

Example Question 1

"It's clear that gender roles and stereotypes are ingrained in children's lives from a young age, but it's also clear that young people are struggling to fit in with society's expectations of them." (Source: childrenssociety.org.uk)

Do you think that this will change in the future?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 2

'At Amnesty International, we firmly believe that no-one – including any government – has the right to take away someone else's life. We oppose the use of the death penalty in every single case. No matter what the crime, who the alleged criminal is, or the method proposed to execute them – we will always stand against it. We are working to end the use of the death penalty around the world and will not stop until every country in the world has abolished it.' (Source: Amnesty International)

Some people believe the death penalty is a deterrent and are therefore in favour of capital punishment. How far do you agree with this statement?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 3

'Men hold 62% of Manager Positions to Women's 38%' (Source: 2018 Women in the Workplace Report)

Men are said to make better leaders. How far do you agree with this statement?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 4

'Over the past decade, an abundance of psychology research has shown that experiences bring people more happiness than possessions.' (Source: The Atlantic)

Some people say the best things in life are free. To what extent do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 5

In the past becoming a celebrity meant you had real talent – you could dance, act, tell jokes, play a professional sport, or had achieved something incredible in science or technology. Nowadays, there are many TV shows that allow ordinary people to go on television and become celebrities, even though really, they have no talent.

People should not be allowed to go on TV shows unless they can demonstrate some skill or talent that is entertaining.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 6

"The rising popularity of on-demand streaming services like Netflix and Hulu have made it easier than ever to have uninterrupted access to full TV series, and Collins Dictionary even declared "binge-watch" the word of the year for 2015." (Source: theguardian.com)

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of on-demand streaming services.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 7

Air pollution kills an estimated seven million people worldwide every year. WHO data shows that nine out of ten people breathe air containing high levels of pollutants. (Source: WHO)

Air pollution is the most important issue facing the world today.

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 8

Companies spend millions each year on advertising online, in magazines, and on billboards. These adverts can encourage people to buy goods they do not really need.

In your opinion how true is this and what are the positive or negative effects of consumerism?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.

Example Question 9

In some countries such as the UK, healthcare is free and provided equally to all citizens. The government sustains this through taxation. On the other hand, some countries such as the US do not provide a National Health Service.

Healthcare is privatised and therefore run as a business provided to only those who can pay the fees required. In some instances, for more serious operations and treatments this can be thousands and thousands of dollars meaning some people simply cannot afford the treatment they require.

Healthcare should be free and public health care should be paid for by the government.

To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Example Question 10

'Cannabis has been classified as a Class B drug in the UK since 2008 and carries a prison sentence of up to five years for possession.' (Source: The Week)

Many countries have decriminalised the use of cannabis and as a result have seen a reduction in drug related crime.

Should cannabis and other soft drugs use be legalised?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write an essay between 190 - 260 words.