** Large income differences can create social divisions.
- **How?** Similar incomes can give people more equal living standards.
- **Example:** Essential workers such as cleaners and carers would be financially more secure.

Reason 2: Recognises the value of all jobs

- **Why?** Society depends on many occupations.
- **How?** Equal pay could demonstrate that every occupation contributes to society.
- **Example:** Teachers and sanitation workers both provide essential services.

View 2: Salaries should differ

Reason 1: Rewards skills and qualifications

- **Why?** Some professions require years of education and training.
- **How?** Higher salaries compensate people for their expertise and investment.
- **Example:** A specialist surgeon may earn more because of extensive training and responsibility.

Reason 2: Encourages people to work harder

- **Why?** Financial rewards motivate people.
- **How?** Higher potential earnings can encourage people to gain qualifications.
- **Example:** Students may work hard to enter highly skilled professions.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because salaries should reflect qualifications, responsibilities and the value of specialised skills.

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25. Some people believe globalisation has made countries more similar, while others think national cultures are becoming more different and distinctive. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Countries are becoming similar

Reason 1: Global brands spread common lifestyles

- **Why?** International companies operate in many countries.
- **How?** People increasingly consume similar products, entertainment and fashion.
- **Example:** Young people in different countries may wear the same international clothing brands.

Reason 2: Technology spreads common ideas

- **Why?** The internet connects people worldwide.
- **How?** Trends, music and lifestyles spread rapidly across borders.
- **Example:** A social-media trend can become popular across dozens of countries within days.

View 2: Cultures remain distinctive

Reason 1: People value their traditions

- **Why?** Cultural identity gives people a sense of belonging.
- **How?** Families continue traditional food, festivals and customs.
- **Example:** Many families continue celebrating traditional festivals despite adopting modern lifestyles.

Reason 2: Globalisation can encourage cultural preservation

- **Why?** International attention can increase interest in local traditions.
- **How?** Tourism and social media can promote traditional crafts and festivals.
- **Example:** Traditional Bangladeshi handicrafts can gain international popularity through online platforms.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because global brands, technology and international entertainment are making lifestyles increasingly similar.

26. Some people believe immigrants should completely adapt to the culture of the country where they live, while others think they should be allowed to maintain their own cultural traditions. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Immigrants should adapt

Reason 1: Promotes social integration

- **Why?** Shared social norms make communication easier.
- **How?** Learning the local language and customs helps immigrants participate in society.
- **Example:** Immigrants who learn the local language can communicate more easily with neighbours and colleagues.

Reason 2: Reduces cultural conflict

- **Why?** Major cultural differences can sometimes cause misunderstandings.
- **How?** Understanding local customs helps immigrants avoid unintentionally offending others.
- **Example:** Learning workplace etiquette can help a newcomer build positive relationships.

View 2: Immigrants should maintain traditions

Reason 1: Preserves cultural identity

- **Why?** Culture is an important part of personal identity.
- **How?** Immigrants can maintain traditional food, clothing and festivals.
- **Example:** Families may continue celebrating their traditional festivals after moving abroad.

Reason 2: Creates multicultural societies

- **Why?** Cultural diversity can enrich society.
- **How?** Different communities introduce new food, music, art and ideas.
- **Example:** International food festivals allow local people to experience different cuisines.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because immigrants should be encouraged to integrate into society without being forced to abandon their cultural identity.

27. Some people believe that stricter punishments are the best way to reduce crime, while others think that education and rehabilitation are more effective. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Stricter punishment

Reason 1: Creates fear of consequences

- **Why?** People may avoid crime if punishment is severe.
- **How?** Strong penalties increase the potential cost of committing offences.
- **Example:** Heavy fines for dangerous driving may discourage motorists from breaking traffic laws.

Reason 2: Protects society

- **Why?** Dangerous criminals can harm other people.
- **How?** Imprisonment prevents serious offenders from committing crimes temporarily.
- **Example:** Violent criminals may be removed from society through imprisonment.

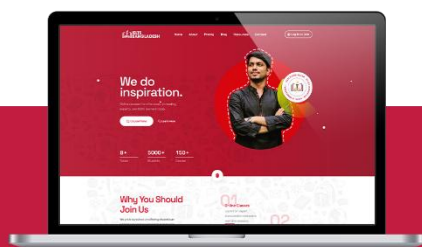
View 2: Education and rehabilitation

Reason 1: Addresses causes of crime

- **Why?** Some crimes are linked to poverty, unemployment and lack of education.
- **How?** Education and job training can provide alternatives to criminal behaviour.
- **Example:** Vocational training for young offenders can help them find legitimate employment.

Reason 2: Reduces repeat offences

- **Why?** Punishment alone may not change behaviour.
- **How?** Counselling and rehabilitation can help offenders understand their behaviour.
- **Example:** Drug-treatment programmes can help former addicts avoid reoffending.



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Opinion

I agree with the second view because addressing the causes of crime and rehabilitating offenders is more effective in reducing repeat offences.

28. Some people believe that violent films and television programmes encourage crime, while others think that they have little influence on people's behaviour. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: They encourage crime

Reason 1: Young people may imitate violence

- **Why?** Children can have difficulty distinguishing entertainment from acceptable behaviour.
- **How?** Repeated exposure may make aggressive behaviour appear normal.
- **Example:** A child who frequently watches violent programmes may imitate aggressive behaviour at school.

Reason 2: Violence can become normalised

- **Why?** Constant exposure may reduce sensitivity towards violence.
- **How?** Viewers may gradually consider aggressive behaviour less shocking.
- **Example:** Teenagers who regularly watch violent content may become less concerned about aggressive language.

View 2: Little influence

Reason 1: People understand fiction

- **Why?** Most viewers know that films are fictional.
- **How?** They can distinguish entertainment from real-life behaviour.
- **Example:** Millions watch action films without becoming violent.

Reason 2: Family and environment have stronger influence

- **Why?** Behaviour is shaped by upbringing and social surroundings.
- **How?** Parents, schools and friends influence values and behaviour.
- **Example:** A supportive family can teach children that violence is unacceptable.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because family environment and education have a much stronger influence on behaviour than fictional entertainment.

29. Some people believe international tourism is beneficial for local communities, while others think it causes more problems than benefits. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Tourism is beneficial

Reason 1: Creates employment

- **Why?** Tourists need hotels, restaurants and transport.
- **How?** This creates jobs for local residents.
- **Example:** A tourist destination may employ local people as hotel staff and tour guides.

Reason 2: Generates income

- **Why?** Visitors spend money locally.
- **How?** Businesses earn revenue from accommodation, food and attractions.
- **Example:** Local restaurants can increase their income during the tourist season.

View 2: Tourism causes problems

Reason 1: Damages the environment

- **Why?** Large numbers of visitors create waste and pollution.
- **How?** Beaches and natural areas can suffer from littering and overdevelopment.
- **Example:** Popular beaches may accumulate plastic waste during peak seasons.

Reason 2: Increases living costs

- **Why?** Tourist demand can increase prices.
- **How?** Property owners may raise rents and businesses may charge higher prices.
- **Example:** Residents in popular tourist cities may struggle to afford accommodation.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because well-managed tourism can create jobs and generate substantial income for local communities.

30. Some people believe that increasing the cost of driving is the best way to reduce traffic congestion, while others think improving public transport is a better solution. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Increase driving costs

Reason 1: Discourages private car use

- **Why?** Higher costs make driving less attractive.
- **How?** Fuel taxes, congestion charges or parking fees can encourage people to consider alternatives.
- **Example:** A congestion charge in a city centre may encourage commuters to use buses.

Reason 2: Reduces unnecessary journeys

- **Why?** People may reconsider short or non-essential trips.
- **How?** Higher costs encourage people to combine errands.
- **Example:** A driver may complete several errands in one trip rather than making separate journeys.

View 2: Improve public transport

Reason 1: Provides a practical alternative

- **Why?** People need affordable alternatives before abandoning cars.
- **How?** Reliable buses and trains can make public transport convenient.
- **Example:** A frequent metro service can persuade commuters to leave their cars at home.

Reason 2: Benefits more people

- **Why?** Public transport can carry large numbers of passengers.
- **How?** One train can replace hundreds of individual cars.
- **Example:** A metro system can transport thousands of commuters during rush hour.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because improving public transport provides people with a realistic and sustainable alternative to private cars.

31. Some people believe that living in large cities provides a better quality of life, while others think smaller towns are better places to live. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Large cities

Reason 1: More employment opportunities

- **Why?** Large cities contain more companies and industries.
- **How?** Residents can access a wider range of jobs.
- **Example:** A graduate moving to Dhaka may find more professional opportunities than in a small town.

Reason 2: Better access to services

- **Why?** Cities usually have developed healthcare, education and entertainment.
- **How?** Residents can access hospitals, universities and cultural facilities.
- **Example:** City residents may have several specialised hospitals nearby.

View 2: Smaller towns

Reason 1: Less stress

- **Why?** Smaller towns are generally less crowded.
- **How?** Residents face less traffic and noise.
- **Example:** People in small towns may enjoy quieter evenings and shorter commutes.

Reason 2: Stronger community relationships

- **Why?** People may know their neighbours better.
- **How?** Smaller communities can encourage social interaction.
- **Example:** Residents may regularly participate in local events.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because large cities provide greater access to employment, education and essential services.

32. Some people believe schools should make physical education compulsory, while others think students should decide whether they want to participate in sports. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Compulsory exercise

Reason 1: Improves children's health

- **Why?** Children need regular physical activity.
- **How?** School sports can prevent sedentary lifestyles.
- **Example:** Regular PE lessons can help students maintain a healthy weight.

Reason 2: Develops discipline

- **Why?** Sports teach commitment.
- **How?** Students must attend training and work towards goals.
- **Example:** Team sports can teach students punctuality and responsibility.

View 2: Students should choose

Reason 1: Different interests

- **Why?** Not every student enjoys competitive sports.
- **How?** Forced participation may reduce motivation.
- **Example:** A student interested in music may prefer spending free time practising an instrument.

Reason 2: Avoids unnecessary pressure

- **Why?** Some students may feel embarrassed about their physical abilities.
- **How?** Choice allows them to participate at their own comfort level.
- **Example:** A less athletic student may prefer walking or yoga.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because compulsory physical education ensures that all children receive regular exercise regardless of their personal interests.

33. Some people believe children should be allowed to use mobile phones at school, while others think phones should be completely banned. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Allow phones

Reason 1: Useful educational tools

- **Why?** Smartphones provide instant access to information.
- **How?** Students can use educational apps and online dictionaries.
- **Example:** Students can quickly check the meaning of an unfamiliar word.

Reason 2: Useful for emergencies

- **Why?** Parents may need to contact children.
- **How?** Phones provide immediate communication.
- **Example:** A parent can contact a child if there is a change in their travel arrangements.

View 2: Ban phones

Reason 1: Reduce distractions

- **Why?** Notifications and social media can interrupt learning.
- **How?** Students may secretly use phones during lessons.
- **Example:** A student may check social media instead of listening to a teacher.

Reason 2: Encourage face-to-face interaction

- **Why?** Excessive phone use can reduce social interaction.
- **How?** Without phones, students may talk and play with classmates.
- **Example:** Students may spend breaks playing outdoor games together.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because schools should provide an environment where students can concentrate without digital distractions.

34. Some people believe artificial intelligence will create more employment opportunities, while others think it will lead to widespread unemployment. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Creates jobs

Reason 1: Creates new industries

- **Why?** New technologies require new types of workers.
- **How?** AI creates demand for programmers, researchers and AI specialists.
- **Example:** Companies now employ specialists to develop and manage AI systems.

Reason 2: Improves productivity

- **Why?** Automation can make businesses more efficient.
- **How?** Employees can focus on creative and complex tasks.
- **Example:** AI can handle routine data entry while employees focus on customer relationships.

View 2: Causes unemployment

Reason 1: Replaces routine workers

- **Why?** Machines can perform repetitive tasks.
- **How?** Companies may automate jobs to reduce costs.
- **Example:** Automated systems can replace some customer-service roles.

Reason 2: Low-skilled workers may struggle to adapt

- **Why?** Not everyone has advanced technical skills.
- **How?** Workers may need retraining to remain employable.
- **Example:** Factory workers replaced by robots may need training for new occupations.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because AI is likely to create new industries and occupations, although workers will need to develop new skills.



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35. Some people believe university students should study in their own country, while others think studying abroad provides greater advantages. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Study at home

Reason 1: Lower cost

- **Why?** International education can be expensive.
- **How?** Students can avoid international tuition, travel and accommodation costs.
- **Example:** A student can live with their parents while attending a local university.

Reason 2: Family support

- **Why?** Young students may need emotional support.
- **How?** Living at home allows regular contact with family.
- **Example:** Students can receive practical support from parents during stressful academic periods.

View 2: Study abroad

Reason 1: International exposure

- **Why?** Students experience different cultures and perspectives.
- **How?** Living with international students improves communication and cultural awareness.
- **Example:** A student studying in Australia may develop friendships with people from several countries.

Reason 2: Better academic opportunities

- **Why?** Some countries have world-class universities and specialised courses.
- **How?** Students can access advanced laboratories and expert professors.
- **Example:** A student may study a specialised engineering course unavailable in their home country.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because studying abroad can provide valuable international experience and access to specialised education

36. Some people believe young people should be encouraged to save money for the future, while others think they should enjoy their money while they are young. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Save money

Reason 1: Financial security

- **Why?** Unexpected expenses can occur at any time.
- **How?** Savings provide a financial safety net.
- **Example:** Savings can help someone deal with sudden medical or household expenses.

Reason 2: Future goals

- **Why?** Major purchases require planning.
- **How?** Regular savings can fund education, housing or business ventures.
- **Example:** A young employee can save part of their salary to start a business.

View 2: Enjoy money

Reason 1: Youth is a valuable period

- **Why?** Young people have more energy and freedom.
- **How?** Spending on travel and experiences can create lasting memories.
- **Example:** A young person may use their income to travel with friends.

Reason 2: Reduces stress

- **Why?** Excessive saving can make life unnecessarily restrictive.
- **How?** Reasonable spending allows people to enjoy hobbies and social activities.
- **Example:** Someone might spend part of their salary on a weekend trip rather than saving every penny.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because developing saving habits early provides financial security and helps young people achieve important long-term goals.

37. Some people believe governments should tax unhealthy food to improve public health, while others think people should be free to choose what they eat. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Tax unhealthy food

Reason 1: Reduces consumption

- **Why?** Higher prices can discourage purchases.
- **How?** Taxes make sugary drinks and highly processed food more expensive.
- **Example:** A tax on sugary drinks may encourage consumers to choose water instead.

Reason 2: Funds healthcare

- **Why?** Unhealthy diets can increase healthcare costs.
- **How?** Tax revenue could fund public-health programmes.
- **Example:** Revenue from unhealthy-food taxes could support nutrition education.

View 2: Personal choice

Reason 1: Individual freedom

- **Why?** Adults should control their own diets.
- **How?** People can make choices based on their preferences and health needs.
- **Example:** Someone may occasionally eat fast food as part of a balanced diet.

Reason 2: Taxes can affect poorer families

- **Why?** Food taxes can disproportionately affect low-income households.
- **How?** Poorer families may spend a larger proportion of their income on food.
- **Example:** A tax on affordable processed foods could increase the financial burden on low-income families.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because carefully designed taxes can discourage unhealthy consumption and improve public health.

38. Some people believe governments should spend more money on professional sports, while others think public money should be spent on sports facilities for ordinary people. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Professional sports

Reason 1: Promotes national pride

- **Why?** Successful athletes can unite citizens.
- **How?** International victories create shared national celebrations.
- **Example:** A national football victory can bring people together regardless of their background.

Reason 2: Encourages international recognition

- **Why?** Successful athletes increase a country's visibility.
- **How?** International competitions attract media attention.
- **Example:** A successful athlete can make their country better known internationally.

View 2: Public facilities

Reason 1: Benefits more people

- **Why?** Community facilities are available to ordinary citizens.
- **How?** People can exercise regularly at affordable prices.
- **Example:** Public swimming pools can serve thousands of local residents.

Reason 2: Improves public health

- **Why?** Exercise reduces lifestyle-related health problems.
- **How?** Accessible facilities encourage physical activity.
- **Example:** Public parks with exercise equipment can encourage residents to stay active.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because public sports facilities benefit a much larger proportion of society and can improve public health.

39. Some people believe people should spend their free time doing activities that improve their skills, while others think leisure time should be used simply for relaxation. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Develop skills

Reason 1: Personal development

- **Why?** Free time can be used productively.
- **How?** People can learn languages, cooking or technology.
- **Example:** Someone may learn digital skills during weekends.

Reason 2: Career benefits

- **Why?** Additional skills can improve employability.
- **How?** People can gain qualifications or practical abilities.
- **Example:** An employee who learns a foreign language may qualify for international positions.

View 2: Relaxation

Reason 1: Reduces stress

- **Why?** Work and study can be demanding.
- **How?** Relaxing activities allow the mind to recover.
- **Example:** Watching a film after a stressful week can help someone unwind.

Reason 2: Prevents burnout

- **Why?** Constant productivity can cause exhaustion.
- **How?** Regular leisure gives people time to recharge.
- **Example:** Spending Sunday with family can help an employee return to work refreshed.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because the primary purpose of leisure should be relaxation and mental recovery.

40. Some people believe schools should give more time to art and creative subjects, while others think academic subjects should receive greater attention. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: More art

Reason 1: Develops creativity

- **Why?** Creative thinking is useful in many areas of life.
- **How?** Art encourages students to experiment and develop original ideas.
- **Example:** Drawing and design projects can teach children to think creatively.

Reason 2: Supports emotional development

- **Why?** Art gives children a way to express feelings.
- **How?** Painting, music and drama can help students communicate emotions.
- **Example:** A shy child may express themselves more confidently through drama.

View 2: Academic subjects

Reason 1: Essential knowledge

- **Why?** Maths, science and languages are fundamental to education.
- **How?** They provide knowledge needed for higher education and employment.
- **Example:** Strong mathematics skills are necessary for engineering.

Reason 2: Better career opportunities

- **Why?** Many well-paid professions require academic qualifications.
- **How?** Students need sufficient time to prepare for examinations.
- **Example:** Medical students need strong science knowledge to enter medical school.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because academic subjects should receive greater attention, although creative activities should remain part of the curriculum.

41. Some people believe parents should decide what their children do in their free time, while others think children should be free to choose their own activities. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Parents should decide

Reason 1: Children lack experience

- **Why?** Young children may not understand which activities are beneficial.
- **How?** Parents can guide them towards educational and healthy activities.
- **Example:** Parents may encourage children to participate in sports rather than spend the entire day gaming.

Reason 2: Protects children

- **Why?** Some activities may be unsafe.
- **How?** Parents can prevent children from engaging in risky activities.
- **Example:** Parents may restrict unsupervised swimming or dangerous online activities.

View 2: Children should choose

Reason 1: Develops independence

- **Why?** Children need to learn decision-making.
- **How?** Choosing hobbies teaches responsibility.
- **Example:** A child who chooses to learn guitar may become responsible for practising regularly.

Reason 2: Encourages genuine interests

- **Why?** Children have different talents.
- **How?** Freedom allows them to discover what they enjoy.
- **Example:** A child interested in painting may develop significant artistic ability if allowed to pursue it.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because children should gradually develop independence and discover their own interests.

42. Some people believe technology has made education easier for students, while others think it has made learning more difficult. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Technology helps

Reason 1: Easy access to information

- **Why?** Students can access enormous amounts of educational material.
- **How?** Online libraries and educational websites provide resources instantly.
- **Example:** Students can watch online lectures to understand difficult topics.

Reason 2: Flexible learning

- **Why?** Students can learn from almost anywhere.
- **How?** Online courses allow people to study at convenient times.
- **Example:** A working student can take an online course at night.

View 2: Technology makes learning difficult

Reason 1: Distractions

- **Why?** Devices provide entertainment alongside educational content.
- **How?** Students may switch from educational websites to social media.
- **Example:** A student may spend more time watching videos than studying.

Reason 2: Dependence on technology

- **Why?** Students may rely too heavily on digital tools.
- **How?** They may copy information instead of thinking independently.
- **Example:** Some students may use AI to complete assignments without understanding the material.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because technology provides students with unprecedented access to information and flexible learning opportunities.

43. Some people believe competition should be encouraged among children, while others think cooperation is more important. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Competition

Reason 1: Builds motivation

- **Why?** Children may work harder when they have goals to achieve.
- **How?** Competitions encourage them to improve their performance.
- **Example:** Academic competitions can motivate students to study harder.

Reason 2: Prepares them for adult life

- **Why?** Competition exists in education and employment.
- **How?** Early experience can teach children how to handle winning and losing.
- **Example:** Sports competitions can teach children to deal with both success and failure.

View 2: Cooperation

Reason 1: Develops teamwork

- **Why?** Most real-world tasks require collaboration.
- **How?** Group activities teach children to communicate and share responsibilities.
- **Example:** Students working on a science project must divide tasks.

Reason 2: Reduces pressure

- **Why?** Constant competition can create anxiety.
- **How?** Cooperation creates a supportive learning environment.
- **Example:** Students can help weaker classmates instead of viewing them as rivals.



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Opinion

I agree with the second view because cooperation develops interpersonal skills that are essential throughout adult life.

44. Some people believe governments should provide free housing for people who cannot afford it, while others think individuals should be responsible for finding their own accommodation. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Government housing

Reason 1: Prevents homelessness

- **Why?** Some families cannot afford basic accommodation.
- **How?** Subsidised housing can provide stability.
- **Example:** Low-income families could receive affordable apartments.

Reason 2: Reduces inequality

- **Why?** Housing is a basic necessity.
- **How?** Public housing gives disadvantaged people better living conditions.
- **Example:** Families living in unsafe informal settlements could move into secure housing.

View 2: Individual responsibility

Reason 1: Encourages independence

- **Why?** People should generally support themselves.
- **How?** Paying for housing encourages financial planning.
- **Example:** Workers may save part of their salary for rent.

Reason 2: Reduces government expenditure

- **Why?** Large housing programmes are expensive.
- **How?** Governments can use limited resources for healthcare and education.
- **Example:** Instead of building houses for everyone, governments could provide targeted support.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because governments have a social responsibility to ensure that vulnerable citizens have access to safe and affordable housing.

45. Some people believe young children benefit when one parent stays at home, while others think children benefit when both parents work. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: One parent stays home

Reason 1: More parental attention

- **Why?** Young children need close supervision.
- **How?** A parent can spend more time helping with homework and daily routines.
- **Example:** A stay-at-home parent can regularly read with a child and supervise their schoolwork.

Reason 2: Stronger emotional bond

- **Why?** Frequent interaction builds relationships.
- **How?** Parents can spend more time talking and playing with children.
- **Example:** A parent may have daily conversations with a child after school.

View 2: Both parents work

Reason 1: Financial security

- **Why?** Raising children is expensive.
- **How?** Two incomes can cover education, housing and healthcare costs.
- **Example:** Working parents may afford better educational opportunities.

Reason 2: Positive role modelling

- **Why?** Children can learn the value of professional independence.
- **How?** Working parents demonstrate responsibility and ambition.
- **Example:** Children may learn that both men and women can pursue successful careers.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because financial stability is essential for children's development and education.

46. Some people believe public libraries are no longer necessary because people can access information online, while others think libraries are still important. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Libraries are unnecessary

Reason 1: Information is available online

- **Why?** The internet provides access to huge amounts of information.
- **How?** People can read books, articles and research online.
- **Example:** Students can access digital textbooks from home.

Reason 2: Digital resources are more convenient

- **Why?** Online information is accessible at any time.
- **How?** People can use smartphones and computers instead of travelling to libraries.
- **Example:** A student can download an academic paper instantly.

View 2: Libraries remain important

Reason 1: Equal access

- **Why?** Not everyone can afford digital devices or internet services.
- **How?** Libraries provide free access to books and computers.
- **Example:** Low-income students can use library computers for research.

Reason 2: Quiet learning environment

- **Why?** Homes may contain distractions.
- **How?** Libraries provide dedicated spaces for study.
- **Example:** University students can prepare for exams in a quiet library.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because libraries provide free resources and an environment that supports focused learning.

47. Some people believe museums should be free for everyone, while others think visitors should pay an entrance fee. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Free entry

Reason 1: Encourages education

- **Why?** Cost can discourage students and families.
- **How?** Free admission makes cultural education accessible.
- **Example:** Schoolchildren can visit museums regularly without creating financial pressure on parents.

Reason 2: Preserves public culture

- **Why?** Museums contain national heritage.
- **How?** Free access allows more citizens to experience it.
- **Example:** Local residents can learn about their country's history.

View 2: Entrance fees

Reason 1: Funds maintenance

- **Why?** Museums are expensive to operate.
- **How?** Ticket revenue can pay for staff, restoration and security.
- **Example:** Entrance fees can help preserve fragile historical artefacts.

Reason 2: Reduces government spending

- **Why?** Governments have many competing priorities.
- **How?** Museums can generate part of their own income.
- **Example:** Popular museums can use ticket revenue to finance exhibitions.

Opinion

I agree with the first view because museums should be accessible to everyone, particularly students and lower-income families.

48. Some people believe public transport should be completely free, while others think passengers should pay for the services they use. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Free public transport

Reason 1: Reduces private car use

- **Why?** Free transport makes buses and trains more attractive.
- **How?** People may leave cars at home.
- **Example:** Free buses could encourage commuters to use public transport.

Reason 2: Helps low-income people

- **Why?** Transport costs can be a significant burden.
- **How?** Free services allow people to travel for work and education.
- **Example:** Low-income workers could commute without paying daily fares.

View 2: Passengers should pay

Reason 1: Maintains service quality

- **Why?** Transport systems require significant operating costs.
- **How?** Ticket revenue helps pay drivers, maintenance and fuel.
- **Example:** Bus fares can contribute to regular vehicle maintenance.

Reason 2: Prevents overuse

- **Why?** Completely free services may be used unnecessarily.
- **How?** A small fee can encourage responsible use.
- **Example:** People may avoid unnecessary journeys when every trip has a cost.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because passengers should make a reasonable contribution to maintaining reliable and high-quality public transport.

49. Some people believe employees are more productive when they work independently, while others think working as part of a team produces better results. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Independent work

Reason 1: Fewer distractions

- **Why?** Employees can focus without constant interruptions.
- **How?** They can organise their own schedule and working environment.
- **Example:** A writer may produce better work in a quiet home office.

Reason 2: Faster decision-making

- **Why?** Employees do not need to wait for group agreement.
- **How?** They can make decisions independently.
- **Example:** A designer can quickly change a project without waiting for several colleagues.

View 2: Teamwork

Reason 1: Combines different skills

- **Why?** People have different areas of expertise.
- **How?** Team members can contribute different ideas.
- **Example:** A product-development team may include designers, engineers and marketers.

Reason 2: Encourages creative ideas

- **Why?** Discussion can generate new perspectives.
- **How?** Colleagues can challenge and improve each other's ideas.
- **Example:** Brainstorming sessions can produce solutions that one person might not consider.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because teamwork combines different skills and perspectives, often producing stronger solutions to complex problems.

50. Some people believe individuals should reduce their consumption to protect the environment, while others think governments and businesses should be mainly responsible. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

View 1: Individuals should take responsibility

Reason 1: Consumers influence demand

- **Why?** Businesses produce goods according to consumer demand.
- **How?** If people buy fewer environmentally harmful products, companies may change their production.
- **Example:** Consumers choosing reusable bottles can reduce demand for single-use plastic.

Reason 2: Daily choices collectively matter

- **Why?** Millions of small actions can create a significant environmental impact.
- **How?** People can recycle, reduce food waste and use public transport.
- **Example:** If thousands of households reduce food waste, large quantities of waste can be prevented.

View 2: Governments and businesses should be responsible

Reason 1: They have greater power

- **Why?** Governments can regulate entire industries.
- **How?** They can introduce environmental laws and penalties.
- **Example:** Governments can impose limits on factory emissions.

Reason 2: Businesses control production

- **Why?** Companies decide how products are manufactured and packaged.
- **How?** They can use renewable energy and sustainable materials.
- **Example:** A food company can replace plastic packaging with recyclable materials.

Opinion

I agree with the second view because governments and businesses have far greater power to make large-scale environmental changes than individual consumers.