Do you think that Private Institutions Should be Banned? Discuss your options in 250 words.

Apropos of this statement, I am in consummate discord with it. Private institutions should not be banned. Because it will mean, abating the choices made by parents for the future of their children. They may not get best education and quality of studies in Government institution. Hence, life for bright students may be downsized. Furthermore, consequences could be devastating for the future of individual and perhaps for the whole nation.

On the other hand, there will be huge positive impact on the way our Government Schools work if the private institutions are banned. Once government institutions realize their problems and shortcomings, quality of teaching and code of practice will improve. As the code for conduct improve in the Government institutions, their way of teaching will be more pragmatic. Also there will definitely be profits from schools which will go in Government Treasury once the private institutes are banned; hence the school conditions will improve. These schools will then retrospect the multi-religious culture and will teach students to be respectful towards other religions. Parents will definitely benefit from this decision by paying less tuition fees in Government institutions as compared to private institutions. Furthermore, there will be sense of equality between students and there will be exhibit of nor rich or poor in schools.

Absence of private schools may become a source of anguish in middle and high income people. It may be misunderstood as a loss in freedom of choice as Government has taken the right of choice form parents for their children education.

Some of the children who need special education or attention need private education. For instance, people with disabilities will be cared more in private institutions for their needs as compared with Government Institutions. Similarly, blind or deaf students also need special attention and care which in my option is impossible to provide in Government institutions.

In nutshell, I would like to assert the importance of private institutes in our community. Private institutions cater needs for all type of students. They always change their teaching styles and skills in accord to the demand of students, providing them with high stands of education. So I strongly feel that private education should not be banned.

As our nations are becoming stronger and more powerful economically, the quality of life seems to be improved. However, that is not actually true. We may think that we are healthy individuals and our off springs will be same, unfortunately that is just a mirage. As we look around us we find the poisons which will be polluting our generations to come. For instance alcohol and drugs are affecting our wellbeing. In accord to the statistics the percentage of smokers has risen to almost 17% in five years and that is a major cause of concern. And it is not unusual to understand that majority of lung and heart diseases are consequences of smoking. In addition to that, people who do not smoke actually are also smoking it is called as "Passive Smoking". Recently Australia has implemented some regulations for smokers which is a relief to nonsmokers.

Choice of smoking is made freely and with cognition of a smoker. However, since smoker is commensurately addicted to smoking, providing warning on the cigarette pack is not enough. Furthermore, Government should impose high taxes on cigarettes, so that smoking addiction could be controlled in youngsters. But it is also a fact that most of the Government's revenue comes from cigarettes and alcohol. If smoking is controlled then it is questionable, what will be happening to the strong economy of that country? I believe there must be equilibrium for this crisis.

Smokers can be considered as the high risk people because of vulnerability of disease. Majority of people are smokers with complications in lungs and heart. So it should be kept in mind that these people will be expected to pay more for their treatment. But there is actually a fine line between smokers and nonsmokers. For instance, non smokers may have to pay enormous amount of money for medical treatment, if the disease is serious.

I am in partial accord with this statement. It is a possibility that smokers may have high medical treatment bills, but it doesn't necessary means non smokers bound to have less complications and hence less medical expenses. The scenario depends upon person to person and it may even vary from one nation to another.

I am not in consummate accord with the statement. Smoking is bad for health. But it is only on case to case basis. Some of the people have been observed immune to the bad effects of smoking. In accord to one research, some people can sustain the bad effects of smoking and can live longer. However, some people can not sustain the bad effects of smoking and therefore, the results can be devastating.

People who could be severely effected by smoking are more prone to heart and lung diseases. Paying for the medical treatment should not be biased. Because it doesn't matter if the person is smoker or non-smoker, the problem in non-smoker could be similar to a smoker. For example, a non-smoker could be "passive smoker". Also, even though the chances of getting heart and lung diseases in smokers are high, it doesn't mean that a non-smoker can not have the similar disease. Reasons may vary from high cholesterol level to lungs infection in non-smokers. Research has showed that a non-smoker could also exhibit the same complications as a smoker reason being non-smoker could be inhaling the smoke fumes from smokers.

In conclusion, I would like to state that even though, majority of smokers are having complications because of smoking but it does not necessarily mean that the non-smokers cannot have the same problems. On this basis, I would assert that the medical treatment should not be biased; it should be fair to anyone who needs it. If the medical treatment is not fair, it could lead to more casualties in smokers. As a consequence, it will leave a bad taste in our community and then the riots will be inevitable.

I am in consummate accord with this statement. Apropos of the statement, I strongly believe that medical professionals and engineers must be paid more as compared to film actors. By pragmatic cognizance, one can understand that doctors and engineers are buttress of our society and economy.

Doctors and nurses are individuals who not only work for a living, but also contribute to our society. They are the people who can be regarded as "hands of God". Reason being they save our lives, hence make this planet better for living. If one really wants to understand what it means to be a doctor, ask them, they will tell that you must have a "heart of a lion and hands of a weaver" in order to be a doctor. It is so true. Doctors and nurses improve our quality of lives. They contribute to the community in ways different to any other professions.

Similarly, teachers are also building blocks of our society. They educate us in order to make us successful in our professional and personal lives. Mentors make us realize our true potential and our responsibilities as an individual. Personally speaking, they are the messengers of angels who teach us how our life should be. They give us sense of direction in life. They show us the way to success.

Doctors, teachers and nurses are undoubtedly the pillar of any nation. Therefore, it becomes imperative to understand that they must be paid well in order to help build our community not just for themselves but for the whole society. Doctors and nurses should be paid according to their rank and their department. Higher the precision required, higher should be the pay. Similarly, teachers should be paid according to their rank and every sear to keep them motivated.

On the contrary to these professions, actors should not be paid huge amounts for their acting. Main reason being apart of showing their sexuality, emotions and their violent nature, they exhibit wrong ideas in our society. I feel they have a limited contribution to our community as compared to any other profession.

In a nutshell, I would like to assert that doctors, teachers and nurses should be paid well as compared to actors. The main reason is because doctors, teachers and nurses contribute to our society constructively. On the other hand, film industries actually contribute destructively in our community.

I am in consummate accord with this statement. There is too much attention on keeping a pet even though people throughout the world are starving. However, one cannot negate the benefits of keeping pets. Pets are known to being harmony in families and lives of people.

Pets are source of happiness and recreation for people of all ages. Pets especially dogs may keep a person fit, as it is important to take dogs for a walk. As we walk with dogs we help ourselves to be fit. So, pets could be one reason to become fit. Guide dogs are helpful to our community. Everyone knows the significance of these specially trained dogs in lives of blind people. Guide dogs act as eyes through which they see. Dogs are also known to save lives, in some cases. At night dogs act like guards on patrol, saving our houses from burglars.

Although there are benefits to keep pets, but they could also be source of diseases. Viruses are known to be present in animals and birds. By their droppings, these viruses can travel places, infecting people which could lead to deaths in worst case scenario. Some pets, like cats and parrots can be aggressive and impulsive and it can result in instant attacks in people and can show way to the hospital.

Loss of a pet can be devastating to family members especially children. Pets have tendency to blend as a family member, so loss of who can create the same effect as a loss of a family member. As a consequence, it can lead to depression in young children.

Having a pet could also mean that lots of money will be spent on them. It is up to a person weather to keep a pet or negate the idea of having one. Once it is decided to get a pet, foremost things to do is to manage finances well in advance.

In the end, I would like to say that it actually depends upon a person either to adopt a pet or give up the idea of having one. Personally speaking, I would like to have a dog in future, as I like myself to keep fit and I think it will enhance my lifestyle.

Computers, televisions, internet, these are the must have assets in our contemporary world. It seems that world without media sources would come to halt instantaneously. However, if this is the case I imagine how our ancestors would have survived all those years without these information sources?

Computers nowadays are the major buttress in any market, be it in financial sector, like offices or businesses or stocks. It has definitely changed the world we live in. With invent of this magnificent device, people have realized the benefits of technology, which is to make lives easier and comfortable, in this technological era. Even if you ask a 3 year old child how to operate a computer, answer will definitely be positive.

Generally speaking, computers are helping our communities in numerous ways. People have become more aware of technology, resulting in increased cognizance. Computers are assisting us in factories where operations are completely autonomous. In offices, computers help us to manage our data and information. Thus, computers have actually changed our world.

Having said that, in accord to some researches done in America, there have been reports that using computers are harmful to our wellbeing. According to annals published back in 2006, working on computers for long hours continuously, can lead to stress and depression. In addition to that, people tend to gain weight as they work on computers all day long. Further more, working on computers for more than four hours can lead to decrease in eyesight. But this is not all, by invent of internet; minors have easy excess to explicit materials online. In addition to that, Email frauds are all time high.

In my option, every technology has some benefits and some drawbacks, just like the medical pills have side effects. The power is ours because choice is ours, it depends upon us which side to choose from, constructive side of technology or the destructive side.

All people glorify and enthusiastically talk about human virtues and morality yet few people actually live up to them. What is your opinion? Do you agree or disagree?

Apropos to the above parable about conversation and following human virtues and ethics I would like to quote a proverb "Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise" which people say but don't follow. Do they really represent what we called human nature, undoubtedly they are?

The answer is disparaging, depreciating and moribund in true sense/pragmatic way. These garrulous, so called high profiled people, lack principles themselves. They can be considered as the quintessence of incorrigible liars .The examples of these people can be found everywhere, take for instance, out esteemed politicians , they know how to convince people at the time of voting, but after elections where are those promises, moralities and merits. Their talk is really egregious but do they really apply all to themselves. Another example can be had of those people who talk about banning fashion shows as its is not up to intrinsic worth, but in reality they are the one who watch these with full spread, question arises where is the morality then, only in words?

Exceptions are always there, no qualms in it but exceptions are rare. Stats indicate the out of 100 people approx 85 are not following what they are saying to others. So where is morality, only in lectures? This tradition simply indicates that we are camouflaging our weaknesses over our sins.

In the nutshell, we can say that if forgiveness is divine why people are giving capital punishment to others? People talk about human merits and principles but still they don't practice what they preach, isn't it disgusting. They live on the rules that, rules are for others not for themselves. In my opinion these people are disgrace/stigma to society.

Should foreign languages be encouraged from kindergarten?

Nothing concrete can be had without aspiration, inspiration, and perspiration. Language is a mode of communication by which we can express our ideas, emotions etc. on a piece of paper or otherwise. Apart from the native languages taught in school and allied institutions I strongly feel that the foreign languages should be encouraged from the kindergarten itself.

To illustrate my above mentioned viewpoint, I would like to quote some examples. As we often know that children's are the backbone for any developing nation. So if they are strong the nation will progress. If they know foreign languages they won't face any difficulty when ever they go abroad, and hence will understand their culture and technology well. Secondly, we often talk about global village of world, which is we consider the world as a global village bonded by one single theme, love, so encouraging foreign languages from the kindergarten itself will promote this theme as the students/professionals won't have any misconception regarding other language.

To support my viewpoint further, I would like to add that promoting foreign languages from the beginning will help student learn new things, they will develop themselves into well defined professionals and citizens. Even society will acknowledge them as urbane elites. This will bring an ingenious attitude in them. They won't be feeling guilty if they come to face such a situation called language barrier. Moreover this boosting of foreign language at the kindergarten stage will generate a feeling of oneness and may simulate foreign currency growth.

In the nutshell I can say that language (written ,oral or symbolic) is the sole way to express yourself so encouraging foreign language will not bring additional burden to children or kindergartens but this will really help in proliferating their carrier and undoubtedly strengthen a nation's stronghold apart from generating feeling of oneness.

Smoking in public places should be banned, what is your viewpoint, do you agree or disagree.

Ban on smoking in places is not only justified but also imperative. Many countries are realizing the dangers of passive smoking and are coming up with measures to curb the problems popping up with the passive smoking.

Medical science has fully supported the dangers of potential passive smoking. To illustrate my point I will like to cite the fact that most of the people die due to cigarette smoking which contains nicotine. Inveterate smokers pack up themselves with lung and oral cancer rather than from natural causes. Government is squandering astronomical sums for the treatment of pulmonary cancers and educating the populace from the dangers of smoking .The imposition of high taxes on nicotine based products has already been done to restrain this habit.

The debatable point is that to what extent these steps have been succeeded to dissuade the smokers. Cigarette smoking not only pollutes the air but also make non-smokers inhale the stale smoke imperiling their health too. Ingrained smokers are not destroying their own health but also of others. The main critical issue in this respect is that is anyone (child or adult) safe from passive smoking. The doom of asthmatics, pregnant women can we well imagined too.

Some smokers argue that banning smoking in public places is direct impingement of their human rights but this line is futile because right to smoking is not absolute, but right to life is. Many persons unintentionally take up smoking by watching others; thereby unleash the smoke in public places. This is what they call fashion.

Thus it is imperative to impose appropriate laws as it will not only prevent nonsmokers from falling victim to the dangers of passive smoking, but also directly benefit the diehard smokers who would then have no choice but to curtail their smoking habit.

Societies that don't respect and honor their women can never make progress. To what extent do you agree or disagree on this statement.

Behind every successful man there is a woman. In fact this statement can be generalized for a state, country or a nation also that a country can never make progress if it didn't respect their women counterparts.

The prologue of this statement can be attributed to simple questions: how will you distinguish between a civilized and uncivilized person or in fact a developed or an underdeveloped nation? Can one answer this question this by saying or referring to his economic status or his rank. Well, unfortunately it is no. The answer reclines in the reverence of their better halves. The society which commits atrocities on their weaker members is not only uncivilized but also underdeveloped as referred to developed and civilized.

The brutalities done on women by men are not their sign of strength by they are construed as the sign of their weakness which they are camouflaging. Is the valor of men lies in committing crimes on the weak hapless women? The question is still debatable.

So why cant the societies who don't respect the women progress, because the intelligence and wisdom of women is unique in every respect. By not acknowledging the efforts of women and depriving them of their rights means improper motherhood for future generations which hence weakens the society. Margaret Thatcher, Mother Teresa, Florence Nightingale, Indira Gandhi, etc. these names don't need any words to prove themselves, they were the torch bearers and had enlightened the lives of many. They represent the sublime face of self-service and sacrifice.

To conclude, I would like to say that women are the best gift ever gifted to man by the God. Dishonoring and demonizing the women folks will not only invite the wrath of God, but also disfigure him too. It is the women who give birth to man, so how can he think of disrespecting the same and progress simultaneously.

Today in this modern contemporary world, people are striving hard to earn their living and to have two square meals a day. In this so called high profiled technological growth, people are suffering from many problems and diseases. As the growth is proliferating so is the problem of maligning image. Today the juveniles are suffering from what is called eve-teasing.

Eve teasing is scaling rapidly now-a-days. As per the dictionary meaning of eve-teasing it means commenting on someone in order to make fun, or abashing him or her. This problem has elevated now as compared to past. Question arises what is the main cause of eve- teasing? Is it that we want to show that we are superior to others? Or we just want to make fun of others. Well what ever may be the reasons; this is really a bad aspect of human life that we are treating others as inhumane.

The problem of eve teasing may be attributed to the bad education scenario, because it is what the education makes the human as humane. Today's education scenario is such like we have some hesitation in talking to people of other gender. We are not taught how to behave with the members of other gender. Another main factor which is contributing towards growing this menace is the fashion of today. Today fashion is such that we are in volubly compelled toward teasing. Last, but not least, as far as I am concerned I think is the cinema which is responsible for some part of eve teasing. Movies are not what they used to be, they are hampering the minds of people, affecting their mentality and growth. People are becoming stoical, not convivial. They are not of placating nature now.

In the nutshell we can say that eve teasing is a becoming a serious problem now as population or penury. People who undergo eve teasing may end up their life due to abashment. Government should behave like a martinet and should imprison or impose monetary implications on those who are responsible because everyone in this world has the right to live without trepidations and tensions.

The human mind tries to find complex solutions to the simple problems. To what extent do you agree or disagree

Apropos to the above statement, I consider this as human nature. We are connotating westernization to such extent that we feel shame if we look 'simple', this may be attributed to what is called fashion.

Why we have tied ourselves into so many kinks? Aren't we have increased the complexities ourselves? In the retrospect it was not so. People were simple and their lifestyle matching to them so the problems were simple. The mind 'thought' accordingly.

Insight of this statement reveals the fact that we are 'addicted' to make mountain out of mole. The human nature is so complex that it makes complex solutions even to fairly easy problems. Even if there are no problems the mind tries to generate one and then visualizes it making it complex. An old saying that "empty vessels make much noise" is quite in this situation.

To exemplify I would like to give some examples. Suppose your food is not tasty, then mind will think why it is not tasty and then it starts pondering over it making it complex problem. Another instance can be had of overweight, overweight no doubt is problem, but still mind make it more complex and you switch to weight loss, dieting techniques and taking pills instead of 'simple' exercising.

Furthermore going on the same track, I would like to add the examples of 'looks' which are 'euphermal' but for looks people are going to cosmetic or plastic surgeons for getting their face lifted and for removing wrinkles. Question arises why they or (human mind in particular) don't understand the simple problem of ageing which is universal. Isn't it the complex solution to a fairly simple problem? Other examples may include weathering, insomnia etc which are natural phenomenon but mind tries to find complex solutions to even these natural and simple phenomenon's and 'problems'

In the nutshell, I can say that if you want to get rid of all the problems, count your blessing not your sins daily.

In some countries, the number of shootings increase because many people have guns at home. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Across the globe, many individuals own guns for self-defence and recreational purposes. Gun related mortalities in households – in particular – throw the ethics of such forms of private gun ownership into sharp relief. In this essay, I shall appeal to crime statistics to argue that a person is at a far greater risk being shot if there is a gun in a household.

Firstly, it is intuitively obvious that having a gun in a household endangers children and teenagers. This is because minors do not have the requisite knowledge or maturity to handle guns safely. For example, the US Department of Justice recently revealed statistics showing that 150 American children and teenagers die each year because of accidents relating to household guns. Therefore it is incontrovertible that household guns lead to additional shootings.

Secondly, household guns became especially dangerous when spouses have violent arguments. This is because male sexual rage, in particular, often results in deadly aggression. For example, The International Crime Bureau recently produced statistical evidence that – if there is a household gun – a man is twice as likely (if he discovers his wife having an affair) to kill her in a fit of jealous rage. Therefore, once again, household guns correlate positively with additional shootings.

In conclusion, there is undeniable evidence that having a gun in a house leads to further shootings. Given the strength of this evidence, in the future, more legislature needs to be put in place to limit private gun ownership.

It goes without saying that society always needs a skilled workforce to function. Employees of different professions contribute differently to the thriving of the community, and therefore I disagree with the statement that vocational courses should be given any more weight than before.

The fact that many people deem it more important to take tertiary education than a vocational training program has resulted in a shortage of qualified workers. It is universally accepted that knowledge and qualifications gained from university can help one to have a head start over other candidates when it comes to job hunting. In Vietnam, for instance, a majority of high school graduates are content to spend four to five years more studying at a university with the hope for a bright career ahead. This results in a lack of skilled manual workers such as plumbers and electricians in society.

However, if we encourage more people to become blue-collar workers, then there will be a shortage of while-collar workers who may otherwise create more wealth for society. For example, fewer engineers would mean lower productivity; a dearth of scientists may inhibit scientific discoveries which can provide us with a better life in the future. In contrast, those doing blue-collar jobs may face redundancy when too many applicants compete for the same position. An unbalanced workforce might, therefore, hold society back from development in the long term.

In conclusion, the workforce will adjust itself to cater for the need of the community, so there is no need to direct young people to follow a particular career path.

Immigration has a significant impact on the contemporary society. Each year, more and more people from all over the world decide to leave their home countries and move to another place. This essay will examine the reasons and the consequences of immigration.

In my view, the main reason of immigration is a strong desire of better life quality and safe future. A lot of people from so-called Third World move to developed countries in search of better employment opportunities, and therefore, higher incomes. Moreover, living in a wealthy country implies living in a country with stable economy, so risks of losing their savings also lessen. For example, labour migration from Mexico to the USA is caused by these facts. Other reasons that force whole families to cross borders are wars and various cultural conflicts in their homeland. Many people migrate, seeking security and safe future for their children. For instance, most of the refugees who arrived in the European Union were escaping from wars.

However, sometimes immigration causes more problems than it solves, resulting in negative consequences for both immigrants and their countries of destination. First of all, most of the refugees can't find jobs because of the lack of language skills and difficulties in adaptation. That's why the countries have to run various refugee assistance programs to help those people. But disproportionate burden of maintaining the immigrants leads to tension in the society. Secondly, not all of the refugees receive proper asylum, food and medical care. So they are at risk even after crossing the border. Finally, even highly qualified specialists, who seek better employment, often don't get what they are looking for.

In conclusion, I think that people immigrate to have better life prospects. However, life after immigration may not always meet people's expectations. So it's very important to consider all the possible outcomes and decide whether leaving your homeland is worth it.

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As computers are being used more and more in education, there will be soon no role for teachers in the classroom.

There is no doubt that education and the learning process has changed since the introduction of computers: The search for information has become easier and amusing, and connectivity has expedited the data availability. Though experts systems have made computers more intelligent, they have not yet become a substitute of the human interaction in the learning process. In my opinion what can be expected is a change of the teachers' role, but not their disappearance from the classroom.

Nobody can argue that the acquisition of knowledge is more fun and easier with computers. The mere activity of touching and exploring this device constitutes an enjoyable task for a child. This, accompanied by the relaxing attitude and software interactivity, usually contributes to a better grasping of new knowledge. At a higher educational level the availability of digital books, simulators and other academic materials provide the student with an ever accessible source of information, that otherwise would not be at hand.

But, besides the increasing complexity and behavior of intelligent software, which is usually embedded in the academic digital material, the need for human interaction in the learning process will always be present, at least in the foreseeable future. There is the necessity for a human being to be able to determine what the specifics needs of each individual are. The expertise of a teacher in how to explain and adapt complex concepts to different individuals can hardly be mimicked by a computer, no matter how sophisticated its software is.

As computers are becoming a common tool for teaching, teachers should be more aware of their role as guides in the acquisition of knowledge rather than transmitters of facts. They have to be open minded to the changes that are taking places, keep updated and serve as problem solvers in the learning process, thus allowing students to discover the fact for themselves.

To summarize, in my personal view, teachers play and will continue to play an important role in the classroom, especially at the primary level. No matter how complex computers become, there will be no replacement for the human interaction, but in the way haw this interaction takes place.

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Students who participate in international student exchange programs gain rich benefits. They return as more confident individuals with a wider perspective on life and international affairs. Needless to say many parents and teachers support these programs. In my opinion, international student exchange programs have more advantages than disadvantages.

Student exchange programs force students to leave their comfort zone and explore a foreign territory totally unknown to them. This helps them discover their hidden talents and leadership qualities. They also learn to adapt to unfamiliar surroundings and living conditions. As a result, they become bolder and more confident.

In countries like India, children are overly dependent on their parents. In fact, it is not uncommon for Indian parents to take decisions on their children's behalf even after they turn adults. When these teens participate in exchange programs they learn to live on their own.

Also, when students get to study in another country and mingle with students of another culture, their perspective on life broadens. They learn to tolerate differences. They also understand that the world is big enough to accommodate people of all faiths, customs and religions. This makes them better individuals.

Cultural exchange is another benefit. When students live abroad as part of an exchange program, they learn to appreciate another culture. They also bring their culture with them. This allows their hosts to become familiar with their culture.

Student exchange programs also improve the career prospects of the participants. Because of their broader perspective and their exposure to international communities, they are sought after by companies that operate in different parts of the world.

To conclude, there are several benefits to participating in international student exchange programs. These programs boost the confidence levels of the participants and make them more tolerant.

Smoking is injurious to health. It can even cause deadly diseases like cancer. Many countries have already banned smoking in public places. In my opinion, others too should follow suit and ban it.

There are several benefits to banning smoking in public places. Smoking ban will definitely improve the quality of air we breathe. Cigarette contains nicotine which is a cancerous substance. In addition to cancer, smoking causes several other health problems. In fact, statistics have shown tremendous rise in the occurrence of mouth cancer among people who smoke regularly. Some studies have also shown that people who smoke more than 3 cigarettes a day have increased chances of developing cancer. Smoking may also cause other problems like heart attack and respiratory illnesses.

The biggest problem with smoking is that in order to suffer from its ill effects, you don't necessarily have to be a smoker. Passive smoking also kills. It is particularly harmful for young children and pregnant women. If people are allowed to smoke in crowded public places like railway stations or bus stands, its harmful effects will have to be borne by all people standing next to the smoker. Banning smoking in public places is the only way to solve this problem.

Pollution is one of the biggest problems that we face today. Smoking not only aggravates this problem but it also causes the depletion of the ozone layer which protects us from sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. It is evident that smoking plays a significant role in damaging our health and our environment.

In conclusion, I personally believe that all governments should ban smoking in public places. This might cause some inconvenience to chain smokers, but ultimately this ban will benefit them as well.

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There is no denying the fact that subjects like mathematics and philosophy are difficult for many students. This, however, does not mean that they should be made optional. Children need to master at least the basic concepts of these subjects to be able to get on with their lives.

Not all students want to be engineers or bank managers. They don't have to be either but they should still be able to do addition and subtraction. They should understand the concepts of multiplication and division. If they lack these skills, they will find it difficult to manage their everyday life.

Mathematics plays a very important role in our life. Children will not remain children for life. The will become adults a few years down the lane and then they have to manage their finances. Students who didn't study mathematics at school will not be able to take care of their finances. The fact that they don't have even basic math skills will also affect their employability. No employer will hire someone who can't even solve simple sums.

The same is true in the case of philosophy as well. It is not a subject that many students can digest. However, it offers a better perspective on life and helps us to cope with the ups and downs of life.

The existing education system allows students to choose subjects of their preference when they start university education. In my opinion, children should be taught all subjects at the school level. They can choose subjects of their preference when they go for higher education.

To conclude, I strongly disagree with the view that subjects like mathematics and philosophy should be made optional because such a decision will do students more harm than good.

In most cases the interview is the last hurdle that an applicant has to clear before landing a job. Interviews probably aren't a foolproof method of selecting candidates; however, I can't suggest any better alternatives.

An employer can't fully assess a candidate's capabilities, personality or character during an interview. Several personality development centers now prepare candidates for interviews. They are taught how to answer questions that are frequently asked during interviews. Sometimes a candidate who possesses better qualifications may fail to get the job because of his poor performance in the interview.

However, I don't think that interviews should be done away with. Employers all over the world use this selection process to find the best candidates. This is a clear indication that interviews are an efficient method of selecting good candidates.

In my opinion, interviews should not be the only criterion for selecting candidates. They should be used in conjunction with written examinations during which a candidate's proficiency in various subjects can be assessed. In addition, candidates should be asked to participate in debates or group discussions. Their real personality and leadership skills will come to the fore during these events.

To conclude, the interview is not a flawed recruitment process. It isn't perfect but it certainly has more merits than demerits. In fact, when interviews are used in conjunction with other personality tests, they will definitely help businesses find the best candidates. Organisations should also consider hiring fresh graduates on a probationary basis. Those who deliver excellent performance during the probationary period should be hired to fill permanent positions.

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Celebrities live under constant media surveillance. Every aspect of their life makes headlines. Some of them certainly enjoy the attention they get; others have problems with it.

Celebrities thrive on the media attention they get. That is exactly what makes them celebrities. No one complains when they are making news for all the right reasons. Even celebrities who guard their personal lives have no problems when the media praises them for their immaculate sense of dressing or their flamboyant lifestyle. They themselves post personal photos on their social profiles. But when the same media lambast them for wearing the wrong outfit or dating the wrong person, they get upset. They get upset when the media publishes their unflattering images.

Just like any other person, celebrities also have a right to privacy. But when you decide to be a celebrity, you are actually agreeing to live under constant media scrutiny and public attention.

There are several benefits to being a celebrity. Celebrities enjoy good popularity. This popularity helps them endorse products and make truckloads of money. They are icons to millions of people. Naturally people want to know about their personal lives and the media satisfy that hunger. This often results in the intrusion of privacy.

To conclude, constant media scrutiny is a byproduct of stardom. A person who enjoys the benefits of being a celebrity must be willing to take the negative aspects as well. In my opinion, celebrities should take this sportingly. By choosing to become a celebrity they themselves have agreed to be in the limelight. So, they should take any intrusion into their personal life as part of their fame.

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Being a well-known personality has both positive and negative aspects. However, in my opinion, the benefits of being a celebrity outweigh the negatives. In this essay, I will support my stand by showing how fame elevates a person's social standing and helps them feel good about themselves and the work they do.

One of the advantages of being a celebrity is that fame almost always brings riches. Celebrities are popular. This popularity makes them great brand ambassadors. Companies hire them to endorse their products because products promoted by celebrities tend to sell well. Since celebrities are rich they can buy just about anything they want without having to worry about the cost. Their popularity and their purchasing power make them feel satisfied with the work they do and help boost their morale.

Celebrities enjoy huge fan-following. Their fans regard them as role models and look up to them and follow their actions religiously. They do this with the hope of reaching the same level as their role models. Sports personalities like Roger Federer and Lionel Messi have numerous fans all over the world. Millions of children aspire to become champions like them. Thus it is evident how fame elevates a person's social standing.

On the flip side, at times famous people can become victims of privacy invasion by their fans; such incidents, however, do not affect all of them. Some celebrities guard their privacy. Others don't mind living in the limelight all the time. They enjoy the adulation they get.

To conclude, there are several benefits to being a celebrity. After analysing how fame makes a person rich and a role model for many, it is not hard to see that being a celebrity is an advantage, not a disadvantage.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic

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

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

Write at least 250 words.

Model Answer:

Since time immemorial, in certain drier parts of the world, fresh water has always been a scarce natural resource. However, in the present time, due to various reasons, scarcity of fresh water has become a global issue. This essay will illustrate some factors contributing to this problem and will also elicit certain steps that can help the national authorities and individuals in controlling this growing demand for natural salt free water.

Firstly, population explosion is the factor of utmost importance, which has lead to the global surge in potable water requirement. Secondly, increased pollution of natural fresh water reserves due to urbanisation and industrialization has compounded this demand. Furthermore, in modern times, the growing use of salt free water for activities like recreational swimming, have also catalysed the surge in global water demand.

National authorities, on the other hand, can control this surge by implementing public education schemes regarding controlled water usage. Strict national legislations for preventing natural fresh water reserve pollution are also required. Moreover, government should also enact infrastructures for purification of seawater into saline free water, which will help in meeting the growing requirement of fresh water.

Similarly, public can also contribute towards this noble cause by conserving water and also by limiting their daily household water usage. They should refrain themselves from performing activities that will pollute natural fresh water reserves.

Thus even though, the scarcity of fresh water is a growing global problem, there are various means and methods available, by which both the government and individuals can prevent this from worsening.

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic

In some countries young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.

In certain countries, it is preferred that students should take a year off from studies after completing high school, prior to joining universities and during this period they are encouraged to work or to travel. Even though this seems to be a noble concept, it has its own merits and demerits and some of these will be illustrated in this essay.

Firstly, a year off, after completing years of continuous school education is a welcome break for students and is well deserved too. This period also serves as well earned family time for those pupils who grew up within the closed boundaries of boarding schools. Secondly, this period provides ample opportunities to young people, to experience the realities of the modern world. Those students who prefer a break, can experiment with various forms of employment and thereby decide their career goals and directions depending upon their experiences. The holidaymakers, on the other hand can familiarise with the customs and cultures of various countries, which in turn will widen their outlook and will also promote cultural tolerance. Thus, in a wider perspective, such breaks help the young minds in preparing for the much demanding university life.

In contrast, certain disadvantages are definitely associated with this concept and are worth mentioning. Firstly, scholars are of the opinion that, such breaks from studies, during the learning phase of life, affects further education. According to them, such activities should not be encouraged as there are higher chances that the young minds might loose interest in learning or may get demotivated due to various reasons and might ultimately refrain from pursuing university education. Secondly, the employed youth, due to a sudden increase in their purchasing power, might also get attracted to various social evils like drugs, gambling and alcoholism.

Thus to sum up, it will be wise to comment that such policies even though are noble practices, should not be made mandatory in a national scale, as these activities are also associated with considerable negative outcome.

International tourism has brought enormous benefit to many places. At the same time, there is concern about its impact on local inhabitants and the environment.

Do the disadvantages of international tourism outweigh the advantages?

Model Answer:

Travel industry has experienced a major boom in the later part of the 20th century and has been a boon in disguise, which has helped some weaker nations to uplift their failing economies. While questions have been raised regarding the negative impacts that accompany the growth in the travel sector, these definitely do not outweigh the associated benefits.

The economic boost that accompanies a successful travel industry is quite well recognised and Thailand is the best example. The entire Thai economy revolves around tourism and the country had been able to uplift its socio economic status through its flourishing hospitality sector. Egypt is another nation that is heavily dependent on its hospitality sector. The growth in the number of incoming tourists leads to innumerable prospects in terms of local entrepreneurship & employment generation. This is also associated with international investments and infrastructure development. The national authorities, in order to ensure safety of the international visitors provide better law and order enforcement, improved transportation and healthcare facilities, which in turn benefit the local population.

On the other hand, the rising influx of holidaymakers is associated with increased incidences of crimes, prostitution and antisocial activities like drugs, human trafficking and gambling, which affect the values of the indigenous society. The local population are also affected by the growth in property value indices. Environmentalists are also concerned regarding environmental remodelling, that is associated with increased tourist activities in natural reserves. In this context, it is worth mentioning that, by enforcing stern law and order and implementing strict legislations, governments can control most of these negative impacts of tourism.

Henceforth, it can be confidently conveyed that, even though the growth in travel industry has accompanying negative social impacts, these do not outweigh the contributions made by this sector towards social development.

Some people believe the aim of university education is to help graduates get better jobs. Others believe there are much wider benefits of university education for both individuals and society.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

According to a section of society, the primary goal of tertiary education is to enable individuals secure coveted jobs. However others strongly believe that goal of higher education is to achieve greater good; both for individuals and society. I strongly believe that purpose of university education is far beyond job prospects and in the course of the essay I will discuss both the viewpoints.

There are specific reasons why people believe that tertiary education is the gateway to a lucrative job. Firstly market researches in the United States and other developed countries have shown that post graduates are able to command a considerable higher salary at workplace when compared to graduates or simple high school diploma holders. Moreover, the professional world of certain white collared, highly respected professions, like those of physicians, engineers, scientists can only be pursued, after graduating from the respective university courses. Furthermore, in certain fields like management, the credibility of various universities are judged by their ability to generate glittering well-paid employment offers for their fresh graduates, during their campus placements. Hence university education is definitely perceived as a means of better employability.

In this context it is worth mentioning that, apart from generating lucrative jobs for students, universities also benefit the nation by creating educated societies, containing an immense pool of forward thinking individuals, who can contribute towards social development by their respective expertise. Individuals graduating from universities also additionally benefit from the multicultural environments that promote intercultural tolerance and brotherhood. The process of tertiary education also promotes teamwork and collective development amongst individuals. Over and above, numerous long lasting friendships, business partnerships and courtships also bloom from the university campus life.

Finally, to sum up, it can be confidently stated that apart from generating respectable employment, there are numerous associated positive aspects of university education, which are of great social and individual significance.

The most important thing about a job is how much money you earn in that job.

Do you agree or disagree?

Model Answer:

A vast majority of our adult life is spent working; hence it is important that we have an appropriate job that fulfils our aspirations. While financial remuneration is an important factor that attracts individuals towards a specific work, I disagree that it is the most significant factor that makes a job ideal.

Firstly, the importance of financial security cannot be undermined in the modern materialistic world. Since a vast majority of people earn their livelihood from their workplace, it will be difficult for individuals with single source of income, to make their ends meet, from underpaying jobs. Thus underpaid employees, because of their financial burdens, may not be able to offer dedication and commitment at workplace, which in turn results in under-performance. Secondly, the educated refrain from being employed in underpaying jobs, as these are less attractive. Hence the remuneration associated, is an important factor that determines the value of a particular job.

On the other hand, to glorify higher earning as the sole determiner of an ideal job is incorrect. This is because various other factors like work and life balance; working place culture and adequate recognition contribute towards satisfaction and contentment in work. Thus an astronomically higher paying job with a demanding employer, with poor social life in a tedious work place environment will lead to higher job dissatisfaction, which in turn will also promote higher attrition.

Henceforth, it can be stated that apart from financial remuneration, which is a major determiner of a good occupation, job satisfaction is also an equally important associated factor that determines the value of a specific job.

Forests are the lungs of the earth. Destruction of the world's forests amounts to death of the world we currently know.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Model Answer:

I am in consummate accord with the statement that, the Earth's natural green reserves purify its atmosphere and functions synonymously as that of the mammalian lungs. I also advocate the view that, forest destruction will ruin our present world.

Firstly, from our basic knowledge of plant physiology, it can be restated that, plants by the process of photosynthesis convert the harmful carbon-dioxide gas into Oxygen, without which life cannot exist. Thus in a wider perspective, it can be stated that, the earth's forests purify the atmosphere and thereby help in sustaining life. Secondly, environmentalists have proven that, the rapid destruction of forests is also a leading cause of global warming. Hence, destruction of the natural green reserves may lead to such a surge in the global temperature that agricultural land may become arid, leading to wide spread famine and deaths. Thirdly, forests also house diverse forms of life and these would become extinct if we continue to destroy their natural habitats.

Furthermore, scientific research have proven that forest ecosystem act as natural scavengers and by the process of biodegradation, forest ecology helps in producing crude oil, which fuels our modern world and its unavailability is unimaginable as this will directly catalyse a global economic crisis. Finally forests are also source of numerous medicinal plants, from which varieties of modern medicines are produced; Quinine, an antimalarial drug, produced from the barks of Cinchona trees is the best possible example. Hence forest destruction will also be a bane for the medical community.

Thus the harmony of the present wonderful will be ruined if our natural green reserves are continuously destroyed and there is a theoretical possibility that the blue planet might become lifeless if these green lungs are totally wiped out.