

46. Which one is more important to you for having an enjoyable vacation?

Good friends

Good accommodation

Good foods**

Traveling ~~with not the best~~ without having the best situations satisfied or not traveling at all may be our ~~struggle-preoccupation~~. When a tour or travel is offered, people would be assorted in two groups. One would accept the trip with all its deficits, while others prefers to wait untill its favorite situation is guaranteed/satisfied/met/fulfilled. Were I to choose between these two options, I would like ~~better~~ to go and spend my time on a trip rather than waiting until the best situation ~~occurs~~ is met. There are some factors that can influence our choice to go on a trip or not—~~Some~~ some of these ~~which~~ are the ~~follow-fellow~~ travelers, accommodation and food, among which I believe friends are the most important one, for the reasons mentioned hereunder.

~~Having~~ Keeping the company with ~~of~~ good friends/being in the company of good friends is the a fundamental point while one is on a trip. In my opinion, when our ~~travel-fellow-travellers~~ followers are ~~comrade~~ cooperative, caring, and considerate, we do not have to worry about accommodation, food or other ~~things this type of~~ that ilk things. With these remarkable friends, we will absolutely enjoy our wonderful trip. There is little doubt that the happiness we are filled with—for being with our close friends—can ~~ever~~ overshadow the “unsatisfaction”—we may have for the food and accommodation conditions. It is incontrovertible that being with friends is almost enough regardless of the fact that where we are or what we eat.

It is crystal clear, ~~that every one~~ single person prefers a five-star hotel over an ordinary accommodation. We have to act mature, and understand that maybe our ~~travel-follower~~ fellow-travelers cannot afford a luxury accommodation, or maybe we are traveling along a group of young people—who have a limited budget. With this in mind, we can cooperate and make the situation more comfortable by not nagging and complaining about food and accommodation all the time. As far as the place is safe and neat, we can compromise ~~with on~~ it. Furthermore, I believe “fifty percent of something is better than nothing of it.” half a loaf is better than none. ~~Hence~~, settling down at a common accommodation is better than not traveling at all. My cousin has traveled a lot with her friends—in ~~an~~ an ~~banal-average and normal~~ average and normal manner—and ~~have~~ has seen places I have not ~~seen~~, has had experiences I ~~do~~ have not ~~have~~. At this moment, I ~~be~~ grudge ~~envy~~ her.

In my view, we can tolerate an unpleasant food, but we cannot stand a bad company. When we decide to travel, we have to consider that we will not enjoy all parts of the travel. Even in the ~~best planned~~ best-planned travels, there ~~is~~ are some ~~bothers~~ nuisances about that ~~which~~ we have not thought ~~about~~ it. It would be very helpful, ~~at the~~ moment we do not like our food, we remind ourselves that “it is not a big deal, I have a minor issue with the food, but I still can enjoy my vacation with my good friends.” I, myself, remember I traveled with my university friends—my bosom friends—and we went to a ~~sort of~~ camping to make it so that it would be economical. Although the food was unsavory, we had a ~~reminiscent~~ memorable trip since the whole time we were ~~going on~~ having fun, joking, and laughing.

To draw the conclusion grounded on the above statements, I think we do not have to be strict, which can result in our missing chances ~~are~~ and opportunities that may not happen again. Taken into account what was already mentioned, it is ~~clear~~ clear-cut that if we become easygoing, we can have experiences we cannot have otherwise.

578 words

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47. People do many different things to stay healthy. What do you do for good health? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

From the beginning of forming the first civilizations to the present day, both general public and intellectuals have been seeking the elixir of youth. This resulted in humans' discovering various effective ways in order to stay healthy. In this regard, in order to stay healthy, I – for one – apply quite a few ~~fashions~~things, some of which are elaborated upon in the following paragraphs.

To begin with, one of the most effective ways to contribute to individuals' enjoying health is exercising. Research shows that considering a long-term, daily, and regular exercising program not only is helpful in one's¹ being in a good physical shape, as a result of which their self-confidence will increase, but also is very influential in successfully accomplishing stress relief, moderating anxiety ratio, and preventing depression.

Secondly, undoubtedly, the more people enjoy an appropriate situation of nutrition, the more health will be accessible, both psychically and ~~physically~~mentally. In fact, precisely choosing a proper proportion of protein, hydrocarbons, and vegetables can contribute to individuals' acquiring a strong immune system, ~~as a result of which~~guaranteeing a comparative health will be guaranteed.

Finally, so influential is the role of the environment in which ones lives as well as grows in possessing health that it can never be ignored. For instance, choosing a city, the atmosphere of which is very suitable and the people of which are friendly and warm-blooded - ~~not to free from~~ ~~present~~ ~~the~~ air pollution or any other contamination we suffer from today - ~~as well as the people of which are friendly and warm-blooded~~ will definitely bring about the ~~settlements'~~settlers' satisfaction. Thus, people will be in a stable and normal living condition, correspondingly leading to providing health in general and ~~psychic-mental health~~here in particular.

In conclusion, humans attempt to obtain health - from both ~~physic-mental~~ and psychical view - is timeless and boundless. Considering this, there are many scientific obvious ~~fashions~~measures which are useful in obtaining health, among ~~of~~ which exercising, enjoying a decent diet, and living in a proper environment are of great consequence.

319 words

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48. A company has announced that it wishes to build a large factory near your community. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this new influence on your community. Do you support or oppose the factory? Explain your position. **

In this developing world in which demand for more products and commodities is rising in a galloping fashion, establishing factories plays a crucially important role on providing enough goods. ~~Nowadays There~~, however, ~~may be there is~~ a heated controversy as to whether building a factory in our near community could be beneficial or not/~~or otherwise~~. As far as I am concerned, the merits of building a factory in our close vicinity substantially outweigh its demerits. I have a penchant for creating a factory for some reasons, among which the issue of job opportunities, amenities, and culture are of more significance.

To begin with, it is incontrovertibly axiomatic that efforts of any kind for boosting career opportunities is rewarding ~~toward for~~ any society. Constructing a factory, regardless of its location, as a huge effort, undoubtedly provides a great number of occupations. With taking the location into account, ~~being a factory in our vicinity means leading a higher chance of employment~~ rather than as compared to the people other living in a place far from this center-people, for they will being informed sooner than ~~the others~~. Although, it may negatively affects some jobs that are heavily dependent on the products of that factory and make them to ~~moderate-reduce~~ their prices, it will be beneficial as a whole.

Secondly, the presence of a factory in our neighborhood brings about a wide spectrum of new facilities and amenities for our-its dwellers, such as new hotels, recreational places, and various means of transportation-tools, to name but a few. In other words, when such a big factory opens in an area, ~~it is a natural process~~ stands to reason that that this area, for the sake of the reputation and credit of the factory, will be extremely thriving-thrive after a while, for the sake of factory reputation and credit. Nevertheless, the issue of pollution is the most annoying matter associated with these giant factories. Still, pollution needs a better solution rather than preventing from-the building construction of such factories.

Last but not least, ~~existence of a factory can be used like a media-medium for-to spreading and declaring-declare~~ our culture. The ~~more-bigger~~ the factory-be, the more workers it will ~~be-have~~, ~~hold-which-who~~ come to our community from other cities, and ~~create~~ the more opportunities for transferring our culture, costume, and religion it creates. Notwithstanding, ~~entering-different people's entering with different cultures to our city, with different cultures~~, may influence our culture in an unpleasant way, ~~yet it is depends on ourselves-us~~ to be resistant against indecent, improper, indelicate, unbecoming, unfitting, unsuitable, inappropriate, tasteless, unacceptable, offensive low cultures.

In summary, with all this taken into account, I believe that building a large factory in our community is beneficial on the grounds that it provides more jobs and facilities as well as affording a situation for expanding our culture. If we are pursuing to ~~get rid of-do away with~~ the disadvantages of the factories, we should put more ~~emphasize-emphasis~~ on finding a decent solutions to ~~make-the downsides of building such a factoryies less pollutant~~.

463 words

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49. Some people like to travel with a companion. Other people prefer to travel alone. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. **

Nowadays, in this hectic life, people ~~need tend~~ to travel either overseas or go on a local trip to enjoy both glorious weather and have fun. In this regards, there ~~is are~~ two ~~school of thought~~ approaches ~~vis-à-vis~~ for traveling: whereas some people claim that traveling with a close friend is more enjoyable, others maintain that it is simply more advisable to go on a trip solo. Personally, I am, ~~however,~~ inclined to believe that the merits of having a journey with a friend outweigh ~~the its~~ demerits. I take this view on account of the following three conspicuous reasons.

To begin with, although it may seem that travelling alone is more convenient, in particular, when one wants to decide where to go or what to do during the trip, I believe, that it is ~~adverse~~ the other way around. Since I am an extroverted person, I much prefer to travel with a friend. Moreover, a two-person travel has a large number of advantages for extroverted individuals such as making better decisions ~~during~~ during throughout the journey, sharing their experiences with each other, and helping ~~to each other~~. For instance, last year, I traveled alone to Isfahan, a beautiful city in Iran, ~~and it which~~ was boring for me owing to the fact that I ~~cannot could not~~ talk with anyone. I stayed just at the hotel and spent ~~the days~~ all the day alone.

As an experienced individuals, I am of the opinion that if a person has a journey with a friend, they are more interested to visit new places and experience new courses of action. For example, going to some especial places—such as deserts, ~~or jungles,~~ ~~or~~ white-water rafting, or biking in mountains—needs ~~to a peers~~ which who encourage each other to do these ~~activity~~ activities. In other words, they influence each ~~one other~~ to attempt new, thrilling ~~activity~~ activities. Therefore, they enjoy the trip more than traveling alone. These days, ~~each any~~ time that my friend and I go ~~to on a~~ sport travel — that is — mountain climbing, he offers me to find new ways in the mountain. As a result, we learn a large number of paths in mountains.

Last but not least, traveling with ~~your one's~~ close friend gives one a golden opportunity to know ~~their friend~~ him or her in an excellent manner. Particularly, if one intends to marry ~~with~~ him or her. In this regard, a renowned Persian proverb states, "~~know~~ Know a faithful friend ~~during while a~~ traveling," which emphasizes that one should have a journey with him or her to find whether they are either a fair-whether friend or not or otherwise. Through this way, they are able to observe their reaction to different ~~acts~~ conditions which may not happen in a routine life.

In sum, ~~in in~~ the light of the above-mentioned points, I am strongly convinced that the advantages of traveling with a close friend not only outweigh the disadvantages of it ~~but also outnumber its~~ ~~detriments~~ due to ~~delighting~~ having delight in on the travel trip more than the solo travel, gaining new experiences, and knowing ~~your one's~~ friend well. In sum, ~~if one have~~ has an opportunity to travel with a friend, it is simply more advisable not to ~~do not~~ lose it.

492 words

50. Some people advocate capital punishment, while others disapprove of it. Which opinion do you support? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

The Universal declaration of human rights proclaims, "Everyone has the right to life." I, as a supporter of human rights, believe that ~~the~~ capital punishment violates the "right to life" and should be abolished. Supporters of death penalty believe that this punishment is appropriate and necessary for such criminals as serial killers and child murderers. ~~Not even capital~~ Capital punishment is not deterrence ~~deterrent~~, it has such disadvantages as spreading the "culture of violence" and wrongful execution. Moreover, a brief review of history shows that many racist and dictatorial governments have used capital punishment to ~~repress-suppress~~ people.

Many psychological studies have shown that most murderers do not weigh the consequence of their actions. Since most homicides are the results of momentary insanity and are spontaneous, it is doubtful that murderers think about the punishment before they commit a crime. Additionally, the governments which support capital punishment often execute offenders in public places where ~~and the~~ people who are curious gather to watch the execution. Watching the scene of execution has a negative psychological effect on people, particularly on children. By considering these, ~~deterrence—~~ the ~~ace~~ of death penalty supporters—seems like a "Castle standing upon pillars of sand."

When someone is executed, there is no way to bring him or her back to life. One may find many cases ~~that in which~~ convicts the person accused had been put to death, and later it was found that they were innocent. In these cases, the only thing that the government can do is to ~~apologies~~ apologize from their families, but does this bring them back to life? No. In my opinion, ~~the~~ capital punishment should be replaced with a life sentence. ~~So~~ As a result, there will be always a chance to compensate the mistakes happened in judgment ~~verdicts issued~~.

Moreover, most dictators use death penalty as a weapon to suppress people and confine the activities of the opposition. For instance, the military government of Chile executed Victor Jara—Chilean revolutionary Singer—just because he supported Allende. Other ~~Examples~~ examples are executions that happened during the Hitler and Mussolini's era in Germany and Italy, respectively. It is obvious that in a country where capital punishment is allowed, there would not be any place-room for freedom of speech.

To sum up, for living in a world in which life of every human being has value and is based on human rights, ~~the~~ we should do away with capital punishment ~~should be banned~~.

394 words

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51. If you could go back to some time and place in the past, when and where would you go? Why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. **

Since travelling through time is an exciting but quite inaccessible wish everyone makes, it is hard to decide when and where to go in the past, if possible. There have been quite a few eras full of glory, happiness, and success during the presence of humans on earth that cannot be missed. Seeing the newly drawn portrait of "Mona Lisa" and asking "Leonardo Da Vinci" about the secret of her smile, watching one of Shakespeare's plays with its ~~writer~~playwright, walking across Persepolis in the zenith of its glory and significance, and even being in the middle of the great revolution of France are all scenes I do not want to miss. Yet, if my time machine has enough "fuel" for just one voyage, I would prefer to travel to Ancient Egypt.

To begin with, my main motivation for choosing ancient times is that life seems to be simpler back then. People were more warm-blooded, more kind-hearted, and happier with their lives. As time went by, humans' mind and their way of living grew more complex, and subsequently, lies, untruthfulness, and other social evils became more complicated. ~~And hence,~~ so did distinguishing the innocent from the criminal. That is one reason why I prefer to live in older times. Among all ancient nations, Egyptians seem to be the most mysterious ones. A large number of secrets as well as pharaohs lie down peacefully in the heart of pyramids, waiting for some day to be revealed. Isn't it exciting to uncover the one-thousand-year-old concealed truth or witness great historical happenings?

Obviously, there were not just Pharaohs and laborers enslaved to construct pyramids in the ancient Egypt. In fact, Egyptians made a considerable progress in ~~lots-plenty of science-scientific~~ fields. They were one of the earliest humans who invented a writing language, namely hieroglyph, and also the inventors of papyri to write on. Moreover, astronomy and geography improved substantially due to river Nile floods, and the necessity to control them. There have been also proficient physicians in that time and traces of rudimentary surgeries are found on ancient Egyptian skeletons. All these human masterpieces are worth ~~watching~~witnessing.

Were I able to travel through time, I would choose ancient Egypt to visit, not because it is the place and time I most wanted to live in, but because I think it is the place which gathered most of the things I always wanted to see in a travel to the past, including magic, mystery, science and old-time technology.

411 words

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52. What are the important qualities of a good son or daughter? Have these qualities changed or remained the same over time in your culture? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. **

For most people, children are the ones to whom they dedicate their lives. Thus, a good son or daughter or the bad ones, can be ostensibly a great testimony of ~~one's~~ parents' efforts as well as perseverance in bringing ~~the up~~ children up. Generally speaking, ~~mankind~~ humans ~~is~~ are considered to be good or bad, based upon several determining ~~issues~~ factors, all of which demonstrating ~~his or her~~ their personality. The way children behave towards their parents ~~are~~ is in line with their personality traits. It should be emphasized that ~~not~~ a good person is not necessarily a good son or daughter. What follows ~~are~~ is several important determining ~~issues~~ elements that make for a good son or daughter.

To begin with, an attribute in the vanguard which comes with the highest importance is respect and polite attitude towards parents. As stated before, since children are the outcome of their parent's' life, they do not expect their son or daughter to treat them inappropriately. Having seen ~~lots of~~ quite a few so-called polite people bullying their parents, those parents are never content with their children ~~not by any manner of means~~ whatsoever.

Secondly, as far as being a good son or daughter is concerned, having a sense of appreciation can be considered as a significant quality for them to have. Those peevish never-satisfied children are always the least favorable for the parents. Consequently, children should bear in mind that sometimes gratefulness is a thing their parents cherish, considering the fact that parents would certainly do almost anything in order to satisfy their children's' need.

Thirdly, ~~An~~ an old proverb suggests that: "A wise son heeds his father's' instruction, but a mocker does not always listen to rebuke". ~~For,~~ As a result, it is vital that a son or daughter listen to their parent's' advice in order to succeed in ~~the~~ life. ~~Incongruously~~ Ironically enough, even though some children, deep down, know the fact that their parents want the best for them, they are so adamant to accept their parents' point of view. Of course, since people are ~~probable~~ prone to make mistakes, in some cases, parents could be wrong too, but children should politely express their opinion and the reason why they think their parents are wrong.

~~On the forth~~ Finally, a good son or daughter should try to scratch their parents' back as they advance in their life. Since aging makes it more difficult for parents to keep up with life, it is children's' duty to look after them. Moreover, a good son or daughter tries to visit their parents on a regular basis ~~in case~~ if the parents do not live with them. This way, parents would feel more worthy and jovial and this is what good children look for – ~~Keeping~~ keeping the parents happy.

To sum it up, it is strongly recommended that children do anything they can in order to keep their parents content and happy whether it is by showing respect to them, being grateful to them, following their instructions or supporting them throughout their life. Personally speaking As far as I am concerned, ~~Parents~~ my parents are my most invaluable possessions in ~~the~~ life, and keeping them happy is my top priority.

502 words

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53. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important to keep your old friends than it is to make new friends. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Among all precious gifts in our lives, ~~Friends~~ friends are one of the things coming with a special feature: Unlike ~~unlike~~ our family or our face and body appearance, we can choose them. We can decide whether to have a great number of friends, or to keep just a few close ones; ~~;~~ whether to make the circle of friends bigger and bigger by making new friends every day, or to enjoy the old memories of them. I have my own reasons for keeping the old friends rather than making the new ones, three of which are as follows:

For one thing, it takes quite a long time to know new friends better, which is why old friends are preferable. People have different beliefs, habits, behaviors, and rules for themselves, of which their friends must be aware and for which they must have respect. An amount of time must be spent and a few mistakes must be done ~~must be spent~~ until one finds out about one's "red lines", whereas old friends have long passed this period and now they can laugh at the memories of that time. Therefore, there would be more sincerity between among old friends rather than new ones.

In today's world, with all real and virtual social networks around us, our world has helpfully but hazardously expanded, which is at the sacrifice of trust among friends. A person can make as many friends as he or she desires. However, not all of them are trustworthy. The more superficial friendships get, the less trust can be put in friends. Thus, keeping old friends who can be relied upon is much more valuable than meeting new people every day, and deciding whether or not to trust them.

There is a famous proverb that says~~:-~~, "A friend in need is a friend, indeed." This saying states that there are not a great number of friends a person can ask for in case of an emergency. The "one-day-old" friendships cannot have such potency and depth, either. Conversely, an old friend that you have laughed and cried with, the one whose friend's' problems are his or hers, will do anything to solve the ~~erisis~~ issue.

Making new friends every day has its own advantages and disadvantages. Although a variety of new friends brings about a variety of marvelous moments, the old ones are usually more trustworthy, more sincere, and more helpful. It ~~is~~ seems rather ~~seems~~ easy to make new friends, while it is quite challenging to keep the old ones.

407 words

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54. Should wealthy nations be required to share their wealth among poorer nations by providing such things as food and education? Or is it the responsibility of the governments of poorer nations to look after their citizens themselves? **

There are five continents in the world having various natural resources; for instance, most Asian countries enjoy ~~having~~ unlimited and sustainable natural resources such as oil, gas, and electricity power, which can promote the ~~economy~~ economic growth in each country, while some African countries like Kenya do not enjoy any natural resources. ~~So~~ Therefore, it is crystal clear that wealthy countries should care ~~of~~ for the poorer nations as a humanitarian's responsibility, but the assistance should be invested in a practical manner.

In Europe, the excellent weather ~~arises~~ paves the way for the ~~a pleasant decent~~ situation for efficient agriculture, which is considered as a fundamental income resource, while, in Africa, ~~not only is the~~ weather is dry and causes quite a few problems in agriculture, ~~but also~~ and there are not enough natural resources. As there are some countries ~~do not enjoy~~ having any natural resources, ~~it the~~ wealthy nations will be are expected to give them some considerable assistance to provide ~~income~~ and feed their people them with income and food. The problem is that how the investment is conducted for ~~the a~~ a stable income. From the economical point of view, it is not true to invest in order to bring money directly to provide such things as food and education. As a saying goes, give a man a fish, feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.

~~Therefore~~ Another significant issue is, what is important is how to make money, and how we can have a permanent and absolutely steady income. The point is that ~~the~~ money has to be invested in poorer countries for establishing factories or other economical parties for the production of goods or other essential materials that can be sold in the market. It is indisputably axiomatic that the most sizeable portion of this responsibility should be considered by International organizations, which are professional for this kind of work, such as WHO, and UNICEF, to named but ~~a few~~ two.

Moreover, ~~as~~ Kim Woo-choong, the chairman of the Daewoo Group, once said in his book entitled Every Street Is Covered by Gold, "it is an investment that will guarantee the future of each poor nation," but the authorities should determine the ~~stratum~~ strata of the society that needs this budget most. Money is extremely crucial to develop a country, but the highly significant matter is the investment in young generation. Nobody can deny that an investment in youth is the real way to give a spark to any project, so we must spend less time talking about young people and more time talking with them.

To sum up, it is incontrovertibly crucial to provide appropriate conditions for the governments in poorer nations concerning the potentially profitable ways of investment. Obviously, the government should allocate more budget and attention to this issue in order to have more genius thoughts and more confident personalities in the next generation. By doing so, having a utopian and affluent society is not that far-fetched.

473 words

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55. If you were given the authority, what would you do for the young in your hometown? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. *

It is easy to everyone to surf the net about Tehran, the capital city of Iran, and recognize its challenges. It is shameful that my city has the ~~first-rank~~first rank in air pollution among all the cities in the world. Each day many people pass away from heart attack in Tehran ~~that-for which~~ the air pollution is the basic reason-of it. Therefore, it is not surprising that I think the most crucial change that Tehran needs is to diminish the air pollution. In order to completely solve a problem, ~~resources~~ the sources of it should be found out. If ~~one-a~~ person wanders in Tehran for just ~~one-a~~ day, they can easily understand why Tehran is the most air-polluted city in the world. Old and ~~non-standard~~out-of standard cars and lack of efficient public transportation can be easily known as the main ~~resources~~ of air pollution in my city. All in all, if I want to diagnose the most ~~desperate dangerous disease-plight~~ of my city, to be exact, air pollution, I will put my priorities on the reform of transportation with the following approaches: improving the quality of cars which ~~commute-travel~~ in Tehran, developing the public transportation, and reducing the need for ~~transportation-commuting~~ in the city.

Nowadays, technology in automotive engines has brought about the cars with very ~~few-low~~ fuel consumption or even the cars whose engines exhaust/emit water instead of hazardous substances/fumes. These types of cars have no damaging impact on the environment, especially the air. Unfortunately, cars still ~~commute-travel~~ in Tehran ~~with-being~~ more than 20 or 30 years old. Moreover, the cars produced by my country cannot pass even low-level standards about air pollution control such as Euro2. Consequently, the replacement of old cars with new ones in which modern technologies have been exploited would be helpful to battle the air pollution ~~of-in~~ Tehran.

The development of ~~the~~-public transportation has been the most efficient solution to overcome the air-pollution problem, as many countries have already used-it~~done so~~. ~~Entrance of~~Launching subway system in the public transportation of Tehran has been enormously beneficent ~~to-in reduce-reducing~~ the air pollution and traffic. Nevertheless, the rising population of Tehran requires developing different types of the public transportation, especially the subway system. Note that ~~fostering cultivation-of~~ the culture of using ~~the~~-public transportation is of the same importance as the development of it.

Promotion of ~~the-such~~ communication systems ~~such-as,~~ the Internet, E-mail or video conference technology helps people be in contact with ~~each-one~~ another without the need for a face-to-face contact. Nowadays, everyone can sit ~~on-at~~ their table and pay the bill, purchase everything or chat with others, while he or she drinks their coffee at home. I think that the more ~~development~~ developed ~~of-the~~ electronic communication in Tehrana city is, the more reduction of air pollution occurs in my-that city, Tehran.

~~Totally~~In summary, I ~~figure-out~~reckon that the air pollution ~~of-in~~ Tehran is the most significant problem that I want to ~~change~~eliminate. As mentioned above, three basic solutions, namely, displacement of old cars with up-to-date ones, the development of ~~the~~-public transportation, and extending ~~the~~-electronic communications instead of face-to-face contacts that force people to travel in the city can alter Tehran and make the situation of this city better ~~the-situation-of this city~~. I hope that Tehran can see the blue sky, and the people who live there can breathe deeply again.

541 words

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56. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? One should never judge a person by external appearances. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. **

I definitely agree with this idea that the external appearance is not an appropriate criterion ~~with which to one may~~ evaluate and judge a person ~~with~~. I hold this opinion, because what we called appearance ~~not only~~ has nothing to do with one's character and personality, ~~but also~~ but rather it is determined by some factors like money, family genetic, and the place where one lives, to name but a few. Therefore, it stands to reason that a person should be judged according to more realistic criteria in which one's personality and identity have the roots. ~~For example,~~ for example, honesty, sincerity, and loyalty to one's husband's spouse, to name but a handful. In the next paragraphs, I will elaborate upon how "appearance-based" judgment could give rise to a blunder errors in our relationships.

First and foremost, we must be aware that it will be irrational if we judge people by their countenance and external appearance, for one's ~~personality~~ personality does not depend upon his or her external appearance and ~~dressing clothes~~ according to the aforementioned paragraph. I mean a person could be an honest and benevolent person, whether or not ~~be they are~~ they are decorous and well-dressed. On the contrary, one might be a hypocrite and malevolent, either they have an agreeable external appearance, or have an unpleasant one. For example, I know ~~two~~ two honest and benevolent ~~persons~~ people, and their appearances are completely different. The first one is a handsome academic professor and the second one is a university worker whose ~~dresses clothes~~ are sort of raggedy but clean and tidy.

Secondly, as far as I am concerned, it is money that determines people's external appearance. ~~If one be is~~ an affluent individual, he or she can buy expensive and ~~luxe-posh~~ luxurious dresses, ~~so as a result,~~ such a person would seem handsome and honorable, ~~and vice versa.~~ Conversely, those who cannot afford it may look the other way around. It is better to say that people who have good dresses usually belong ~~usually~~ to an upper social class, but the important problem is that social class has also nothing to do with honesty, personality, and humanity ~~etc.~~. If such a biased judgment ~~be is~~ true, then when a person's ~~wealth is rose or lowered~~ gain more wealth or lose it, their human dignities would be altered, as well. ~~At the same time, which~~ we all know ~~this is~~ not the case.

Finally, in this regard, we must know that our countenance is not ~~such a something~~ which we can change thoroughly. Everybody is born with ~~their~~ his or her own countenance, ~~and this countenance which~~ has more to do with the genetic of the family in which one is born. We cannot change our height, eyes or skin color, or even our accent. Therefore, our countenance is more or less out of our ~~will control~~ will control and ~~power~~ authority, and it is obvious that a judgment which is based on involuntary factors will inevitably lead us astray ~~inevitably~~.

In conclusion, an important issue over which we must ponder to grasp the essence of this ~~peacepiece~~ piece of writing is that although being decorous and well-dressed is pleasant for all people, external appearance could be a deceptive criterion in order ~~that to~~ judging a person. We must establish our social relationships upon the factors which are more permanent and more realistic such as loyalty to ~~husband~~ one's spouse, honesty and sympathy rather than a transient one called appearance, or we will certainly fail to achieve our aims and goals in our life, whatsoever they are.

548 words

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57. Some people prefer to spend time with one or two close friends. Others choose to spend time with a large number of friends. Compare the advantages of each choice. Which of these two ways of spending time do you prefer? Use specific reasons to support your answer. **

Since the dawn of civilization, humans, ~~ultimately the epitome of~~ social creatures, ~~have~~ always tried ~~in order to~~ extend his or her ~~network of friends network~~. To achieve such an objective, people can involve in two completely different approaches. ~~On the one hand, one~~ Some restrict ~~one's~~ their domain to three or ~~less fewer~~ close friends, and ~~while on the other hand, one others~~ will never be ~~satisfy satisfied from with~~ developing his or her network. I, personally, subscribe to the approach of ~~a bigger network circle of friends~~ owing to its manifestation of merits, namely ~~a~~ richer level of social abilities, ~~a~~ broader outlook ~~toward~~ the world, ~~and~~ more interesting conversations, to name but a few.

To begin with, one of the most fundamental requisites of human beings is communication abilities, which are considered as a vital necessity to acquire success through one's subsequent years of life. With this particular notion in mind, being ~~a~~ member of a huge network of friends, and moreover, encountering and dealing with a wide spectrum ~~type of~~ people can be helpful to take one step forward to enhance ~~your one's~~ chance of success in general and to boost ~~your their~~ social skills in particular.

Another rationale to endorse my point of view is that individual's level of knowledge about life is directly relevant to ~~the~~ quantity of various circumstances ~~in that which~~ he or she was involved in. ~~By means of which~~ In other words, the more different ~~tee~~ situations one ~~experienced experiences~~, the higher ~~the~~ level of wisdom one enjoys. In a huge community of friends, one will become familiar with various people with ~~their~~ such differences as ~~estimations~~ personality traits, believes, and cultures. Accordingly, not only does one develop his or her friendship network, but he or she obtains ~~a~~ broader outlook about the world as well.

~~The~~ Last but not least, scientists believe that the ability of ~~talk speaking~~ ~~has~~ substantially ~~have~~ helped people to ~~make~~ progress in ~~the~~ road of civilization. Due to this fact, ~~locating being in the company in of~~ such a group will bring one an opportunity to make conversation or even argument with a great many ~~of friends of one's~~. As a result, as far as I am concerned, all of those conversations have ~~the~~ potential to turn to rational arguments, which are absolutely enjoyable.

In sum, having considered all of the aforementioned ingredients discussed above, I do support ~~the a~~ huge group of friends ~~rather than~~ a ~~little limited~~ one. This is because, I believe that all those advantages which are brought by ~~assimilating in~~ associating with such a group will be extremely convenient to lead a well-balanced, straightforward, and painless life.

401 words

Payam Adineh: Shahid Shamsipour University

58. Imagine that you are preparing for a trip. You plan to be away from your home for a year. In addition to clothing and personal care items, you can take one additional thing. What would you take and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. **

Throughout our life, we encounter ~~with~~ quite a lot of indispensable trips such as sabbatical, ~~graduation~~ and ~~work~~ business trips, as well as pursuing one's studies, to name but a few. As a result, we should prepare ourselves in a short ~~run~~ time. In spite of the fact that people tend to take some of their personal facilities firstly, I would take my laptop and its charger. ~~For The~~ the reasons why I would do so are as follows: all of my essential data ~~are~~ would be available in my laptop; ~~I can~~ could buy the other personal facilities; ~~yet I cannot recover my data so easily,~~ and I would become mentally ~~become~~ more relaxed when I bring my laptop.

To begin with, since all of my important data ~~are~~ would be available in my laptop, it ~~can~~ could help me to become more compatible with my new environment. For instance, when I went to Paris last year, for the sake of sabbatical purpose, my laptop had a preponderant effect on my progress in that trip and triggered an excellent achievement for me due to the reason that it helped me to have access to my previous information swiftly and easily. Hence, it goes without saying that my laptop would ~~enhances~~ my efficiency and ~~causes to I did~~ would assist me in doing my best in that trip.

Another equally important point is that every personal facility that I needed can be simply ~~replaced~~ prepared/bought ~~simply~~. However, I would not ~~am~~ be ~~not~~ able to ~~recover~~ have access to my data that ~~are~~ merely existed in my laptop. Quite a few people, who go ~~to on~~ trips frequently, do not take any personal facilities—I in that they know that every personal facility can be prepared in a short while during their accommodation in their new place. Hence, they looking forward ~~try~~ to take some facilities ~~which unless they have it, they will be in~~ whose absence would cause difficulty. As ~~I think~~ far as I am concerned, ~~that~~ my laptop is my vital facility that I should enjoy ~~it~~ during my trip.

Last but not least, having ~~the my~~ laptop can help me (to) become more mentally ~~compatible in tune~~ mentally with my new visited place. Scholars believe that taking the facilities on that which you one ~~are depending~~ mentally depends on them mentally can help ~~you him or her~~ to become more in harmony ~~compatible~~ with the new place in a short ~~term~~ period of time. Thus, this achievement can ~~pose have~~ a great influence on ~~your one's~~ mind during ~~your their~~ trip. I, personally, ~~content~~ assert that my laptop can guarantee my mental ~~convenient~~ peace of mind. ~~On the other hand~~ In addition, I can deepen my concentration on my ~~activity~~ activities via as a result of this mental ~~relaxation~~.

To put it in a nutshell, all the above-mentioned reasons lead us to the conclusion that we should contemplate the importance of one thing which ~~you we~~ should look out to take ~~it~~ when ~~you we~~ decide to go on a trip. In spite of the fact that the other important things can be ~~workable~~ useful, to my way of thinking, the advantages of taking laptop can outweigh the advantages of taking the other options. I think the people who underscore the importance of this electronic facility and ~~posse~~ take it by themselves during their trip, can enjoy a good and convenient trip. No wonder why this facility phenomenon should be esteemed as ~~the a~~ leading one.

510 words

Alireza Ghanbarpour: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

59. If you were an employer, which kind of worker would you prefer to hire: an inexperienced worker at a lower salary or an experienced worker at a higher salary? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. *

An employer always should think of ~~its~~ his or her company profits and only take account of costs and earnings. Inexperienced and experienced workers have different costs and profits, but there is a Spanish proverb that says, "~~cheap~~ Cheap now, expensive later". ~~I, as an employer~~ Were I an employer, I would go for experienced workers for many reasons. Experienced workers can cover their costs, but it may not be true for the inexperienced ones. With experienced workers, ~~I~~ a manager can guarantee ~~my~~ the advances and by employing the inexperienced ~~workers~~ ones, ~~he or she~~ runs the risk of failing.

It is true that experienced workers can cost a ~~lot~~ great deal for employers, ~~it~~, however, is a trade-off. When you ~~cost~~ pay them high salaries, you will make considerable gains in the future. Sometimes, there are problems on the market, which can cut your profits, but I think with experienced workers employers can at least cover their costs in the worst cases, ~~and that is~~, the profits could cancel out the losses ~~be settled~~. ~~But~~ Nevertheless, with inexperienced workers, their worst case is a far cry from just being ~~settled~~ like the previous case. They could lose market and never have it again. ~~So~~ Therefore, by employing inexperienced workers, ~~you~~ one may run the risk of failing in ~~your~~ their careers.

Some employers may believe ~~you~~ they can change inexperienced workers and make them experienced by giving job to them, and then they could compensate the loss of employers' capital at the beginning. ~~But~~ Nonetheless, I think that it may or may not be true. It depends on workers. If they ~~were~~ are perceptive enough to gain experience in a short time, these employers' ~~thoughts~~ mentality ~~are~~ might be true. ~~But~~ However, what if they ~~were~~ are not? If the process of gaining experience takes a long time, then after they ~~have got~~ gained experience, ~~now~~ they are the workers with two or three years' work experience and ~~they~~ want more salary. Thus, employers spend their capital on nothing and within this two- or three-year period, they have not gained any profit.

When ~~you~~ a manager ~~have~~ has a company or factory, ~~you~~ they ~~would~~ will have many competitors, and therefore employing inexperienced workers ~~could~~ can jeopardize ~~your~~ their company situation ~~and you could~~ might fail in competition, and when ~~you~~ one fails in these days, it is hard to get back into ~~your~~ their first place. ~~hence~~ Hence, nowadays, employing experienced workers is imperative, and I do not see it as an optional matter.

Investing in a factory and employing workers is full of risks, and the investments that provide a high return generally entail more risks. Therefore, a good manager is someone who manages these risks and chooses the best ~~risks~~ ones he or she can take. It seems to me that employing inexperienced workers is a grave risk, and before ~~you~~ take ~~taking~~ this risk, ~~you~~ one should analyze it in detail and think twice.

455 words

Ali Talebzade: Iran University of Science and Technology

60. Some people think that the Internet provides people with a lot of information. Others think access to so much information creates problems. Which do you agree with? **

In today's modern world, ~~the~~ advent of ~~the~~ advanced facilities for ~~progressing-improving~~ people's life converts our world to a small global village, by which people can easily ~~can~~ be aware of the latest news of all ~~around~~ the countries in a virtually short time. One of the most influential human inventions is ~~the internet~~ Internet, which ~~have~~ has totally altered communications and has transferred information. Some are of the opinion that an extra amount of information may engender inappropriate situation for individuals, while others believe that it is necessary for people to have access to such an amount of data. I, personally, subscribe to the idea that it may be harmful for people to be ~~exposing-exposed~~ to quite a bit of information thanks to ~~the~~ a great number of reasons, three of which – that is – exposing people to a variety of inaccurate information, eliminating decent ways of creative thoughts, as well as propagating immoral and unethical behaviors are the most significant ones.

Since the ~~down-dawn~~ of civilization, people have attempted to transfer their knowledge and data ~~throw-through~~ different communication devices, although it could be difficult for them to ~~such~~ expansion for them do so. One can say that the advent of the ~~internet~~ Internet has ~~leads-led~~ to the expedite expedition of these processes, and moreover to the ease of connections. One can gain a great amount of required data from this invention; it could, however, be a convenient place to spread rumors and gossips as well as broadcast incorrect scientific knowledge. For instance, there are many websites that try to ~~disperse-provide~~ such inaccurate data as artists' and politicians' private lives in order ~~for-to~~ attract more visitors, which these sites have been named "yellow websites." ~~According to~~ Because of a huge amount of information, it is so hard to distinguish between correct and incorrect subjects ~~throw-through the internet~~ Internet.

Without any shadow of doubt, whether or not we accepted it, the promotion of state-of-the-art technologies and instruments has ~~cause-to-created~~ quite a few changes ~~for-in the~~ infrastructure principles of human kind contemplations. If people are constantly exposed to a vast amount of information, they would perform their role, in particular as a receiver of data. As a result, they cannot have a creative mind, and moreover they simply lose their power of analysis. For example, ~~some time~~ once I spent a lot of my time on the net; thus, I gradually felt that I ~~have-had~~ no time to think appropriately on innovative way of living, ~~in which~~ bring-brought unsuitable ~~influenced-influences~~ to my life.

Apart from the aforementioned reasons, since the absence of moral behaviors is strongly felt in any level of these modern societies, ~~therefor~~, many criminal ~~treatments-acts~~ take place in this cyberspace with ~~broaden-this~~ extra information, ~~and it may create~~ creating problems for many people. It is mainly because when a variety of data is transferred through the ~~internet~~ Internet; ~~therefore~~, the control of authorities dramatically decreases and leads to an increase in computer crimes. In this situation, many people feel more ~~insecurity-insecure~~ toward the ~~internet~~ Internet by hackers ~~which-who~~ may quickly have access to individuals' private and secret information through hacking ~~their~~ such social networks as ~~facebook~~ Facebook, and ~~twitter~~ Twitter, and to name but ~~a few~~ two, and broadcast their personal pictures, ~~that-which~~ may cause ~~to-occur~~ unavoidable problems.

In conclusion, using ~~the internet~~ Internet is prevalent in almost all communities among people, by which they have accessed to a vast amount of information, ~~that-some of them-which~~ may create problematic issues for them. As far as I am concerned, it is more pivotal for the governments to control this cyberspace; furthermore, they make limitation for spreading inaccurate and hazardous data in order ~~that-to~~ prevent ing "computer delinquencies."

580 words

Mahrokh Javadi: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

61. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In today's world, it is more important to work quickly and risk making mistakes than to work slowly and make sure that everything is correct. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. **

Throughout history, the methods of working have been controversial among people. Because of its paramount importance, scholars have strived to understand these methods and their functionality on the life of prosperous people from every conceivable angle. One of the issues regarding this point is whether ~~or not one~~ should work quickly, as well as making risks, ~~or work slowly and make sure everything is right~~, and the merits and the demerits of each. I, personally, assert that working slowly and ascertaining that each part of our work is done in an excellent fashion can be beneficial in several ways, although this method has its own demerits. I think working slowly enjoys a number of advantages, three of which - that is - decreasing risks ~~in to~~ some extent, enhancing our business, and, above all, ~~let guaranteeing to have~~ a safe as well as ~~without stress-free~~ work are the most conspicuous ones.

To begin with, ~~since if one a person or company would competes among famous people or other huge companies respectively, it they could can drastically/dramatically decrease its the number of mistakes specifically.~~ For instance, in the world of trade, companies, ~~by infinitesimal making small mistakes,~~ not only lose their position among their opponents but also ~~defeat go bankrupt~~ in a large scale. For instance, I know a company ~~that, reasoning that making a quick decision for important issues is of great importance, by one mistake which happen reasoning that to make a quick decision for important issues; they lost etheir its position among their its opponents, by only one mistake which happened there but one the other hand~~ However, there are few companies and ~~trades businesses~~ that, by quick making quick decisions, ~~can become win the first place among their opponents.~~ Hence, I think ~~that its danger is in high level and that we cannot underestimate it and choosing the approach of equick making quick decisions method.~~

Another equally important point is that ~~because of the correct decision making decision-making~~ can help us to improve our work due to the reason that it can increase the certainty level of the work, ~~it~~ it can lead us to do a productive work job. Studies illustrate that making decisions in a good, certain, and logical manner not only ~~hasve~~ have a huge effect on our minds, but also ~~hasve~~ have a positive effect on our jobs. Scholars believe that working both slowly and certainly can enhance the efficiency of our work. In contrast to some ~~criticismsizes~~, this result is acceptable among the majority of the people who have to do with some ~~strong powerful~~ businesses.

Last but not least, a safe business is the most important effect of this ~~method approach~~ for the sake of peace of mind. In spite of the fact that it can decrease some chances of our business, ~~reasoning mainly that because,~~ in some cases, we need to ~~have quick make quick ing decisions.~~ In my view, its advantages ~~could can~~ outweigh its disadvantages due to the reason that I think one work cannot continue in uncertain conditions for a long while, nor can it stabilize its position among other competitors. When we are caught between making quick decisions on one hand and making slow ~~decision ones~~ on the other, I strongly believe that choosing the latter one is more beneficial. On the contrary, if one chooses the second, he or she cannot avoid its undeniable disadvantages such as devastating its business, mentally anxiety and losing everything in some cases, to name but a few.

To put it in a nutshell, all the aforementioned reasons lead us to the conclusion that we should contemplate the possibility of drawing the correct decision, without making risks. In spite of its demerits, ~~its advantages could can~~ its advantages could can incline us to use this ~~method strategy~~ strategy. I think, in the future, people can underscore the importance of this type of ~~decision making decision-making~~ decision-making. No wonder this achievement can be esteemed as ~~the a~~ a leading one.

591 words

Ali Reza Ghanbarpour: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

62. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People are buying things they don't need. They buy them because other people do so. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. **

It is crystal clear that buying things is both necessary and enjoyable task. Indeed, shopping is considered the favorite hobby for both men and women. However, ~~People~~ people always try to spend less and get the most in their shopping. In fact, there is an analogy between the needs and the ~~spent money~~ spent. In my opinion, at least in my country, people do not pay ~~on~~ for things for which there are ~~is no needs for them~~. This is because of some reasons, among which, the cultivation in of consumption culture/patterns, economic issues, and saving money are the ones that are more significant ones.

Recently, new movements and policies through governmental supports are have begun to protect and inform consumers by requiring such practices in buying things while being consciously and with awareness. One of the important steps is the determination of needs, by means of which ~~in that~~ people try exactly to spend on requirements and not to waste their finances. Preparing a shopping list is a practical method for the ~~above-mentioned~~ above-mentioned goals. In other words, shopping list ~~is saving~~ saves time, energy, and, money. When a person finalizes his or her list, they already have the ideas what to buy and where to find things. Moreover, it less likely leads to ~~make~~ making ~~impulse~~ impulsive ~~buys~~ shopping. In brief, through the development of appropriate consumption policies, people will achieve the most satisfying ~~ied~~ shopping.

Today's world confronts the global economic crisis. Many countries are now in the midst of the longest recession. Through ~~this~~ these harsh conditions, and the high rates of inflation, as well as rising unemployment, it seems that reduction in expenses is one of the best solutions. Therefore, people endeavor to buy things in a thrifty manner and try not to spend on things there is no requirement for. Indeed, they pursue to balance between budget and expenditures. I can even remember how great changes in one of my friends' life appeared when he had merely attempted to control his costs!

Many people have other desires rather than the pleasure of shopping or vying with one another. Traveling around the world, participating in a specific class, planning a party, and making an investment, to name but a few, are strong motivations to preserve money. In this case, people make their efforts to lessen their expenses and not to expend aimlessly/indiscriminately. They will definitely ~~will~~ control their purchases, too. Moreover, we are living in a world full of unexpected events;-. For instance, what if one becomes ~~hardly~~ severely sick and needs costly medication treatments? In other words, everyone has to be provident, and try to save finance for sudden upcoming events. Likewise, this old proverb in my language ~~that saying~~ says, "The ants store the grains in the summer for the cold bare winter," ~~it~~ represents the same meaning.

In conclusion, by taking into account all the above reasons, I believe that most of the people do not spend money ~~for~~ on the things which they do not need, on the grounds that new usage ~~culture~~ pattern has developed, economic crisis has been widespread, and saving ~~financially~~ money has been essential. Let's see the life in a sensible manner rather than a blind prejudice one.

518 words

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63. Movies are popular all over the world. Explain why movies are so popular. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. **

It is crystal clear that watching movies is one of the most popular entertainments in the entire world. With this in mind, it is rare to find a house without a television set, or a city without a cinema. In addition, everyone at least has a good memory of one movie which is forgettable-memorable for special duration of his or her life. For instance, it is so common for people to be remind-reminded of a period of time in the past by reminding-recalling the movie the time at-in which the movie had been shown-on that time. Apart from these accounts, we can find the importance of movies in people's life all over the world. The reasons why I believe so are manifold—three of which, however, are of great consequence: showing different emotions, making fun times, and letting people learning different types of information from it.

To begin with, movies-cinema is one of the best phenomenon to show different emotions as love, irritation, heathate, or different emotions which would be-happen in some-such situations as war, death, and birth, to name but a few. In this regard, people want to sense these feelings, in-that-so by watching movies they can find a good chance to understand these emotions. Moreover, by-through watching movies and experiencing these emotions, they imagine themselves as movie stars, and want to support these emotions in their life or finding a way-how to-collate-deal with these situations.

Another privilege of the movie is the times, in-by which people spend their free times by-it. In this regard, movie is one of the most common entertainments which people spend most of their free time by it. They watch movies in their house or go to the cinema to watch it by their friends. They use movies as a tool/means/medium to spend fun times in their life. It-is obviously clear that our life is full of the tedium of daily/everyday difficulties, and we want to find a way to get rid of these troubles, and take-get away from the reality of life, in-In this case, a movie, a state-of-the-art phenomenon, can play a significant role in our free times. For instance, by watching a comedy-movie, we can forget everything bad that has happened through a day to us. Furthermore, it can be a reason to be with our friends or family without spending so much money making an enjoyable times.

There is yet another element that distinguishes movie from other entertainments – it enjoys a-the big capability of imparting knowledge, or art to people. All of the movies carry a story which-their-whose structure is based on that-it. Hollywood is filled with the movies of great information, whether, they have to do with culture, history, biography, language, and art, and—to name but a few. In this case, books are common tools to learn from. However, it takes for hours on end to read a book. In-On the other hand, movies can carry a lot-great deal of useful information in-which you-one can watch through-from two till to three hours. As an example, the movie Mohammad movie, which-shows the history-biography of slam the prophet-of God—the Mohammad, “in three hours. In this case, if we want to read the books of the history of that-those dates-days, it would take hours, but by this-way-means of a movie, we can possibly find possibly-the summary of that history. However, we should ingratiate-not take for granted the labors and efforts to make a movie which lasts in-for two hours.

In summary, with all this taken into account, and so many others, I try to (can)-infer-express that the movie is one of the most popular and important entertainments between-among the people all around the world. At-least-In the end, I prefer think-to say a popular quote from Andy Warhol about movie-put it in an excellent fashion, “It's the movies that have really been running things in America ever since they were invented. They show you what to do, how to do it, when to do it, how to feel about it, and how to look how you feel about it.”

643 words

64. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Subjects our parents and grandparents struggle with are similar to those we should struggle today. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. **

Life is witnessing rapid changes, which have made people ~~to~~-deal and ~~to~~-adapt with. In fact, quite a lot of needs are surmounted, and several new needs emerge as time goes by. Hence, I believe that people in different generations have faced ~~to~~-different subjects and issues in order to ~~eliminate~~ satisfy/meet/fulfill their needs and eliminate problems and to achieve their goals ~~in different generations~~. Quite a few important facts support this, some of which are mentioned hereunder.

First of all, the ~~passing~~-passage of time changes people's world view and targets. Therefore, they should challenge with new issues and subjects. For example, the most important goal of one young girl in my country was having a successful marriage before her twenties in my grandparents' time. All of their efforts concentrated on ~~were in this way~~ issue and the most-gravest ~~important~~ concern of them and their family was it. On the other hand, today's young girls/young girls, today, have different objects to achieve such as going to universities and being-living an independent life besides a prosperous marriage.

Second, there are subjects ~~whose~~change-~~their~~ form change continually from the past ~~til~~-until today, and it will go on in the future. In other words, the main matter is always ~~the same~~-always; however, the sort of it and way of struggling with it become different in various eras. For instance, one of the most significant ~~of~~-issues in all generations is fighting and controlling diseases. Today, the progress in medical science and the invention of new methods cure quite a few diseases. On the other hand, changes in people's diet and lack of fresh and organic foods ~~face~~-plague/beset/afflict our generations with new maladies such as different types of cancer. Thus, we should deal with new and different sorts of diseases which also needs ~~another~~ cures-methods.

Last but not least, the progress in technology and inventing new machines help ~~solving~~-solve quite a few problems which our parents or grandparents had; however, this progress creates new difficulties for people today. In this regard, one of the most serious matters was transportation system in the past. It took a long time to move between cities and traveling to other ~~country~~-countries was a dream for most people in our grandparents' time. By the invention of cars, most people have a car or ~~even~~ some today. However, they have new problems to struggle with. An ~~increasing~~ in the -cost of fuel, and air pollution are most important subjects which people try to solve.

In conclusion, according to these reasons and so many others, the subjects we struggle with are very different from ~~which~~-what our parents or grandparents struggled with. New beliefs and goals, modern life, and progressive world change our issues from theirs. In fact, like other things in life which change ~~by~~-as time passes, in ~~time~~ our subjects become different.

457 words

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65. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Music should be a part of every child's basic education. Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer. **

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—its use in different gathering occasions as well as its promotive impact 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 express and 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 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 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 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 definitely affects the lifestyles of people in many different ways. 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 be effective without a proper choice of sounds. Additionally, statistics illustrate that ever since musical notes have 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 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 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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66. Your city has decided to build a statue or monument to honor a famous person in your country. Who would you choose? Use reasons and specific examples to support your choice. ***

All of the countries have some ways ~~on~~ by which people honor some important men or women ~~whom~~ made obvious changes in their life and their country. In my opinion, it is important for us to honor men or women ~~whom~~ honoring whom ~~them~~ reminds us how we ~~can~~ were able to achieve the life of ease which now we live. Where I authorized to choose a person in my country to build a statue for ~~him or her~~, it would be my first priority to choose ~~the~~ AmirKabir, who was one of the most important men in ~~the~~ Iran ~~whom~~ was not ~~regards~~ regarded as well as he ~~should be cherish~~ deserve. The reasons why I believe so are manifold—three of which, however, are of great consequence: paying attention to increase the knowledge of people in ~~the~~ Iran, his wonderful ~~government figures~~ measures, and his willpower to achieve his aims.

The first reason that makes AmirKabir so worthy of admiration to me has to do with his making the first school in ~~the~~ Iran ~~which~~ whose name was Darolfonun, ~~where~~ which is the first school, ~~which~~ where students learned how ~~they could~~ to use their skills to have a career in their life in ~~the~~ Iran. In fact, he wanted to lead the country to ~~the~~ industrialism by ~~creating both~~ training experts and creating jobs. He was the only person who paid attention to learning different sciences in the situation ~~which~~ when most of the people ~~known~~ considered ~~studding~~ studying a ~~wasting~~ waste of the time. Moreover, he sent young students to modern universities and schools of industrial countries ~~universities and schools and~~ so that they could take world's science in ~~the~~ Iran. In this regard, the first ~~science~~ step of industry ~~industrialization came to~~ began at that time in Iran. Attention to the history of ~~the~~ Iran shows that these trainings had been successful in bringing about alignment of different skills and improving business understanding.

Looking on ~~the~~ AmirKabir's ~~government figures~~ policy-making, we can find his proficiency in managing the country. He lived at the time in which most of the governments ~~on the top of~~ ruling the society had only one aim to achieve: ~~and it was to make~~ making their "bags/pockets" full and none of them ~~payed~~ paid attention to ~~the~~ people and their lives. In addition, ~~Most~~ most of them had an opinion: "If people's knowledge about life qualities increases, their situation would be in danger/peril." However, AmirKabir did not pay attention to them and only ~~wanted~~ wished for the growth of the country and making a good life for ~~the~~ people. By his high knowledge of directing the society and having good communications with other countries and ~~component~~ wise policies to make beneficial relations for ~~the~~ Iran, he could manage the country in the best way. Furthermore, he did all of these only for his country's people without any ~~wanted~~ expectation. He could choose the best government figures ~~on~~ at that time to manage the country due to exhibiting extraordinary erudition in managing, deciding about the different tasks of the country, improving ~~in~~ relations between Iran and other countries, and formulating the best policies to change situations to win ~~the~~ independence.

There is another factor that distinguishes AmirKabir from others to me, or in ~~the~~ other words, the key component – his personal qualities and the way which he achieved them. He was from a ~~too~~ very poor family, he ~~acquired~~ attain his situation ~~position~~ and good life ~~tanked~~ thanks to a large ~~matter of~~ his willpower which ~~heused~~ employed from his childhood. This talent that he used in his life should be prized and be ~~pattern~~ a role model of our lives. Moreover, what ~~meant~~ made him ~~to~~ try for all of these tasks was his love for his country, one of the most ~~hence~~ admirable feature of him that could help him to attain all of these successes.

Indeed, we need to ~~plaudit~~ the men like AmirKabir to propagate love of the country ~~the~~ among people, ~~love for their country which can leading~~ the country to ~~the~~ an idealistic ~~country~~ one that AmirKabir and the men like him aspired and tried to achieve. Now adays, our lives seem more comfortable compared with those of our ancestors, and the credit of this ~~affordment~~ convenience of our life goes to the men and the women ~~like~~ such as AmirKabir.

655 words

67. Do you think it is a good idea that the culture of other countries be taught in university in your country? Use reasons and specific examples to support your idea. **

Generally, some everyday issues, although seeming simple, prove very controversial to make decisions about. With this in mind, ~~about as far as~~ as culture is concerned, it goes without saying that it is important for everyone to be familiar with his or her own country's culture. However, a debatable question which is often raised regarding this idea is whether colleges should require their students to take part in foreign culture classes or not/otherwise. As far as I am concerned, it is necessary for students to know about other cultures. Among many reasons why I hold this opinion, two stand out and will be discussed ~~in the following hereunder~~.

One of the reasons coming to the mind at first is that, nowadays, we are not restricted to geographical borders anymore, and we live in the global village. With the advent of new communication technologies, we can communicate with people all over the world easier, and without any shadow of doubt, in order for a person to establish good connections with other countries, it is vital to be familiar with other countries' cultures. These connections could satisfy different needs ~~for of each any~~ country. As a clear cut example, my country Iran has a sheer amount of trade with other countries such as China. Therefore, in order to establish good and sustainable commercial connections, Iranian merchants should be familiar with the culture of Chinese people ~~culture~~ and vice versa. According to this line of thought, students, as one of the most pivotal groups of ~~each any~~ society, should have an appropriate knowledge about different cultures, because, in a not-too-distant future, they will become the elites of the country and ~~they~~ have to handle these connections. Consequently, the more Iranian students know about Chinese' cultures, the better connections they can make in the future.

Another equally important point ~~is about~~ has to do with immigration, specifically about the students who want to continue their education abroad. When students go abroad/overseas, if they are not familiar with the target country's culture, they will face serious problems. Not only does it takes a huge amount of time for students to adapt themselves ~~with to~~ the new environment, in the long run, this 'cultural mismatch' ~~could can~~ result in emotional ~~illnesses disorders~~ such as depression. In this regard, they have to become familiar in advance with the culture and customs of the country to which they want to immigrate ~~in advance~~. To illustrate my point, let me provide a personal example. ~~In my experience~~, I have studied in a school in which participating in foreign culture classes was compulsory. I did not realize the merits of those classes until I immigrated to the USA to continue my education. Because of those classes, I was prepared for the new conditions in advance.

In conclusion/To sum up, ~~Taking taking~~ all the aforementioned arguments into account, ~~one I~~ can conclude that participating in foreign culture classes can have significant effects on our future. In the macro level, it can help us to communicate with other countries well, and it can provide our country with a great amount of interests. In the micro level, it can help people who want to immigrate to deal with new conditions easier. ~~So~~ Therefore, let's require our students to take part in classes in which they can learn about other cultures.

534 words

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68. Which do you think has more influence on the upbringing of children: parents or teachers?

Use reasons and specific examples to support your choice. **

Since the dawn of humanity, there ~~is~~ has been a heated controversy among families and psychologists ~~in order to~~ concerning reaching an agreement on the subject ~~that~~ what the best way of upbringing children is. Given the fact that in today's modern world, the majority of children are supposed to spend the important parts of their life in schools and without their parents' company, many other people, apart from parents, are involved in this critical matter. It stands to reason that different groups adopt different methods of and policies for ~~of~~ teaching to prepare children for their future life, among which teachers and parents are two dominant major groups that have substantial influences on children's life whether in educational fields or in mental health. With this in mind, the psychologists interested in this subject, have done some experiments, the results of which show the fact that sometimes and in some cases, "a teacher may be listened to, where a parent might not." I, personally, subscribe to the idea that there are a number of reasons behind this fact, which are elaborated upon hereunder.

First, it is worth mentioning that the atmosphere of schools is so different from that of home, on the grounds that there are some strict principles in schools, which ~~force~~ students are forced to conform to ~~them~~, for ~~For~~ example, in elementary schools, children are not old enough to distinguish appropriate manners from impolite behaviors, therefore, they may show disrespect by distracting teachers or other students. They may interrupt the teacher while he or she ~~are~~ is teaching, or even may walk in the classroom without permission. In these situations, the students may get into trouble for defying their ~~teacher's~~ school's ~~rules~~ regulations, since the teacher is required to consider some punishments for these inappropriate behaviors based on ~~school custom~~ these regulations. For instance, the teacher may isolate the bad child from the class, when other students are free to play with one another in break time, making the isolated child realize that some behaviors have such unpleasant consequences. On the other hand, when a child is awarded for following the teacher's rules, students understand that listening to the teacher leads to favorable outcomes. Compared to schools, in families, we do not have such rigorously enforced programs, which causes children to listen to their teacher rather than to their parents in some cases.

Second, it stands to reason that the relationship between parents and their offspring ~~are~~ is much more intimate and friendly than the relationship between a teacher and students. On accounts of the fact that a teacher is always considered as a respectable and authoritative person who knows many things about the world, children think of them not only as a ~~one~~ role ~~teacher~~ model conveying scientific knowledge to them, but also as a role ~~model~~ whose ~~advises~~ advice can be used as a lantern which lightens ~~illuminate~~ the path toward ~~way of~~ a prosperous life. There is a Persian proverb, which says, "Teaching is the profession of profits," which puts special emphasis on the importance of teachers' position. However, the emotional bonds parents have with their children instinctively cause them to ignore the mistakes of the children most of the times. Therefore, due to the fact that teachers often enjoy higher and overriding position in children's mind, sometimes ~~a teacher is listened to, while a parent might not~~ children pay more heed to them and disregard their parents' role.

All in all, with all this taken into account, teachers and parents, both have crucial responsibilities, which are of great significance in any society, no matter who is more listened to. With this in mind, people should ~~pay attention to~~ be cognizant of ~~provide~~ providing the most suitable atmosphere for children to grow up in an excellent manner, and make them able to lead a well ~~balance~~ life. In my perspective, due to the fact that schools are the second house of the children, in which students spend a large amount of time, teachers should do their best to treat students in a way that makes them ready for their future life irrespective of the ~~ir own subjective beliefs~~ prejudices, which may divert them from the major way.

661 words

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69. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television advertising directed towards young children (aged two to five) should not be allowed. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. **

Without any ~~shallow~~ shadow of doubt, in today's modern society, there are countless companies and enterprises around us, the advertisements of each ~~are trying~~ to attract a wide spectrum of attentions. Although these advertisements can help us become more aware of diverse merchandise and products available, they have quite a few negative impacts on some groups, among which children are the most vulnerable ones. I, for one, subscribe to the idea that television "advertisements directly directed towards young children" should not be allowed, inasmuch as children are not experienced enough to make an insightful and circumspect-wise decisions; second, in some cases, advertisements lack sufficient accuracy of information required; and finally, being exposed to a wide range of advertisements can lead to a higher level of expectation ~~nces~~ in children, to name but a handful. These reasons are elaborated upon ~~as~~ hereunder.

First, when it comes to advertisements, it is incontrovertibly axiomatic that most markets and companies use advertisements with the intend ~~intention~~ of attracting their customers based on the appearance of the merchandise, and employed commercial techniques to enhance them simply in order to boost and increase their profits. In this regard, having less ability ~~of to~~ evaluation ~~evaluate~~ and analysis, children are more likely to be beguiled by the advertisers' deceptions, encouraging the children to satisfy the desires, which they are not in desperate need of. With this in mind, it stands to reason that people meticulously choose and purchase goods of acceptable caliber, since most markets hardly accept the return to give customers a full refund. Take junk food advertisements, for example, the about whose harms ~~harmful effects of which~~ children are not well-informed ~~of~~, and as a result of which they may be inclined toward having them frequently, which threatens their health in the future.

Secondly, advertisements are usually rife with subjective realities and deliberate inaccuracies, so much so that the quality of products advertised ~~in~~ on television becomes exaggerated. Consequently, young children, aged two to five, cannot distinguish true information from fallacies, resulting in imitative and thoughtless attitudes toward products. As a matter of fact, the more experiences one obtains through the passage of time, the more deeply and circumspectly one can make a choice among various options advertised ~~in~~ on television. Therefore, young children are more susceptible to be heavily affected by advertisements aimed directly at them, primarily due to ~~the~~ lack of cognitive skills and awareness of commercial techniques.

Last but not least, the glamorous and delusive appearance of advertisements steers young children toward having a high level of desires in their lives, ~~so much so~~ such that their parents might not afford the cost of them. The young children's attention can easily be drawn, and they can hardly accept that some of the products, ~~on~~ which they insist to purchase, are unnecessary. Subsequently, on the one hand ~~the~~ children may get a complex about not reaching them, and on the other a sense of failure among their parents will be created, since they fail to fulfill their children's demands. Therefore, advertising advertisements, some of which are unreasonable, can cause problems not only for the children ~~to understand that some of which are unreasonable~~, but also may bother for their parents.

All in all, it stands to reason that advertisements which target children to attract their attention can lead to destructive consequences in the long run. In my prospect, these types of advertisements should not be permitted by the government, mainly because the children, especially the younger ones, who ~~having~~ have a parochial view, cannot decide properly. With all this taken into account, the society and the broadcasters who send television advertisements are highly recommended to focus on the influences of the advertisements on children's behavior, which is of great significance in today's modern life.

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70. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Technology has made children less creative than they were in the past. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

Without any doubt, in today's modern world, the galloping rate at which technology and science are flourishing has influenced ~~on~~ a great number of pivotal aspects of life, among which the issue of children's creativity is the most questionable and substantial one in societies. Now, we are in the midst of the technology revolution happening so fast that we can barely keep up with the number of devices available to kids. With this in mind, some people believe that technology is dampening the creativity of children, while others think otherwise. I, personally, subscribe to the idea that unlimited use of technological devices ~~by on the part of~~ children can ~~suffer~~ make their scores ~~suffer~~ in ~~concerning~~ inspiration and innovation for quite a few reasons, the three conspicuous ones of which are elaborated upon hereunder.

It is incontrovertibly axiomatic that children need to play and manipulate objects physically in order to involve all their senses, which improves their brain performance. The researchers who have tracked children's creativity for many years have declared that ~~the~~ creativity among young children has declined considerably due to (the) lack of experiences with materials and people. Interaction with nature and ~~three~~ the ~~three~~ three-dimensional world is the missing link in our modern societies "thanks to" the stupendous machine age in which we live. ~~A lot of~~ The copious amount of time that children spend ~~on~~ at screens—including computers, tablets, and cell phones, to name but a handful—deprives them from nonfictional, or real, interactions and activities which play a main role in maximizing children's learning and brain development. For example, one of my cousins recently decided to make a tiny house for her pet in the park. Building a house was her idea, and to make it, she ~~required~~ was supposed to find proper materials such as sands, leaves, and so on. As children invent their own scenarios through these challenges, a sense of creation and confidence among them will be created, building a foundation for understanding concepts and skills. On the other hand, playing through the screen symbols cannot provide the chance for children to enhance their creativity, inasmuch as what ~~the~~ a child actually does is play according to someone else's rules and design. It is absolutely different from having an original idea to do something.

It stands to reason that the progress of technology has eased access to a wide range of information, which is a double-edged sword. While Although technology helps children to find the answer ~~of to~~ the questions they deal with and to form ideas, it also teaches them that there is no need to know how to do anything and to solve any problem in that ~~the~~ computers are advanced enough to do it for them. Students, for instance, are steered toward using search engines in order to find solutions thoughtlessly for every question they encounter, many of which seems to be difficult at first glance. As a matter of fact, the more time is allotted to think about something, the more deeply one can learn it. Nowadays, human beings pave the way for discovering the quickest methods for solving difficulties recklessly, which results in becoming "shallow-educated" without enjoying any creativity.

It is worth mentioning that, with the passage of time, the realm of technology, discoveries, and inventions increases, thereby making lifestyle more convenient, ~~and it which~~ can be a blessing in disguise "a wolf in sheep's clothing." As time passes, the societies ~~are~~ will be afflicted with the high level of technology so much so that there is no trace of motivation and hardship among children in order to invent more sophisticated devices, since everything which ~~that~~ children are in the desperate need of ~~which are~~ is available to them in the blink of an eye thanks to the modern age in which they live, which deprives them ~~from~~ of a brilliant chance to ~~air new ideas~~ unearth their talents and creativity, and subsequently to nurture them.

All and all, with all this taken into account, it is not possible to certainly argue that children are more creative than they were in the past owing to the higher level of technology we have today. Nevertheless, in my opinion, what can foster and promote children's creativity, problem solving, and level of thinking is interaction with the real world rather than simply use of the vast extent of today's technology and science. In order for a society to raise the level of creativity among children, it is ~~crucial~~ supposed to consider this very weighty matter in schools' curriculum.

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