

21. Which one do you think is preferable: shopping at a big store or several small stores? Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. **

In today's modern world, shopping is an indispensable part of a person's everyday life. Different stores, ranging from small shops to huge malls, have been established in order to respond to this matter/issue. As far as the place from which one shops is concerned, people express opposing ideas as to whether one should buy from a small store or a big store. I, personally, would rather shopping from big stores. The reasons for my choice are manifold, among which convenience of purchasing, recalling the things to be ~~buyed~~ bought, and ~~guarenteeing~~ guaranteeing a good quality dominate.

In my opinion, purchasing from big stores provides its users with a great deal of convenience. Everything that may appear on a person's shopping list can be found in a big store or in a mall. Although one may feel comfortable to buy from a small local store, not everything can be obtained ~~from~~ there. For example, one must go to one store for dairy products, another for fruits, and even a the third or fourth store for some other requirements. ~~While~~ while, in a big store, everything is within reach, and, by making only one ride to a mall, one can obviate all the journey required to go from one store to ~~store~~ another. On the whole, shopping from a big store makes more sense in terms of convenience.

Sometimes people tend to forget what they have to buy when they are out to do so. The variety of products that are being sold in a big store can remind a person of the things yet to be bought. For example, a person goes to a big store to get a bottle of milk, but, by seeing some eggs in the dairy section, he or she remembers that they are also in need of eggs. On the other hand, by shopping from a small store, that person ~~will~~ buys the milk he or she went out for, goes back home, and only realizes ~~he or she~~ they needs eggs when it is too late.

Additionally, big stores and malls are more promising when it comes to guaranteeing the quality of their products. Because the system at these stores are more organized, and they plan to keep their customers more satisfied, they tend to keep a close eye on the quality of their goods. It has commonly been observed that a big store will exchange an defective ~~unsatisfactory~~ object with another ~~object~~ one or even ~~with store credit~~ give them a full refund. In small stores, on the other hand, business is more limited, and ~~shop-keepers~~ shopkeepers cannot afford to conforming to the customers' objections all the time.

To sum up, I can suggest that shopping from big stores highly fulfills the needs and requirements of the modern society, which is increasing in speed and consumption on a daily basis.

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22. If you had a presentation in a month, would you rather prepare for it from now or would you postpone it to the last days. Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. **

Presentations and research assignments have always been students' first and greatest concerns due to the fact that the deadlines always come "fast and furious." Students have to decide whether it is a boon to start working on their proposals earlier or to postpone it to the very last moment. As far as I am concerned, the former option seems more logical, since the benefits involved are manifold; among which having more amount of time to concentrate on the issue, having confidence and self-assurance, and remaining keeping an adequate amount of time for preparation dominate.

First and foremost, the people who initiate working on their presentations earlier than the others are more likely to have more time and energy in order to put ~~much effort~~ in the details. By doing so, ~~The~~ the ideas and the concepts behind the process of the presentation are logically and delicately developed ~~in this way~~. Notwithstanding the evidence shows that last-minute students do as much work as the other ones because of the pressure and lack of time, I, personally, ~~however,~~ believe that collecting diverse materials related to the topic and also doing a vast research regarding the subject require a ~~lot~~ great deal of time and is unquestionably going to be ~~diminished-overlooked~~ if the students are in a hurry.

The most striking reason why I chose this option is the fact that not only do the students feel more confident during the process of the research, but also they will be discernably relaxed and calm through the presentation time. To demonstrate, I, ~~once,~~ had to present all that I had been doing ~~so far~~ during the semester, but, despite the fact that I had plenty of time, I did not work until the last week to the deadline; the nervousness and agitation which were evoked in me during the presentation ruined all the efforts done in that week. Had I spent more time on the job, I would not have been ashamed and embarrassed at the end of the semester.

Last but not ~~least~~, Preparation-preparation time is vital to being successful in presenting a lecture one has organized. Regardless of the fact that the deadline is about to come and that there are still many subjects left to be gathered and fit in ~~a~~ the lecture, one should undoubtedly put some time for reviewing the materials which are going to be presented. Although some may claim that one week is sufficient not only for doing the research but also for revising the topics, in my opinion, this would not happen unless to the detriment of whether the context or the ~~preparation time~~ presentation.

To put in nutshell sum up, needless to say, I vehemently assert that starting to work ~~since~~ at least one month before the finishing date is of prime importance, provided that the time is managed by the students efficiently and the wasted times ~~are~~ is minimized.

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23. People today spend too much on personal enjoyment doing things they like to do rather than doing things they should do. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give specific reasons to support your position. ***

Human beings have always been in a constant struggle between living an enjoyable life and thoroughly fulfilling their ~~responsibility~~ responsibilities since the dawn of ~~the~~ humanity, for good and evil both exists in human nature. People have acted based on one of these facets of their nature according to their living conditions, culture and religious beliefs, and their own personality. With this in mind, presently, a controversy exists ~~over~~ as to whether people are more engaged in what makes them delightful, or they act as they are expected, as far as their responsibilities are concerned. While some argue that they are doing an acceptable job in their duties, others believe otherwise. I, for one, subscribe to the latter group, inasmuch as a vast range of entertainment is provided now, people are not as diligent and determined as they were before, and they have lost some beliefs that made them feel responsible, to name but three.

It is crystal clear that, with the passage of time, more amusements and technology are offered that can be tempting for anyone, even for those who had led a ~~fertile~~ fruitful life. One can have access to these entertainments, such as the Internet, cell phone, and television, to name but a few, as they are shooting fish in a barrel. These enjoyments are different from the previous ones in an aspect, ~~that which is their~~ they are being addictive, so much so that they inhibit people from what they should do even if they mean to. It is statistically proven that the majority of cell phone holders sleep with it overnight, and it just takes a few days for a popular application to reach a million users, which ~~are~~ is indicative of how influential these technologies are, leading people to enjoy life fully.

People used to have a world view, either religious or philosophical, that made them feel responsible for themselves and their societies. They believed that the purpose of life is finding one's role in the world and make an effort to fulfill it in order that he or she would be beneficial for the society. Due to some events in history, people have lost these constructive beliefs, ~~so much so~~ such that they feel indifferent toward any commitment, and they accept any kind of enjoyments offered, which can be so menacing for the societies. Statistics demonstrate that the majority of suicides are partially because of the absence of goals in people's life, as a renowned Persian proverb states, "purpose Purpose is the meaning of life." This is the manifestation of a life fraught with unbridled joy.

Although it may seem that technology and facilities, double-edged swords, are a panacea for all problems, they have adversely affected people's attributes. As everything is facilitated since childhood, and because whatever one has wished for was provided in the blink of an eye, people are not accustomed to hardships, and they have lost their motivation. People will think of any way to escape from their responsibilities so as to spend their time on enjoyable activities, which has its roots in difficulties laying in the way of carrying out duties. In this regard, there is a popular Persian proverb, the equivalent of which in English may sound like this, "Nothing invaluable can be achieved unless you try," which emphasizes the afflictions associated with achieving any worthwhile thing. However, the enthusiasm to do so has diminished owing to the unfettered enjoyment that people have today.

All in all, with all this taken into account, it stands to reason that, nowadays, the majority of people respond to the aspect of their nature which calls them to enjoy rather than try ~~for~~ to meeting their commitments thanks to the wide variety of accessible enjoyments, disappearance of the real purpose of life, and sluggishness, which has its roots in easy access to whatever needed. Societies should think of a way to retrieve the lost aforementioned beliefs in order to survive ~~its~~ their gloomy future.

648 words

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24. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? If people have the opportunity to get a secure job, they should take it right away rather than wait for a job that is satisfying. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Undoubtedly, finding and commencing a job, is an inevitable and crucial juncture in the life of most people, for because leading a gratifying life is not feasible without a job in today's world. People select diverse procedures in finding their ideal jobs according to their personality, responsibilities, age, and traditions socially acceptable in their countries. With this in mind, a controversy exists as to whether or not one should accept whatever secure job is offered. While some argue that it is obvious that accepting ~~the~~ a secure job, even if it is not what they want, as soon as possible is essential, others believe otherwise—that is—waiting until the favorite one is found. I, for one, subscribe to the latter group for quite a few reasons, three conspicuous ~~reasons—ones~~ of which are elaborated upon hereunder.

Although it may seem that by accepting the first job more money will be earned, it can adversely affect one's financial future. Since he or she is not usually inclined to the very job, the future promotion and possible increase in salary are not likely. Furthermore, bosses' dissatisfaction and even getting fired are highly probable due to the mismatch between one's skills and the job's duties, whereas if the person makes his or her best effort to find the ideal job, they will soon improve, make more money, and know the value of their position, which has its roots in the hardships ~~based~~ confronted for achieving it, ~~as in this regard~~, a renowned Persian proverb states, "~~the~~ The loss of something that has not been obtained with attempt is highly probable," which emphasizes that one should try hard to find his or her favorite job so as to know its worth.

Some people claim that accepting the job does not inhibit the person from trying to find a better job. Even though it is a true assessment, it does not usually occur in real life, inasmuch as getting used to routines is inherent in all human beings. Accordingly, having accepted the job, people will cease seeking for another job, which has its roots in either lack of need, or forgetting the ~~one~~ once-important dreams. As a consequence of this sad occurrence, the otherwise thriving people will be "fossilized", and lead a "monotonous" life. It is statistically proven that ~~that~~ the majority of suicides are partially because of depression caused by job dissatisfaction ~~of job~~.

It stands to reason that one lives about half of ~~its~~ his or her life at ~~in his~~ work-office, and hence enjoying ~~from~~ it is undeniably of great consequence. Not being interested in what one does as his or her job not only afflicts their life in working time, but also affects their family life, as being bad-tempered, and fatigued, both physically and mentally, can change the mood, and last for the whole day. In this regard, there is Persian proverb, the equivalent of which in English may sound like this, "In the case of losing peace of mind, your whole life will suffer," which is indicative of the role of tranquility, thanks to one's job, in all of his or her actions.

All in all, it is crystal clear that money is essential for living, but it is also the notorious root of all evil. Thus, each person should put his or her interests before anything else as far as job is concerned on account of its great influence on all the aspects of life, human beings' tendency to get used to and clean forget goals, and the probability of failing due to not liking the job. It is highly recommended that people commence their job ~~by~~ with the most suitable one, even if it means some time without income, so as to prosper in the future.

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25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better for children to choose jobs that are similar to their parents' jobs than to choose jobs that are very different from their parents' jobs. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Undoubtedly, choosing and commencing a job is an inevitable and critical juncture in the life of most people, for/since leading an even simple life is not feasible without a job in today's world. People are inclined to diverse jobs according to their personality, skills, age, and traditions socially acceptable in their countries, to name but a few. With this in mind, a controversy exists as to whether one should continue his or her parents' job. While some argue that it is not recommended for children to choose their parents' job as their own, others believe otherwise. I, for one, subscribe to the latter group, specifically in the case of not being adequately intelligent for some reasons, ~~and~~ three substantial ~~reasons~~ of which are elaborated upon hereunder.

It is crystal clear, particularly for those having started their job, that the first year of a career is fraught with hardships, as the person is not familiar with his or her coworkers, working conditions, and the use of their knowledge in practice, to name but a few. Thus, having someone who has gone this way, especially with the same job, would definitely be invaluable, and since parents are closest people to any individual, if ~~he or she~~ they select the job of their parents, the difficulties associated with commencing the job and getting accustomed to it will become easier. Furthermore, parents can provide their children with the best resources available in their field. It is statistically proven that the majority of young people become hopeless, and even leave their job in the first months of work, which has its roots in not enjoying a person assisting them.

Without any doubt, parents have job experience for about half of the age of their children, and they know whatever is pivotal in order that ~~one~~ their children can improve in the very job. In other words, the more time one works, the more knowledge he or she can possesses about the key points of the job, and as the result of which the more useful information they can offer to others. Thus, children are able to develop without having any experience themselves by the assistance of their parents, and even learn the "trade secrets" of the job—secret formulas of becoming more thriving than others—which ~~requiring~~ requires years of trying to be achieved.

It stands to reason that noticeable improvements and getting promotions and bonuses, ~~and noticeable improvements at a job~~ are not possible unless one is convincingly skilled and intelligent in his or her field. This does not mean, however, that people lacking the aforementioned attributes are deprived of such successes. In the case of choosing one's parents' job, one is able to find a job in the best companies thanks to their parents' good reputation ~~background~~, and succeed with the least ~~ss~~ effort. In this regard, there is a renowned Persian proverb which states, "It is possible to become rich overnight by knowing the nuts and bolts of a career," which is indicative of the importance of correct guidance in one's prosperity.

All in all, it stands to reason that the accuracy of this assessment varies from person to person based on their characteristics. Nevertheless, due to the easy access to resources and a trustful experienced person and because of the accessible success, choosing one's parents' job can be obviously helpful, especially for those who are not that creative and talented ~~due to easy access to resources and a trustful experienced person, and accessible success~~. Therefore, it is highly recommended that one have a better understanding of his or her capabilities first, and then decide about their job due to its conspicuous effects on life.

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26. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more enjoyable to have a job where you work only three days a week for long hours than to have a job where you work for five days a week for shorter hours. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Undoubtedly, choosing and commencing a job is an inevitable and crucial juncture in the life of most people's life, for living is not feasible without a job in today's world. People are inclined to diverse jobs with different working time, monthly salary, and duties, according to their personality, age, and traditions socially acceptable in their countries. With this in mind, there are opposing viewpoints toward how many workdays brings more enjoy to families. While some prefer fewer days, specifically three days, with longer hours, others believe otherwise—that is—five days a week with shorter hours. I, for one, subscribe to the latter group, inasmuch as the tiredness associated with long hours of work results in a low performance, family arguments are anticipated, and waking up late in the morning causes laziness lasting for the whole day, to name but three.

It is crystal clear that the more hours one works, the more fatigued he or she will become, and as the result of which the less productive and precise they will be at their job. Therefore, bosses's dissatisfaction, and hence, spoil of enjoyment being spoilt is are highly probable. Furthermore, working overtime is not possible for the worker, which has its roots in the weariness of long hours of work. As a consequence of the aforementioned facts, spiritual enjoyments, namely promotion opportunities, bonuses, and an increase in salary, are not likely. The reduction in the income results in lack of money for further entertainments. It is scientifically proven that the function of brain dramatically decreases after a few hours of constant work, which makes it pivotal for companies to shorten their working time a day.

Although it may seem that staying at home two days more a week brings about more time for any individual to spent enjoying entertainments with family, it can adversely affect the person's moods, and hence family life. Concerning this, after some days of being free doing whatever enjoyment accessible, life will lose its meaning, and the person may become bad-tempered and lose his or her motivations. Moreover, Constant-constant contact with family often causes squabbles over unimportant things. Consequently, all pleasures of life will become bitter. In this regard, there is a renowned proverb which states, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," which is indicative of the importance of being away from the loved ones for a particular time so that one can understand their necessity.

In spite of the fact that fewer workdays provides anyone with more free time for other activities, such as doing sports, playing music, and going to the cinema, to name but a few, it causes sluggishness that inhibits people from doing ~~the~~ regular activities, let alone leisure time ~~activities~~ ones. This is since because, every morning that ~~you one is~~ are not obligated to go to work, the thought of having tones of time ahead prevents anyone from awaking early in the morning and ~~make-making~~ the most of their time, whereas, in the workdays, they are so energetic that they can take part in enjoyable activities after their work, as a meaningful proverb says, "the early bird catches the worm," which emphasizes the role of getting up early in order to thriveing.

All in all, it stands to reason that people's opinion about this issue may vary based on their life conditions and personalities. Nevertheless, the fewer days one goes to work with longer hours, the less enjoyable life he or she can lead thanks to the negative influence ~~of working longer hours on~~ one's function because of working longer hours, probable problems with family members, and the laziness related to the long stay at home. Accordingly, it is consequential for societies to cautiously choose the official working time due to its great effect on families.

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27. If you could invent something new, what product would you develop? Use specific details to explain why this invention is needed. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

In the 21st century, one thing that would not be astonishing anymore is hearing about new inventions day by day. Yet, there are some products which pop the eyes out—: t inventions that everyone would talk about and plans on purchasing one. If I were the one that was able to invent something like that, I would definitely work on developing a genetic smartphone.—, A smartphone which is attached to our body and has an inextricable connection with our brain and all data within it. ~~Rather~~ Whether or not you believe it ~~or not~~, I have already dreamed about inventing such a product and I have named it "Gini". I have several reasons to explain why this product is needed in our lives.

Communications have become an inherent part of our daily lives and having access to a device like that, which is accessible ~~whenever wherever~~ at any time or place, would be something more than essential. Imagine a weightless holographic gadget which will emit anytime you think of it and in need of it. I suppose you are thinking that with this feature “ditching” people is not possible anymore and no more excuses for missing telephone calls are acceptable. Well, deal with it. New technologies are to make life rather than relationships easier, ~~not relationships~~. Nonetheless, it would not be that much of a problem for not purchasing one.

There are ~~lots of~~ quite a few platitudinous activities in any person's life which could be dealt with by some default actions. The second reason that Gini is essential in our lives is its default fielding telephone calls feature. With access to all data in our brain, it is possible to let our smartphones take care of ordinary telephone calls, and just the ones which are more important and need deep focus get forwarded to us—, ~~Although~~ although, there are some cases in which we do not want to give either exact or the same information to some specific people. However, we would not be forced to use all the features of Gini, and it is the user's' will whether to use a feature or not.

There are numerous times in our lives which we are sure that we know something but we have troubles recalling our memory. With Gini, it would be guaranteed that no more events will be forgotten anymore. No more troubles recalling memories. Consequently, people will depend more than before on technology and use ~~less of~~ their brain less, which underlies less active ~~nor and less~~ innovative living. ~~Albeit~~ Despite knowing this, people will still consider using Gini since nowadays people are more attracted to sedentary activities.

To sum up, although Gini is a device just envisaged in my mind and theoretically ~~maybe may~~ never ~~to be~~ invented, ~~but~~ some of the features mentioned, in my opinion, are tempting enough to at least think of developing such- a device to support some. Maybe it is under the procedure of been developed at the time being. Obviously, achieving the mentioned options, regardless of the fact that whether it is possible or not, ~~are is~~ necessary for our lives.

28. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People can know each other through the books they read or the movies they watch. Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. **

Reading books and watching movies are often cited as people's hobbies and fun activities during their free times. Although some might claim that ~~no people's one's personalities~~ personality and characteristics ~~could~~ cannot be disclosed through their books or films, I, personally, believe that general public not only ~~could~~ can be known by these factors, but also ~~could~~ can be judged based on ~~the~~ them. Even if doing such activities ~~are~~ is just for fun, it undoubtedly stems from one's ~~mentality~~ way of thinking and personal cognition. The reasons for this claim are as follows.

____ First off, as the famous writer--Jean Paul Sartre--once said, and I am quoting, "We are our decisions." It is not only what we do but also what we choose that indicates what kind of a human being we are. Needless to say that one, by his or her choices of what to read or watch, can ~~either send either a~~ positive or negative message about their attitudes to impress other people or them others. Consequently, as books and films play a crucial role in our lives, through paying attention to what ~~titles~~ genres other people decide to concentrate on, one can see the ~~spiritual and invisible side~~ qualities of others them, ~~since~~ which is because, in any moment of decision, they are choosing what they believe ~~it is~~ right.

Second, no one can cast doubt on the fact that books and movies can widely affect one's perspective in view of the connections that are made between the person and the characters as the story goes by. One feasibly gets along with the leading roles, thereby trying to imitate the appearance and the characters of them. Notwithstanding the evidence shows that there are some people who are ~~neither not~~ are influenced by their observations, nor do they let the story or the characters overwhelm their life styles, there are some who think their life is a play and they are the ~~role models~~ protagonists or the antagonists of it. The latter group ~~are~~ is more likely to be ~~confronted by~~ seen in any society than the former.

Last but not least, people's choices of books and films depend on the level of their knowledge, education, and ~~consciousness~~ awareness. ~~the~~ The more people are ~~awake~~ and aware, the more sophisticated and pioneering the concepts and the ideas behind what they read or watch are ~~sophisticated and pioneering~~. Intellectuals are not those who ~~do not~~ waste their times ~~with on~~ superficial subjects, but the ones who deliberately and consciously choose their books or their movies and are immensely interested in topics, rich in content, such as arts, science, and humanity humanities, ~~and et cetera~~ name but three, with no boundaries as to the fields of they study. As an illustration, back when I was a teenager, I met a number of students, near the philosophy section of a library, discussing the book they recently had read, ~~near the philosophy section of a library~~. Their conversation sounded appealing to me. ~~So~~ Therefore, I participated in their debate and started to hang out with them more often. The fulfillment and awareness which were evoked in me by keeping their company have been the most astounding incident that could have ever happened in my life. That is probably why I vehemently started studying philosophy a couple of years later. Hadn't I noticed ~~to~~ what they were reading at the moment, I would not have been able to realize how literate and lofty they were.

To sum ~~all~~ up, people, whether they ~~like~~ believe it or not, are ~~not separated from~~ what they choose to read or watch, and one should consider this aspect of other people's lives as a significant part of their personality before ~~tending to~~ keeping their companies. Otherwise, he or she will suffer from the consequences.

579 words

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29. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People are more educated today than they were before. Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. **

Without any doubt, becoming educated has been one of the most pivotal concerns among people all through history, for eagerness to learn new things is inherent in all human beings. The average level of education, however, varies with time according to people's motivations and hardship tolerances. With this in mind, there are opposing viewpoints about the level of education in the past in comparison to that of the present time. While some believe that it stands to reason that people are more educated now, others believe ~~vice versa~~ otherwise. I, myself, subscribe to the latter group, inasmuch as ~~the science~~ is immensely extensive ~~to so that a person~~ becomes expert in these days, people are not as hardworking and motivated as they were in the past, and everything is facilitated so much so that the need for learning is felt less than before, to name but three.

It stands to reason that, as time passes, the sphere/ realm/ domain ~~area~~ of science, technology, inventions, and discoveries increases. As everyone has a limited time to learn in his or her life, they are able to gain a shallow education in all fields or specialize in an "infinitesimal" field, a drop in the ocean, whereas, in the past, people could gain expertise in most of the fields that were common at the time, ~~in~~ In other words, the less information exists, the more deeply one can learn it, and as the result of which the more educated he or she can become. For instance, a today's "renowned right leg knee surgeon" does not have the ability to cure other organs of the body let alone other illnesses. Nevertheless, in the past, a doctor was able to cure most of the patients coming to him or her.

Although it may seem that the more technology grows, the more educated people will become, technology has adversely affected education in some facets. In the case of facing problems, people will utilize the internet-Internet or books and find the solution without having any "pre-information" about the problem as if they are shooting fish in a barrel. Even if they cannot acquire the information they wanted, they can have access to specialists from all around the world through e-mail and Skype in the blink of an eye. Thus, they do not actually feel the need to go after education for solving their problems. On the other hand, due to (the) lack of accessible information and hardships of seeing professionals, people tried to study so that they ~~can~~ could solve their problem and that of the others; in the past. In this regard, there is a renowned proverb which states, "Necessity is the mother of invention."

Presently, the first priority of most people is living an ~~enjoyably~~ enjoyable life rather than ~~bearing~~ confronting obstacles to gain invaluable things. Hence, most of them do not go after education and if they ~~go do so~~, they are definitely the ones who possess great incentives, since it is a lengthy activity and ~~enjoys~~ is fraught with a lot of hurdles. Nowadays, children go to school due to their parents' force, while, in the past, despite (the) lack of facilities, children persevered the difficulties in order to study. It is statistically proven that the majority of great scientists through history led a hard life since their childhood, which is indicative of the consequence-significance of patience and motivation in learning things deeply.

All in all, it is not possible to certainly argue that people were more educated than are today. Nonetheless, I think that it is a true deduction, due to the vast extent of today's science, (the) lack of people's patience and stimuli, and the sadly absence of ~~feeling the necessity of the need for~~ learning, that which has its roots in easy access to information. It is crucial for societies to stimulate children in schools to continue their education and show them that it is worth its difficulties in order to retain an acceptable level of education in the future.

653 words

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30. You have enough money to purchase either a house or a business. Which would you choose to buy? Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. **

It would not be an exaggeration if one says that: ~~the~~ happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction which comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demands our best. It is undoubtedly axiomatic that "if one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable." As a fundamental element in achieving prosperity, economic welfare, and higher dignity in the society, it is crystal clear that having sufficient income and investing money plays a significant and vital role in everyone's life. In this regard, there is a controversial issue in business context that many of us have been dealing with, ~~which is~~ whether one should invest money in a house or establish a business. As far as I am concerned, the merits of engaging in commerce basically outweigh those of purchasing a house. The basis of my view is based on ~~the~~ several reasons that support this viewpoint, three of which are starting a business adds value on money, seeking better opportunity for future life and earning good profits for the luxuries of life, ~~and finally this~~ This option finally brings more benefits to society in comparison with buying a house.

It should be taken into account that buying a house, apart from being "morgue of money", would require ~~the~~ people to pay a considerable amount of tax. On the other hand, investment ~~on~~ in a business makes value added for the money. It has always been said that, in order to progress in life, ~~you one have has~~ to get up and make the opportunities. As Albert Einstein said "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." ~~So~~ Therefore, in this fast moving age, nothing waits for us and opportunities do ~~not~~ not last very long. Without money, most of the humans' wishes are inaccessible. In fact, money will make money, and ~~you one~~ may be richer after a while.

Another equally important point is that one of the critical ~~junctions~~ goals of life is having an income. By having a stable source of earnings, one not only can purchase a house, but also can gain more facilities. To achieve ~~the weal and~~ wealth, making a business, that is, "income-generation", is more beneficial in comparison with ~~expanding~~ spending that budget for acquiring a house. All in all, if one takes a ~~the~~ risk of beginning a business, he or she constructs an appropriate foundation for an investment, which will guarantee a better situation in the future. It goes without saying that someone who works harder achieves promotions, and ~~in as a~~ consequence gets more money to buy even a house or whatever he or she wants.

It is also important to bear in mind that if we look at the issue from ~~the~~ social aspects, ~~I need to point out that~~, people like to get encouraged and be rewarded for their ~~hard work~~ hard work. With this in mind, they ~~could~~ can make progress in their business and achieve higher levels of success. Admittedly, we do not work to earn money, nor do we work only for being happy, we work in order to make the earth a planet that people can live on and to make a better situation. In sum, by wasting the money on the house, we can make a ~~fascinated~~ fascinating life for our self only, but if we paid that money for purchasing a business, we can make a better future for both ourselves and the society.

Considering the above paragraphs, it can be concluded that in this particular situation ~~that in~~ which is a contrast exists between personal desires and society's, it seems that if we sacrifice our convenience, and work hard, we gain a better future with more facilities, ~~and can as well as we~~ and can service our community too.

609 words

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**31. What discovery in the last 100 years has been most beneficial for people in your country?
Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. ****

Since the dawn of humanity, human beings have been seeking for inventing new tools to make their life more convenient, delightful, and ~~affordable~~ exciting. In the past century, there were a great number of discoveries such as computer, automobile, smart phone, and solar energy, to name but a few, which have profoundly affected the life of all people around the world—~~such as computer, automobile, smart phone, solar energy, to name but a few~~. Among these achievements, as far as I am concerned, the automobile has been the most beneficial for people of our country. The automobile ~~have~~ has had quite a few privileges for us, three of which—that is—easy transportation, economic development, and society growth are the most outstanding ones.

~~Worldwide~~ All over the world, the automobile has allowed easier transport to far places. While our people, about a century ago, ~~should had to took ride on~~ had to ride on a horse or even a camel to travel, by transport revolution and with the advent of automobiles, they could ~~saved~~ save quite a bit of their time, so much so that it seems to have increased people's average longevity. For instance, they can now have access to a remote place in just a few hours instead of several days or even months. In addition, the trunk can transfer goods throughout the country much easier and quicker.

The development of the automobile has extremely contributed to ~~changes in our country's~~ the economy of our country. Before the invention of the automobile, petroleum was practically useless. ~~Whereas~~ However, after the mass production of the automobile began, and its global demands ~~raised~~ rose day by day, millions and millions of barrels of our oil ~~are have been sold~~ have been sold each year. Additionally, a great ~~deal~~ number of job opportunities ~~have been provided~~ have been created in order to produce these automobiles, and to pave thousands of kilometers of roadway for them as well.

The automobile had a pivotal role in the impressive growth of society in our country during the last century. No other invention or innovation has touched as many aspects of our society as the automobile has. It allowed big city dwellers for the first time to ~~actually~~ practically taste the ~~savor~~ flavor of freedom by utilizing the automobile. They could travel wherever they wished and whenever they pleased. Consequently, people's entire lifestyle changed with the coming of the automobile. Cities were no longer the only place to find urban comforts. People were able to live in nice, comfortable suburbs, instead of ~~right~~ just next to noisy, dirty factories.

In conclusion, with all this taken into account, I believe that the automobile was the most advantageous discovery for our nation in the past century on the grounds that it brought us ~~the~~ comfortable transportation and astounding growth both in economy and in society. Without the automobile, our country as well as the whole world would not be anything ~~like~~ as it is currently is.

458 words

Meisam Navaki Arefi: Amirkabir University of Technology.

32. If you could study a subject that you have never had the opportunity to study, what would you choose? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details. **

We are living in an age in which education plays a significant role as far as the development of a nation is concerned. It is an invaluable possession/asset that will guarantee the future of one's life and that of the society as well. ~~With In~~ With this in mind, opting for the field of study and the ~~favourite~~favorite subject that one ~~have~~has never had the opportunity to study, is a remarkable issue. As a vision, ~~could were~~ I to study a major ~~otherwise~~other than/except for/apart from whatever I have read in college, I would choose mathematics for a great number of reasons, three of which – that is — to familiarize~~familiarizing~~ with logical thinking ~~and as well as~~ science of deduction and rationality, getting to know ~~problem~~problem-solving methods, and ~~doing~~providing exercise for the mind with some exercise are of great consequence.

To begin with, life is replete with various types of issues and problems ~~in by which~~by means of which we learn how to encounter them and learn the methods of solving them as well. Learning mathematics, because of its having a logical nature, can help us to think logically and leads to rational and deduction thoughts. For instance, in ~~Algebra~~algebra and geometry, two of the branches of mathematics, there are assumptions that are proven by definite rules, and ~~then~~as the result of which everybody accepts the deductions in a logical manner. Through these methods, one can learn that everything has a reason ~~the same as~~ is the case with real life ~~is~~. Hence, in order to build our life ~~on the grounds that~~based on the aforementioned vision, ~~it we~~ would be better to study mathematics rather than other subjects.

Second, life and mathematics bear many similarities, one of which being problem solving methods, in which one can find endless enjoyment. One of these methods named 'operation research' helps us to make the best decision when there are quite a few options and restrictions that ~~and~~ we do not know which of them is the best. This method ~~helps~~assists people, and especially managers, to ~~conduct~~usher their life or their companies toward the best achievement. Therefore, an individual can ~~analysis~~analyze the issues more skillfully when he or she ~~resides~~is on the horn of a dilemma~~in an optional situation, more skilful~~. Based on the latest statistics, the managers who know these methods are more successful in their jobs and their individual lives ~~as well~~than others. They can convert defeat in difficult situations into stepping stones to make progress.

Last but not least, it is crystal clear that in order to have a healthy and powerful mind, we should do mental exercises as we do sports to have a wholesome body. Medical researches shows that those who have mental activities, have less mental and amnesia diseases such as Alzaymer Alzheimer's (disease). The more exercises one does, ~~consequence~~the more powerful their thought mind will be, and the easier ~~therefore~~ confusing and surmounting the life issues will become easier. Those who live in this manner can pave the way for living/leading a healthy and delightful life. If enough thought-provoking exercises are done ~~over~~ mental exercises, a stupendous achievement would not be far-fetched for the people, who like to ~~have~~live/lead a more qualified life.

In summary, with all this taken into account, I believe that ~~choose~~choosing a subject in the field of mathematics is ideal on the grounds that one can learn and utilizes its techniques such as rationality, best decision making, and strong memory in his or her real life. Let's get rid of the confusion in miscellaneous life situations by means of mathematics.

563 words

Mehrnaz Khalaj Hedayati: Amirkabir University of Technology

33. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Boys and girls should attend separate schools. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. ***

It is indubitably axiomatic that education is of pivotal importance in the prosperity of every one, and school ~~span-years~~ plays a crucial role in anyone's life. There is a fierce controversy as to whether one should be taught at the co-ed schools, or ~~it is advantageous to~~ attend segregated classes. People have many good reasons to opt for segregated schools and an equal number of reasons to choose co-ed ones. As far as I am concerned, the privileges of the co-ed schools basically outweigh those of the segregated schools, and people should attend ~~co-ed~~ co-ed schools for a great number of reasons, three of which—that is—developing communication skills, engendering (a) healthy competition, and ~~decline-eliminating~~ of sex discrimination are the most conspicuous ones.

To begin with, communication skills are crucially important in human life, which are firstly ~~earn-acquired~~ at school-span. In every society, people of the different genders are, in fact, living together, and ~~they need~~ proper upbringing to make an active, constructive interaction. Schools not only contributes to one's earning scientific knowledge but also helps male or female students with ~~fostering-enhancing~~ their various abilities in-for their later social lives. If male or female students are taught together from the infancy, they can understand each other well and learn how to interact with each-one another, develop friendships, and learn social skills. On the other hand, segregated schools deprive students of such a blessing, resulting in their becoming gauche and awkward on the part of boy students and timid as well as self-conscious girl students. Accordingly, far-sighted parents do not take the blessings of ~~co-ed~~ co-ed education for granted.

Secondly, ~~co-ed~~ the co-educational system brings enhancement in the spirit of students, creates a competitive atmosphere among students so-as-to so much so that they do their best to outperform the compete-with-the students of other opposite sex. If they are taught together, a sense of healthy competition among them it will be created-a sense of healthy competition among them, increasing their scores in general and their level of thinking in particular. When boys and girls study in the same class, they try to outdo the opposite sex, paving the way toward achieving the apex of success. In contrast, in segregated schools, they do not have much motivation to do so, which results in their becoming unqualified engineers, doctors, and teachers, to name but a handful. This phenomenon is more prevalent in undeveloped, backward nations, which can be considered as one of the elements impeding their progress in this regard.

Last but not least, segregated schools can increase/give rise to/cause sex discrimination in any given society. Women are generally discriminated against in many societies. ~~In contrast~~ However, by the help of ~~co-ed~~ co-educational system, men will know that women are also as intelligent as ~~them~~ they are to contribute in-to the development of economical, social, scientific, political, and other field areas of the country. Similarly, women will become aware of their potentials and become active members of the society, which is the fruit of letting them be in the company of male students. Consequently, equality between men and women will be achieved, ~~decreasing-uprooting this undesirable social phenomenon,~~ sex discrimination.

All in all, by taking into account all the above reasons, in spite of the fact that segregated classes have several merits, they fail to meet the needs of both sexes, while the co-ed ~~co-ed~~ co-educational system allows males and females to become more prepared for real-world situations. Consequently, authorities and parents alike should consider ~~co-ed~~ co-ed schools as a blessing in disguise and enroll their offsprings in ~~co-ed schools~~ one of them.

557 words

Amir Mahmoud Bakhshayesh: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

34. Many students choose to attend schools or universities outside their home countries. Why do some students study abroad? Use specific reasons and details to explain your answer. **

Our youth is an unmatched opportunity to thrive, which never takes place again. Anybody has his or her own goal in their life, and we all try to do our best to achieve our purposes. In order to be prosperous towards to succeed in attaining these goals, one must acknowledge the value of time, specifically when he or she is still young and capable to of change-changing their surrounding world. There are quite a few students who leave their home country in order to study abroad each year. Their reasons for this decision, whatsoever they would be, can be included in such factors as seeking better opportunities for study, being familiar with other nations and cultures, and fleeing from problems, and-as well as obstacles which prevent them from their academic goals, each of which will be elaborated upon separately.

First and foremost, as it can easily be inferred from the term "study abroad", the main reason of-for opting for a foreign country to study in is "scholastic reasons." In today's modern scientific world, science and technology have been divided into many diverse-specialized branches, some of which deal with a-very-much elaborated problems and issues so much so that there are only a few people around the world who are aware about-of these complicated issues. Therefore, if one wants to pursue such complicated subjects in science, engineering or in other areas of human knowledge, he or she will have a-few options, simply because there are a-few-only certain institutions which are conducting their researches in these fields.

The second reason that comes to mind is the opportunity of recognizing other nations and cultures. It stands to reason that every society has its own cultures-culture and traditions which affect one's personality, and life style. Knowing about these customs and cultures has always been a-one of my favorites-of me. I devote some of my time, by searching via the Internet, in order to be familiar with these diverse cultures every day, -henceHence, being familiar with the culture of other people can give rise to the facilitation in-of communication, and as a student who himself-is arranging to study abroad, the ability to communicate with other people is an essential factor for me to have. Furthermore, one can learn quite a lot of useful experiences if he or she knows how other people live, eat, get married, and find their friends, that is, the culture and customs of those people.

Finally, as a minor reason, I can say that some students immigrate to a foreign country to study in, because they have some problems in their home country. Racial discrimination, war, poverty, and-as well as political and fiscal-financial problems are all serious obstacles for many students around the world. Such obstacles prevent students from focusing on their study. How an individual can concentrate on his or her research when they see the peoples who live around them are struggling with a pool of unbearable problems? Therefore, some students, in fact, seek tranquility, which is a prerequisite for study and research, by studying abroad.

All in all, in my opinion, although anybody-everybody has his or her own reasons for studying abroad, some of which could-can be very personal, there are some common factors between-among these students who have opted for a foreign country to study in. The most important of these reasons is a better study opportunity, which accompanies with some other factors. There is still one point that I must make, studying abroad has its own pros and cons, and if a person wants to make a decision between studying abroad or studying-in his or her home country, they must consider all of these merits and demerits.

788 words

Sina Marhabaie: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

35. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Governments should support scientific research even if they are not practical. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. *

In today's world, with the galloping rate of science and technology, no one can turn a blind eye to the enormous effects of modern technology on people's lives, and we all know that ~~These~~ these advancements are the consequence of the scientific researches done by the scientists. However, a controversial discussion begins at the point when some governments think that spending money on researches which are still impractical is a wrong ~~job~~ measure, ~~and while~~ others think otherwise. Personally, I approve of the latter belief, and ~~I~~ think that it is always necessary to allot a specific amount of the budget to ~~the~~ scientific researches, even if they are not serviceable yet.

To begin with, ~~It~~ it is vivid that all the practical consequences have been resulted from a theoretical approach. In other words, theories are always ~~former~~ prior to ~~than~~ functions/experiments. Most of the today's up-to-date technologies, were completely unbelievable for people who were living about 50 years ago. However, also at that time, there must have been some people who were thinking of some stupendous innovations which were not perceptible for ordinary people. With this in mind, and as we know that the future might be unexpected, we cannot stop some researches because they are ~~being~~ considered to be unusable at the present time; and also this is not what the first world countries do. Although some governments and people believe that ~~till~~ until a predicament such as poverty exists, it is not wise to spend the budget on such things. Nonetheless, I think that we do not have enough time for waiting until poverty ~~being~~ is uprooted, and it is better to plane in a decent way, and control all important parameters in an excellent fashion.

In my view, science has ~~two~~ two parts. ~~One~~, one of which is related to the present, and the other one is concerning ~~about~~ the future. For the sake of the second part, we must be thoroughly far-sighted and consider the possibilities which might happen in the future. For example, living on the other planets is not probable for most of the people. However, some governments are designating quite a lot of money to sending astronauts to the other planets like ~~mars~~ Mars, studying those planets, and discovering the facts. To ~~name~~ mention another example, scientists like Einstein and Bohr have done so many experiments which were not practical on those days. Even though they were living so many years ago, their theories and experiments are still inspiring today's scientists for their works.

From what was already mentioned, one can conclude that for the sake of our future, we must broaden our mind and think above/beyond the present world. It is necessary not to take scientists' plans as some imaginary things, and not to take their innovative thoughts for granted.

455 words

Yasaman Ghaffari: Tarbiat Modares University (TMU)

36. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Life today is easier and more comfortable than it was when your grandparents were children. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. **

Today's life style is very different from that in the past. Through incessant modern changes, our life is in its way to modification, too. There is no way to foil/halt these alterations as time passes. As far as the changes are concerned, I subscribe to the statement that life today is easier and more comfortable than it was when our grandparents were children on the grounds that new technologies have make-made life easier, developments of knowledge provide people with more facilities, and advanced educational systems have a great influence over people's life.

These days, people can make a good use of new technologies and modern equipment in everyday life. They apply complicated computer systems to speed up the progress of their work and to do them more accurately. New cars and modern transportation systems make it easier to travel long distances more comfortably and in an appropriate time. There is no shortage of primary facilities such as water, electricity, and gas. In other words, without any shadow of doubt, today's life is extremely easier than that in the past. We can see how the elderly complain about the past when remembering how time-consuming it was to do their work without the assistance of computers or how difficult traveling was ~~difficult~~ without new transportation systems.

Nowadays, along with other changes, knowledge has been developed in every aspect. New experiences and ~~continues~~ continuous investigations have been made striking progress towards remarkable medical achievements. Many diseases which seemed to be difficult to deal with in our grandparents time, are now ~~are~~ curable and easy ~~easyly~~ to heal. Easy access to state-of-the-art hospitals and skilled doctors makes it more comfortable to live and feel less ~~hazardous~~ worried about diseases.

In our grandparents' time, ~~the~~ educational system was very poor and without consideration to children's needs. There were not skillful teachers and no appropriate educational systems to help students ~~progress~~ complete their studies and pursue their interests. Nowadays, children can study in ~~facilitated~~ well-equipped schools and under efficient educational systems. They take advantages of proficient teachers and are able to continue their education in a proper manner. My grandparents always advised me to study well and be thankful to my school conditions. They told me how they wished to study in such schools as mine.

In summary, with all this taken into account, I believe that today's life is absolutely easier and more comfortable than that in our grandparent's' time. This is because new technologies and modern equipment have facilitated our lives, medical advances have reduced life ~~hazardous~~ hazards, and new educational systems ~~has~~ have improved children's studies.

421 words

Zahra Alizadeh: Art and Architecture, Azad University, Tehran Central Branch

37. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Your job will have more effect on your happiness than the social life does. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. ***

Life is replete with ups and downs. Everyone confronts both joyfulness and hardship in his or her living. ~~Yet~~Nevertheless, the thing that is crystal clear is that the possession of a happy life is anyone's goal ~~to anyone~~. However, the roads to happiness seem not to be the same to all people. As far as I am concerned, one's occupation will ~~enjoy~~ have more effect ~~influence~~ on ~~his or her~~ one's delightfulness than the social life does on the grounds that one can become aware of his or her ~~ability~~ abilities, earn money, and ~~have~~ the opportunity to make new friends.

One who is responsible for a job tries his or her best to do the work properly. He or she exerts their knowledge, experiences, creativities, and mental abilities, to name but a few, to succeed in their work. As a result, not only will their abilities grow but also their talents will flourish. For all people, nothing is more gratifying than the recognition of their aptitudes. It makes them feel ~~to be~~ unsurpassable and helpful. I for one have had my job for more than ten years; I can, without any shadow of doubt, remember how new windows were opened to me after a year of work. I met undiscovered parts of my ~~deep inside~~ latent talents and did my best to nurture them, ~~and it which~~ brought me nothing but sheer happiness. This is not true for social life activities such as dining out or watching a movie with one's peers, whose delight is superficial and short-lived.

Another privilege of having job is earning money. ~~Money~~ which plays an absolutely essential role in one's life. ~~As a person in a work~~ At work, people try to make efforts to increase their income so as to prepare better conditions of living. Consequently, they will benefit from living glad and cheerful lives. They save their earned money to provide a comfortable accommodation, to travel around, to spend on their children's expenditure, and to utilize it in emergency cases such as hospital treatments or recompenses ~~of for~~ damaged cars, to name but a few. In fact, supplying the mentioned facilities from job income will bring unlimited gladness to one's life. Who on Earth does not feel happy when they spend money in a safe healthy manner?

Last but not least, one can meet new people ~~possessed lots~~ with whom they have many things in common in ~~a the~~ workplace. They can use the occasion to develop their relation and become intimate friends. As friends, they can share ideas, make fun, and ~~being~~ helpful to one another. Unquestionably, this will lead to extreme cheerfulness in life. Indeed, most people spend quite almost half a day at work time; They they can know one another well and knot close emotional ties. It feels great when ~~you one are~~ is aware that someone cares for ~~you him or her~~ as a friend. At work, one can kill two birds with one stone: doing their job and socializing with others, which is not the case with one's social life on its own.

In conclusion, by taking into account all the above reasons, I believe that a person's job will influence ~~one's his or her~~ happiness more than social life does. ~~For This is because his or her they can cultivate their talent will prosper, will make profits, and will create new friendships with their colleagues at work. Finally~~ As a final word, it is ~~expressed said~~ that "human beings are alive by working and diligence", ~~that which~~ is true joyfulness/delight.

551 words

Zahra Alizadeh: Art and Architecture, Azad University, Tehran Central Branch

38. Many parts of the world are losing important natural resources, such as forests, animals, or clean water. Choose one resource that is disappearing and explain why it needs to be saved. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. *

Often in our daily life, we read and hear the phrases such as, "Forests are the beating heart of the Earth" or "Trees are the lungs of nature." Such comments reveal the great and vital role of forests in our life. The fact is, all natural resources are of great importance, ~~and but~~ unfortunately, most of them are in danger of disappearing, as a result of rapid rate of population growth and developing of industrial cities. ~~But~~ However, personally, I think the disappearing of none of them is as tangible as that of forests. The substantial significance of forests that makes it so important a natural resource that we should save it, emerges in quite a few issues, two of which—that is—to be ~~the~~ great suppliers and also, to be the haven and protector of all creatures, are the most outstanding ones.

To begin with, ~~Forests~~ forests are the largest supplying "firms" for both humans and animals. In this regard, trees provide the most crucial element for one's ~~being survives~~ survival, the Oxygen. Apart from producing the required oxygen for living beings, trees help us ~~in with~~ purifying the air that we inhale into our lungs. It may be easily sensed when we escape from our polluted cities to the green nature. In addition to oxygen, the other products of this "green firm" are essential foods and nourishments and also natural medicines for all species of creatures, to name but a few. By the disappearing of these precious forests, the survival of most living beings, especially humans, would be endangered dramatically.

Moreover, ~~Forests~~ forests are not only the vast haven for animals, but also the decent protector of humans. ~~Actually~~ In fact, forests, as the habitats for a variety of animals, have a serious and undeniable position in the life cycle. ~~Disarrayed~~ The depletion of forests and ~~so the subsequent~~ disappearing of them leads to the extinction of many kinds of animals, resulting in a hazardous threaten for the entire nature. ~~On the other hand,~~ Besides being a haven, forests defend the living creatures against natural disasters such as flood and erosion. As I lately read in an article, ~~disordered~~ indiscriminate cutting of trees causes that the number of deaths because of floods to have become manifolded, in recent decades.

As a conclusion from what was previously said, with regards to the accelerating ~~offast pace~~ disappearing process of forests, the importance of preserving these natural resources is increasing day by day. As one of our great vital elements' provider, shelter, and defender, we should try our utmost to save it for our next generations. It seems that our generous "green firm", for its further gratis services, requires more attention and care than before.

437 words

Sanli Movafaghi: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

39. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People sometimes should do things that they do not enjoy doing. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. *

Pleasure is one of the most important motivations for humans' actions. They should sometimes accept to do the tasks they are not really happy with ~~them~~, however. As humans live in a society and must communicate with others, he or she they may love some special ~~person~~ individuals, and maybe, for a great goal, sometimes should experience and do what he or she really does not like.

First, living in a society has to do with respect ~~to~~ for everybody's' right, which limits ~~the~~ human actions. ~~The~~ Humans cannot break laws and sometimes must obey them in a way that they does not enjoy. For example, in driving a car, there are so many rules that ~~the human~~ one should respect such as stopping ~~behind~~ at the traffic light, which makes some ~~guys~~ drivers nervous, and it seems boring, but for saving others' lives and managing the traffic in a city, one should obey do so. Living in a society brings the duties which are not always enjoyable.

Moreover, sometimes loving other ~~person~~ people makes a human accept the conditions which ~~is~~ are not comfortable. For example, in Iranian culture, there is an old story about Farhad, who loved Shirin and carved the Bistootoon Mount to show his great enthusiasm about marrying her. Additionally, it is often seen ~~more that often~~ a mother with lack of adequate sleep ~~in order to~~ takes care of her baby.

Along the same lines, a great goal can make people do the tasks bothering them. People tolerate a temporary hard situation to achieve their huge goals, as a result. Many successful ~~bodies~~ scientists, artists, and sportsmen, to name but a few, mention their hard days and nights they even did not sleep a wink and were working hard on their projects or focusing on their problem in order to find a solution. It seems that hardship is the very point to ~~access~~ achieve/attain success.

In a ~~nut shell~~ nutshell, mankind has to respect laws even when they are against his or her desire; ~~besides~~ moreover, people may love someone or dream future achievements, ~~which makes making~~ him or her to accept difficulties and to carry out hard chores and harsh circumstances.

342 words

Fazel Zare Bidoky: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

40. In your opinion, what is the most important characteristic (for example, honesty, intelligence, a sense of humor) that a person can have to be successful in life? Use specific reasons and examples from your experience to explain your answer. When you write your answer, you are not limited to the examples listed in the question. *

In today's modern world, with rapid changes toward industrialization, the absence of affection is strongly felt in almost all societies - especially those developed countries - in which the state-of-the-art technologies have completely changed these communities - that is - bringing a great number of mental disorders-preoccupation/concerns and unsuccessful situations; therefore, people need to have motivation in order to refresh their mind. There are varieties of attributes that a person needs to convert his or her life toward to a prosperous manner. As far as I am concerned, one of the most foremost-pivotal features for a person to have-lead a decent and calm life is hopefulness. This is thanks to a great number of reasons, three of which - that is - helping people to better cope with severe difficulties in people's-their life, constructing positive attitude toward the whole of life, as well as acquiring more appealing characteristics to attract many friends are more significant.

Without any shadow of doubt, life is replete with ups and downs; as a result, it is essential to learn how to treat/deal with these obstacles, and moreover to finding the best solution to resolve the problems in an appropriate fashion. Psychologists believe that having hope is the most powerful way to overcome and defeat the worst situations. For instance, it could be a very useful way to eliminate or decrease the number of such fatal disease as cancer, and tumor, and to name but a few-two, that doctors strongly advise patients. In hard conditions, this character cause to-increases their perseverance; furthermore, they enjoy more concentration on finding a logical and rational solution for-to their complex problems. It-This is partially because not only do they underestimate treat their current harsh situations as unimportant, but they achieving-achieve their desired condition to solve the matter as well.

It is crystal clear that people's inner features can affect their behavioral attributes. There are a great number of published books and essays that speak about/elaborate upon positive notions, as well as they-which guide people to develop their optimistic beliefs through increasing their trust to-in the future events. Persons-Those who believe that life is a very precious gift has-having been awarded to human kind in order that it fulfill-sing their desired requirements. These kinds of individuals always want to create enjoyable moments; thus, their day is-beginning-begins with positive expected expectations to construct a wonderful day. This way of thought automatically directed-directs them to construct a ing-pleasure-pleasant life for them and their own-and-relatives.

Apart from the aforementioned explanations, people lives in society and enjoy communication and interaction with each other. From educational and psychological viewpoints, it is pivotal for individuals that-to attract other people and are-(to) be accepted in communities, for it is necessary to create a decent and suitable mental attributes. Hopeful persons-people can easily find proper connections with their intimates in everywhere-replace, which is a highly developed feature that the-hopeful persons-individuals possess-it.

In conclusion, mankind always attempts to remove barriers and conserve-maintain his or her successes that-for which some features are necessary-require to achieve this goal, which-h Hopefulness is the most important instrument in this way-for this goal. As far as hope trustful-is concerned, one can say that it leads to the create-creation of infrastructural changes to-in the societies; furthermore, the prevalence-presence of these behaviors leads to constructing dynamic and healthy communities. Governments should try to announce-to-make-the people has-to-do with-aware of the consequence-positive effects of these-this treatments-personal trait through television, books, as well as the internet-Internet.

549 words

Mahrokh Javadi: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

41. Describe a custom from your country that would you like people from other countries to adopt. Explain your choice, using specific reasons and examples. *

In my country – Iran – we have many traditional and religious customs that the majority of them refer to and origin from pure history and religion. In Iran, there are various nations that live together in peace and respect to each other's rich beliefs and customs. Yet, it is very difficult for me to both choose just one tradition between these vast cultures and describe ~~that~~ it. Nevertheless, my choice is a New Year visit to relatives; ~~the habit-phenomenon~~ is very popularly as well as important for the Iranian nation. I select this custom to be adopted/so that other countries adopt it/ in another other country countries for many reasons, ~~_. Hence,~~ I describe my main reasons in continuation.

~~The new-year~~ New Year in Iran, ~~it is~~ not just an astronomical and natural event. This happening is not only about replacing and changing the seasons in nature, but also ~~it is about being~~ linked to the changes in the ~~society~~ behaviors of the society. In the last month of the year, when we approach ~~to the~~ spring, ~~the people's~~ relations and behaviors will be changed as ~~well as~~ nature ~~situation~~ and climates change. Everyone changes and renews their old stuff and replaces ~~drab and tacky clothes~~ to with new and colorful ones. The relations between families and friends will ~~be change like~~ as other things. People renew and refresh their relations with New Year visit on holidays.

~~Among~~ All through/throughout a year, everyone is involved with their busy life and anyone ~~worry~~ worries about many things ~~like such as~~ work, relations, and money, to name but a few and etc. Thus, the New Year is the best excuse to let us eliminate ~~get rid off~~ from all of these concerns, and release ~~take their~~ minds ~~from off~~ any annoying routine problems. One of the best solutions ~~for to~~ this process is ~~the~~ visiting our family and friends in the New Year. In these ~~meetings~~ get-togethers, everyone has fun and entertainments, even some families decide to go ~~to on a~~ trip together and spend their vacations in a new town. In this case, after the vacation, everyone obtains enormous energy and build up big truefull confidence to start their new busy life for one year again.

In conclusion, I think ~~the that~~ social relations have a huge ~~and influence~~ influential role in our lifestyle, and no one can neglect the effect of this vital ~~object~~ issue in their life. Due Therefore, the New Year visit can repair and renew weakness of relation between families and friends, year by year. Regarding these reasons, my personal opinion is that New Year visit is the best and useful custom of my country to be adopted in by other nations.

417 words

42. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Watching television is bad for children. Use specific details and examples to support your answer.*

For a long time, ~~Television~~ television, as a public ~~media~~ medium ~~of mankind~~ for human beings, has entertained people with various programs and broadcasts. On the one ~~hand~~ hand, nowadays, the television has almost been replaced with the ~~internet~~ Internet ~~almost has been replaced with the television~~, but on the other hand, the television certainly has its own considerable effects. I believe that, ~~such as~~ similar to any significant ~~origination~~ invention, the television has benefits as well as pitfalls.

~~First~~ The first issue that crossed ~~in~~ my mind is amusement. The television can fill ~~the~~ children's leisure time during the day appropriately by entertaining programs. As a result, they can choose their favorite broadcasts, for instance, cartoons, scientific channels, and national geography channels that can ~~fulfill~~ fulfill children's pleasure. In addition, the television brings about a great deal of information; hence, these collections of data make them aware of the things happening around them. ~~Subsequently~~ Additionally, not only does the television ~~not only does~~ help the communication skills of children (to) improve, but also it ~~enhances~~ enhances their social relationships.

Conversely, ~~if~~ watching the television is not limited, it can be very detrimental. ~~Since~~ This is because, watching without any sufficient and careful monitoring ~~causes~~ makes the children ~~to face~~ quite a few programs that have violent and sexual contents. Besides all of these effects, watching the television more than requirement both may enfeeble the eyes of children and might disturb the whole system of children's anatomy. Therefore, their sleep habits and the schedules of ~~of going to bed or education are disorganized~~ will both suffer. ~~in~~ In our century, scientists, ~~in order to~~ based on the ~~enounced~~ research conducted, conclude that watching the television for a long time might deteriorate the ~~innovation~~ creativity among ~~of the children due to~~ because of sitting in a particular place and gazing ~~to at the a specific point out in front of the television for nearly half of the day, and also in this way children absolutely hurt~~ This is to the detriment of their studies as well as all of the reasons above. Moreover, the influences of these harmful factors ~~which~~ will appear in the future behavior of kid's ~~and~~ but can be removed from the children's mind in a hard manner.

All in all, I believe that the television is useful just about 30 minutes ~~on a~~ day and under the supervision of parents, ~~and in~~ in my opinion, the disadvantages of the television ~~is quite bit off~~ far outweigh its advantages, ~~so~~ Consequently, if I want to manage a child or ~~sort~~ assign him or her for daily work, I ~~entirely~~ would entirely persuade him or her to abandon watching the television.

382 words

43. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In twenty years, there will be fewer cars in use than there are today. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

~~Since about~~For almost the past two ~~recent~~ centuries, cars have been one of the inseparable ~~part~~parts of our lives. However, the more technology develops and gets flourished, the more solutions are found and invented to meet our needs. Cars, as other inventions, have thrived noticeably in the recent decades; nonetheless, I, personally, believe that in the near future, there will not be ~~still~~ a great chance for cars anymore to remain as popular as they are now. To support my opinion, I can mention several reasons; such as architecture and style of city growth to name the most important one. In addition, more efficient public transportations and probable new technologies and creations substituting today's cars could be held responsible for their becoming less ~~intriguing~~fascinating.

Firstly, as we all know, traffic is currently one of the most exhausting and ~~unendurable~~ overwhelming problems of every metropolitan and even mid-sized towns ~~currently~~. The more cars we produce, the more crowded our streets become. On the other hand, due to priorities such as limiting the size of cities in terms of area and expanding them vertically instead of horizontally in order to ease access and reduce transportation costs, the cities have become more and more populated, ~~in contrary~~, while the number of streets and paths have not grown to the extent that they can compensate ~~that the~~ increase in the number of cars which the growing population consumes; ~~therefore~~ Therefore, as a city approaches its limit of population, interest in using cars ~~decreases~~diminishes.

Secondly, problems like air pollution, global warming, and high prices of gasoline have led people to use public transportations more; consequently, the tendency ~~of for~~ using cars is vanishing in ~~usual~~ everyday utilizations needs. Although, nowadays, the role of public transportation in daily transfers is much less noticeable than that of cars in particular, the growth of trends towards benefiting from them is increasing; ~~additionally~~ Additionally, thanks to ~~progressing the advances of~~ in technology, we will have more efficient and effective transportation systems so much so that they can be adequate alternatives.

Finally, if someone from the 17th century had been asked what the future would be like for carriage and horses, they might have said that there would not be any main changes in the type of transportation vehicles; ~~however~~ However, as we travel through time from the past to ~~now~~ present, it can be observed that all man's inventions and crafts have their own expiration dates; ~~in~~ In spite of the complexity and elaboration of each, they have been dominated by new creations and appliances.

To make it more clear, some of the possible future ideas for alternatives for cars can be inspired from fiction movies; such as flying cars working with nuclear energy or even space crafts with anti-gravity technology. Even though these ideas may seem somehow radical and unorthodox, the fact that science is flourishing with an accelerating pace can assure that these goals are possible to reach even in the following twenty years.

To sum it up, we should always be aware of our environment and the quality of our personal lives, and we must evermore seek for better solutions towards a greater life; ~~cars~~ Cars have been a ~~thread~~ threat ~~for to the~~ environment since day one; ~~of~~ Of course, ~~we can change this thread~~ threat can be changed and even converted ~~it~~ to an opportunity by being less conservative and open to new feasible ideas that are more suitable for all aspects of life.

553 words

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44. Some people think that the government should spend more money on the education of adults, while others believe that the education of children carries more importance. Which opinion do you advocate? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Education is among the most outstanding aspects of everyone's life in that one can seek their interests and favors in it and follow it. Adults and children seek knowledge, and attempt to achieve ~~high-level~~high-level educational degrees. ~~As~~In this regards, there is a heated controversy as ~~for~~to which group the government should invest in more. As we know, there are always bigger chances for children to develop. That is why the government should spend more ~~for~~on children's education rather than ~~that of~~ adults. There are three reasons for this statement: ~~the~~ children have more ~~leisure~~ time for studying, they build up the future of the society for which the government has many plans and schedules, and if the government spends more on children, they rather than adults will have more chances for developing -rather than-adults, which is because of their more capacities and being motivated.

First of all, children have more spare time and also are more dynamic. For instance, you see a healthy child that always wants to play and run, while an adult does not. This is due to the fact that an adult has his or her own business and tasks. They might also have families and children whom they should support financially and feed them mentally. Therefore, they do not have enough time for studying seriously! However, a child does not have these tasks to do, and their only responsibility is ~~to~~whether to study or play. If the government plans for them in a way that they can develop, ~~it~~they will ~~lead to~~become great ~~human beings~~citizens in the future in such a developed society.

Secondly, today's children are the members of the ~~tomorrow's~~society to come. They will become engineers, artists and also great politicians ~~humans~~ such as president! Hence, they should be raised and ~~being~~taught in such an appropriate manner in which they can manage the society well and also make it more enhanced. Adults are in today's society and even if they study hard and become doctors and engineers ~~in-at, say, namely the age~~ 40-years-old, they do not have enough energy by then, for working hard and thinking about the society development.

Finally, ~~the~~ children have more capacity and motivation, for developing and becoming great human beings in the future. For example, if you ask a child about his ambitions and wishes about their future or about the job that they want to do ~~in their future~~, they will give you a list of their wishes and do ~~this~~so with happiness and enthusiasm; ~~while~~On the other hand, if one asks the same question from an adult, ~~th~~these adults ~~ey~~ think they are ~~kidding~~pulling their leg! ~~Poor-~~The poverty-stricken children who have not a chance ~~for~~to studying or cannot afford it need the government's help for enhancement and their education.

To sum up, a perfect society in the future is the one that can be achieved by its today's children. Consequently, they should be-receive considerable attention ~~noted more by~~on the part of the government.

483 words

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45. People listen to music for different reasons and at different times. Why is music important to many people? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. ***

Music, which seems to be a natural need for mankind, penetrates almost every facet of people's life from all walks of life. From the first lullaby sung to us as newborn babies, music provides the "soundtrack" of our lives. This "universal language of mankind"—as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow quoted—has remarkably affected a man's life, so much so that a number of its impacts, such as the psychological effect of it on people's representation from various characteristics, has been taken for granted. This ever-known phenomenon, without any doubt, has many other specialities-qualities that make it impossible for people to live a hopeful life without it, among which are—that is—its use in different gathering occasions as well as its promotive impact in-on broadcasting media products such as films and advertisements.

To begin with, music can be considered a healing, motivating, joyful and incredible tool, by means of which people's mood and atmosphere can be changed in a promotive way. The harmony, rhythm, tone, and even the silence of notes play a magnificent role in every individual's emotions depends—depending on their psychological phase. Regarding the mentioned facts, the divine spectrum of sounds can purely and honestly expresses and biases-impress feelings and internal state, that-which is inexpressible in words. By playing or listening to music, one's soul can be relieved and lifted up. Consequently, music gives us one more option when we want to release our feelings, and it is always the best one. For-for we are unable to ignore the great influence music has on human's mind.

Secondly, music has always been the inevitable part of any group ~~concourse~~gathering. Throughout history, it has celebrated the triumphs and tragedies of life. Music both shapes and reflects society. Dancers follow its beat; protesters use it to find their voice. Moreover, it can promote ideals—like peace and solidarity—but it can also prepare armies for battle. It is part of almost every important personal and collective moment. In a-the world of diversity where often values clash, music leaps across language barriers and unites people of quite different cultural backgrounds. And so, through music, all peoples can come together to make the world a more harmonious place.

Last but not least, Music-music definitely affects the lifestyles of people in many different ways. It goes—it goes without saying that tactful usage of notes to draw people's attention, has been a well-known fact in broadcasting media for ages. Furthermore, advertisements would no longer been effective-effective without a proper choice of sounds. additionally-Additionally, statistics illustrate that ever since musical notes has-been added to movies, the popularity of them has soared up intensively. Hence, hearing the soundtrack of a film, reminds us of the story it follows. On the contrary, if we omit the music from the-a film or a commercial advertisement on television, it will be meaningless and dull.

As "the last note", music is the essential component of human's life to make life-it more delightful. In other words, life is a scene of happenings that each and every one of us should hear the sound of its music carefully.

511 words

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