

Recent IELTS Writing Task 2 Questions from October 2023 to January 2024

- 1) Some people think that it is better for students to study in a group while others believe that it is better for them to study alone. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 2) The global demand for oil and gas is increasing. Some believe that we should therefore encourage the exploitation of remote areas. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?
- 3) Nowadays, more and more older people compete with younger people for the same jobs. What can be reason for this what would you suggest as a solution?
- 4) The government should be responsible for providing retirees with financial support and care. While many people think that citizens should save money to take care of themselves when they are old. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
- 5) Some people believe that the increasing use of computers and mobile phones for communications has had a negative effect on young people's reading and writing skills. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 6) Nowadays, more and more people from different cities are spending more time away from their families. What are the possible reasons and the effects on the people themselves and their families?
- 7) In the past, people used to travel abroad to look for many differences from their home country. Nowadays, cities throughout the world are becoming more and more similar. What are the reasons? Is this a positive or negative development?
- 8) Many people think having enough money brings happiness but others think too much money can bring problems. Do you agree or disagree?
- 9) As we are facing more and more problems, which affect the whole planet, good relationships between different countries are becoming more important than ever before. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 10) Some people believe that studying at university or college is the best route to a successful career, while others believe that it is better to get a job straight after school. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
- 11) These days in many countries people live longer time away of their families. Why this happens? What effects this problem has on individuals and families?
- 12) Shops should not be allowed to sell any food or drinks that has been scientifically to be proven detrimental people's health. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 13) The tendency of news reporters in the media to focus more on problems and emergencies than on positive developments is harmful to the individuals and the society as a whole. To what extend do you agree or disagree?
- 14) In many countries, more and more young people are leaving school and unable to find jobs after graduation.
- 15) What problems do you think youth unemployment will cause to the individual and society? Give reasons and make some suggestions.
- 16) In some countries it is now illegal to reject someone applying for a job because of his or her age. Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

- 17) Fewer and fewer people today write by hand using a pen pencil or brush. What are the reasons? Is this a positive or a negative development?
- 18) Some people think that too much attention and too many resources are given to the protection of wild animal and birds. Do you agree or disagree?
- 19) Some people say that what individuals do to protect cannot make difference, others say that individuals can protect environment. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.
- 20) Many customs and traditional ways of behaviors are no longer relevant to the modern life and no worth keeping. Do you agree or disagree?
- 21) Some people say that people's support for the environment does not make a difference, and others say that people can support the environment. Discuss both views.
- 22) Some people think that it is best to live in a horizontal city while others think of a vertical city. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
- 23) It is a natural process for animal species to become extinct (e.g. dinosaur, dodo...) There is no reason why people should try to prevent this from happening. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 24) Some people believe that it is easier to have a healthy lifestyle in the countryside. However, others think that living in cities have more health benefits. Discuss both view and give your own opinion.
- 25) Some people think that success in life comes from hard work and determination, while other think that there are more important factors such as money and appearance. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
- 26) Some scientist think that there are intelligent life forms on other planets and messages should be sent to contact them. Other scientist think it is a bad idea and would be dangerous. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 27) Some people think the government should provide free education in all levels. Others argue that university students should pay for their education. Discuss both views.
- 28) Too much emphasis is placed on education. More government money should be spent on providing free-time activities. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 29) Many people think cheap air travel should be encouraged because it gives ordinary people freedom to travel further. However, others think this leads to environmental problems, so air travel should be expensive in order to discourage people from travelling by air. Discuss both views and give your own opinion
- 30) Education for young people is important in many countries. However, some people think that the government should spend more money on education for the adult population who cannot read and write. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 31) In some countries today, people are having their first child when they are older. What are the reasons for this? Do the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages?
- 32) In many countries, the number of animals and plants is declining. Why do you think this is happening? How can this issue be solved?
- 33) Leaders and directors in an organisation are normally older people. Some people think younger leaders would be better. Do you agree or disagree?

- 34) Children and teenagers are committing more and more crimes in many countries. Why is this happening? How can we stop or at least reduce youth crime?
- 35) With growing population in cities, more and more people live in a home with small or no outdoor areas. Is it a positive or negative development?
- 36) Some people think the government should provide free housing, while others believe it is not the government's responsibility. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
- 37) Population in cities is growing rapidly. What are the effects of it? What solutions can you give to maintain a good quality of life in urban areas?
- 38) Nowadays young people are admiring media and sports stars, even though they do not set a good example. Do you think this is positive or negative development.
- 39) Team activities can teach more skills for life than those activities, which are played alone. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 40) In recent years, "responsible tourists" have paid attention to preserving both culture and environment of the places they visit. However, some people say that it is impossible to be a "responsible tourist". To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 41) In many countries today, major cities have become too big and overcrowded. Why is this? What measures could be taken to reduce this problem?
- 42) The typical teaching situation of a teacher and students in the class will not exist by the year 2050. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 43) As we are facing more and more problems which affect the whole planet, good relationships between different countries are becoming more important than ever before. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 44) Some people think that printed books are no longer needed in a digital era because all writing can be stored electronically. Others think that printed books will still play an important role. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 45) Some people think that scientific research should be carried out and controlled by governments rather than private companies. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 46) Some people believe that mobile phones should not be allowed in public places. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 47) Some people think that instead of preventing climate change, we need to find a way to live with it. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 48) In many countries, there is not enough recycling of waste materials (eg. paper, glass, cans). What are the reasons for it? How can this problem be solved?
- 49) Young people who commit serious crimes, such as a robbery or a violent attack, should be punished in the same way as adults. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 50) Nowadays people change their appearance by dying hair, buying fashionable clothes, wearing make-up and even undergoing plastic surgery. What are the reasons? Do you think it is a positive or negative development?

- 51) A growing number of people feel that animals should not be exploited by people and they should have the same rights as humans, while others argue that humans must employ animals to satisfy their needs, for example, for food and research. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 52) In the age of advanced technology, people still value artists. Why do you think this is so? Are arts as important as science and technology?
- 53) Some people think that getting old is bad, while others believe the life of elderly people in modern world is better than in the past. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 54) In many countries today, people in big cities prefer to live alone or in small family units rather than larger extended family groups. Is this a positive or negative trend?
- 55) Some people think that once children go to school, teachers have more influence on their intellectual and social development than parents do. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 56) Many scientists believe that now we can study the behavior of a three-year-old child to see whether they will grow up to be criminals. To what extent do you think crime is determined by human nature? Is it possible to stop children from growing up to be criminals?
- 57) In some countries, more and more fathers take care of their children at home, while mothers work full-time. What are the reasons for this? Is it a positive or negative development?
- 58) In many countries, more and more people are competing for a place to study in universities. Why is this happening? Is this a positive or negative development?
- 59) Many large supermarkets are being built today while the number of small shops is decreasing. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?
- 60) Some people think that hosting an international sporting event is beneficial for a country, while others disagree. Do advantages of hosting a major sporting event outweigh its disadvantages?
- 61) Scientists believe that computers will become more intelligent than human beings. Some people find it is a positive trend while others think it is a negative development. Discuss both points and give your own opinion.
- 62) In most developed countries the average life expectancy is constantly increasing. Is it a positive or negative development?
- 63) With the rapid advancement of communication technology: smart phones, tablets and other mobile devices, some people believe that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 64) Nowadays eating habits of people around the world are changing, causing many health problems including obesity. Why do people tend to eat so badly? What can be done to improve their eating habits?
- 65) Directors of large organizations earn much higher salaries than ordinary employees do. Some people think it is necessary, but others are of the opinion that it is unfair. Discuss both views and give your own opinions.
- 66) There are different views about giving very high salaries. While some people advocate giving high salaries, others believe that the government should set a maximum wage. From my point of view, it should be regulated as a change for the better.
- 67) Many students find it is harder to study at university or college compared to when they were in grade school. Why is this? What are some possible solutions for this problem?

- 68) Some believe that younger family members should be legally responsible for supporting older family members when they become physically, mentally and financially unable to look after themselves. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 69) Some people say that government should focus on reducing environmental pollution and housing problems to prevent diseases and illnesses. To what extent do you agree with this?
- 70) Many feel that going to the gym is the best way to stay fit. Others think there are more effective methods. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 71) The typical teaching situation of a teacher and students in the class will not exist by the year 2050. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 72) In some countries, government are encouraging industries and businesses to move to regional areas outside the big cities. Do the advantages of this trend outweigh the disadvantages?
- 73) Some people think adults should learn practical skills by themselves, while others think they should learn with teachers in the classroom. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 74) More and more people move away from family and friends for working. Do the advantages outweigh disadvantages?
- 75) Some people say movies should be made in a country, others say foreign movies are good for the culture. Discuss both views.
- 76) It is neither possible nor useful for a country to provide university places for a high proportion of young people. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 77) Some people believe that students in schools learn better when they study in groups. Other people say that students learn better when they study on their own. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.
- 78) Museums and art galleries should concentrate on works that show history and culture of their own country rather than works of the other parts in the world. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 79) Some people think that interview is not reliable method of choosing whom to employ and there are other better methods. To what extent do you agree or disagree.
- 80) Some people think it is better for people to change their career at least once in their life and do different kinds of jobs. Do you agree or disagree with this opinion?
- 81) Some people say that the main aim of advertising is to improve the sales of products that people do not really need. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 82) Some people believe that women should be treated as equal to men when applying for a job with the police or the military. Others think that women are less suitable for this kind of job. Discuss both views and give your opinion.
- 83) Some people think that employers should not care about the way their employees dress, because what matters is the quality of their work. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 84) Some people feel that manufacturers and supermarkets have the responsibility to reduce the amount of packaging of goods. While others argue that customers should avoid buying goods with a lot of packaging. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

- 85) Nowadays parents put too much pressure on their children to succeed. What is the reason for parents doing this? Is this a positive or negative development for the children?
- 86) Some people use social media to keep in touch with other people and news events. Do you think advantages of this technology outweigh the disadvantages?

Reference: Questions Shared by IELTS Participants and the Telegram Channel "IELTS Writing Task 2 With Helal" (<https://t.me/ieltswritingtestask2>)