

71. Some people like to record their life by sharing pictures and other information on social-networking sites. Others keep this information to themselves and never share it online. Which do you prefer? Why? **

In this developing world in which cutting-edge technology provides efficient conditions for humans to effectively communicate with one another, the widespread use of social-networking sites seems inevitable. Such social-networking sites as ~~face~~ Facebook, ~~what's up~~ Whatsapp, and ~~i~~ Instagram, to name but a few, provide humans with the opportunity to share their photos, ideas, and other materials with one another. However, there is a heated controversy as to whether one should share his or her/their information on social sites or keep them for themselves. I ~~am~~ have a penchant for getting involved in such appealing social activities for some reasons, among which the issue of communication, job opportunities, and reasonable costs are more significant. More importantly, social sites are invaluable assets by which one can keep track of well known people, including artists and ~~scientific~~ scientists personalities.

This high-tech machine age in which we live, has placed growing emphasis on communication so much so that socializing is now considered as an indispensable ~~instrument~~ means to one's development. Today, ~~Social~~ social-networking sites provide people with a golden opportunity to make worldwide connection in an excellent fashion. By means of such social networks, one is able to ~~renew~~ reunite with their childhood friends from whom they have been far away for a long period of time. Indeed, ~~Social~~ social networking not only does provide opportunities for establishing new relationships, but also paves the way ~~chances~~ for strengthening the existing ones.

Another privilege of participating in such social activities has to do with job opportunities by allowing one to widen their business contacts, merchandise their commodities, and finally enticing a large number of customers. For example, I know quite a few people who have actively advertised for their handicrafts and attracted a vast number of purchasers. Although some may argue that these social networks increase the probability of one's falling prey to online scams that seem genuine, there are ~~quite enough~~ a great number of ways to ensure the validity of any given information.

Keeping in touch with family members that live far away can become much easier and economical owing to the use of online social networking. In other words, such networks boost one's chance to maintain closer ties to their loved ones with the lowest expenses. While the people who participate in such activities enjoy such cost effective ways of communication, others who keep themselves isolated not only do deprive themselves of such a blessing, but also are ~~to~~ use high-priced means of communication. These merits notwithstanding, some people believe that social networks have been detrimental to ~~face~~ face-to-face contacts, leading to a dramatic decrease in that sort of communication. However, the advantages of social networks still outweigh ~~its~~ their disadvantages.

In summary, with all ~~these~~ this taken into account, I believe that one's participating in social sites is highly beneficial on the grounds that one can expand their circle of friends, can provide themselves with considerable job opportunities, and enjoy a cost effective way of communication. Let's get rid of the outdated means of communication and pave the way for globally introducing more decent ways of interaction.

500 words

Fatemeh Akbari: Shahid Beheshti University

72. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We should use clean energy, even though the traditional energy sources are less expensive. Use reasons and specific examples to support our answer. **

Since the dawn of humanity, energy has indisputably been a natural need for human beings to live a convenient and comfortable life. In today's world, there is a heated controversy among people who still believe in the use of traditional ~~energyenergies~~, like oil and natural gas, and those who seriously have an idea that traditional ~~energyenergies~~ should be replaced by the clean ones. As far as I am concerned, the advantages of clean ~~energyenergies~~ substantially outweigh those of the traditional ones. I deeply believe in the use of new clean energies for some reasons, among which the issue of pollution and renewability are more significant.

To begin with, one of the considerable advantages of ~~make~~ making use of clean energies over traditional ones is the reduction of environmental pollution. It is crystal clear that in the current world in which factories as well as industries are increasing and flourishing, the pollution issue is of particular concern for the world society. Making use of clean energies - such as solar, wind, and waves energies - can dramatically reduce air pollution, which causes pernicious influence on human health, ~~and~~ ~~global warming~~ warming, as well as world's weather patterns, to name but a few. In reality, making use of sunlight or wind to produce energy does not generate any waste materials as contaminants. In contrast, materials like oil or natural gas generate pollutants not only in the burning process, but also in the production process, like the extraction of oil from ~~under~~ beneath oceans or the ground, which presumably causes profound influences on soil and marine animals.

Another privilege of clean energies has to do with their renewability feature. ~~Sun~~ The sun, which is the most important infinite resources of clean energy, permanently emits a broad range of ~~energyenergies~~ to the Earth ~~permanently~~. As another example, powerful winds, always, blow in some particular regions. In other words, these kinds of energies do not need the passing passage of time to be reproduced, which means they are unlimited, and human beings have never been worried about ~~end of these~~ running out of them. On the other hand, oil and natural gas, which are two major resources of traditional energies, are limited and non-renewable. According to scientific findings, it takes millions of years for petroleum to be reproduced by ~~broken down~~ decomposed marine organisms. Therefore, making use of these limited materials should be minimized, or all the whole of sources will be finished, and as a result, a catastrophic disaster awaits us and the next generations.

In summary, with all this taken into account, I believe in the use of clean ~~energyenergies~~ rather than traditional ones on the grounds that they are renewable and unlimited and protect the environment from pollution, ~~and they are renewable and unlimited~~. Isn't it the time to abandon old traditional energies to be referred to as a memory?

458 words

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9.2 Writing Samples for and against a Specific Topic

The following writing samples look at a certain topic from two different viewpoints - one sample discusses against the topic, and the other sample is in favor of the issue, which are great for broadening one's views regarding a specific topic.

73. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to travel is in a group led by a tour guide. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. **

Let's read an essay opposing the topic.

In this hectic world of today, where ~~the~~ competition is high and ~~the~~ time is less to relax, traveling plays an absolutely essential role in relieving everyone's tired soul. In this regard, some are of the opinion that traveling "in a group led by a tour guide" is the best way of traveling, while others have a negative attitude toward it. Traveling without a tour, as far as I am concerned, enjoys more privileges than ~~that those of~~ with a tour, among which ~~that is~~ having more freedom, boosting knowledge, and being far more economical are the most conspicuous ones.

The first and foremost advantage of traveling without a tour, beyond a shadow of a doubt, has to do with bearing more freedom. It is crystal clear that different people have different tastes in sightseeing, and as a result of which one may not enjoy/be fond of a place ~~as equal as the others do~~, and conversely, one may be eager to visit a special place longer than ~~the others~~. In other words, ~~with~~ traveling with your one's own plan, an individual can opt for his or her favorite places to visit, and feel free to stay there as long as they pleased. In addition, they can choose their own companions with whom they have more interests in common ~~with them~~, instead of tolerating ~~ones those~~ who are noisy, rude, or inconsiderate/reckless in a group tour. ~~However, a~~ A tour can perform the task of scheduling on behalf of us, yet it is not worthy of consideration in that/since it may add an undesirable limitation.

Secondly, planning the travel by you on one's own, ~~affords/creates~~ the opportunity of learning about some issues which one will missed out if he or she travel ~~with on~~ a tour. In other words, when someone embarks on planning for travel, he or she should be, as a prerequisite, be cognizant of some general information around about that place, ~~as a perquisite~~. For instance, they should be aware of ~~the various kinds of recreational places, roads map, and~~ climate conditions, to name but a few. Therefore, they not only obtain some valuable new information, but they gain more options to select as well. Although a skillful tour guide can tell us about these ~~matters/issues~~, it is likely that they ignore some incredible places which are in one's interest.

Last but not least, the cost of traveling, whether or not it is with on a tour or without tour, is a crucially important factor in arranging an economical travel. It is an incontrovertible fact that traveling by tour costs far more than traveling without tour doing so otherwise. Today's tours exorbitantly ~~make charge~~ exorbitantly their travelers even for some ordinary things like flight tickets and launch. Grounded to this fact, a wise and mature-minded individual would simply readily/easily recognize that traveling by tour is just wasting money.

In summary, having considered all the aforementioned reasons discussed above, I believe that traveling without a tour is a better way ~~than with a tour~~ on the grounds that it brings about more freedom, more knowledge, and less cost. However, having declined/rejected ~~the~~ traveling by a tour, one should get ready to undertake/take the responsibility of arranging the travel.

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Meisam NavakiArefi: Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic)

74. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The best way to travel is in a group led by a tour guide. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. **

Now, read an essay in support of the same topic.

In today's modern world, entertainment has become an incontrovertibly unmistakable part of people's life. An amusing and exciting method of entertainment, travelling has encountered an ~~with~~ enormous wave of popularity. As far as tourism industry is concerned, quite a few of establishments as travel agencies, which are disciplined organizations to manage travelling tours, have been founded in order to increase comfort level of tourists ~~quite a few of establishments as travel agencies, disciplined organizations to manage travelling tours, have been founded~~. Nevertheless, some people still would rather ~~to~~ travelling individually without the aid of travel agencies. I, personally, subscribe to the approach of traveling by a travel agency and its knowledgeable supervisors as a group leaders rather than traveling by myself. The use of tours enjoys a number of advantages, namely a richer level of satisfaction, and a higher amount of information, to name but a few ~~two~~.

To begin with, a tour guide, as an "ambassador" of travel agency ~~agencies~~, is absolutely an expert, and moreover, motivated to do his or her profession in a professional manner. Furthermore, thanks to accurate planning of a tour leader, tour members ~~could~~ can be simply readily rescued from the "torture" of imposed stress and panic of such ~~phenomenon~~ phenomena as hotel reservation, as well as unknown environments and languages. With this particular notion in mind, ~~member~~ any traveler will ~~find~~ be provided with an opportunity to concentrate on vital aspects of the journey like getting relaxing as well as boosting one's mental and physical strength. Therefore, the less anxiety one suffers, the richer the level of health, pleasure, and satisfaction ~~one enjoys~~ will be.

Another rationale to endorse my point of view is that, one of the most fundamental requisites of a tour guide is that he or she ~~has~~ is supposed to have sufficient knowledge about the destination of the journey. The leader will guide the members to visit a great many of tourism tourist attractions in general and to enhance their information about the destination in particular. By ~~means of which~~ doing so, individuals can simultaneously take pleasure from both the process of both ~~both~~ visiting breathtaking scenes and learning new ~~material things, simultaneously~~.

In sum, having considered all the aforementioned ingredients discussed above, ~~i~~ do support the idea of assimilating in a trip which is led by a tour guide. ~~Because~~ This is because, I believe that not only does it bring us a chance to fulfill ~~enrich our desires~~ fulfillment, but ~~also it is~~ definitely ~~definitely~~ helpful contributes to extend our knowledge as well.

377 words

Payam Adineh: Shahid Shamsipour University

75. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People would be happier if they had fewer possessions. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Let's read an essay in support of the topic.

There is always a controversy ~~on~~ as to whether the amount of property ~~one~~ an individual possesses can provide them with a happy life. Some people claim that the fewer possessions they have, the more satisfied and happy they are. In ~~contrary~~ contrast, there are a great number of people who insist on the thoroughly opposite idea. ~~From my perspective~~ Personally, I subscribe to the idea that the number of belongings is not the fundamental ~~cause~~ reason/means of feeling fulfilled and happy.

To begin with, the more we own, the more concerned we become about losing ~~it~~ them. A person who possesses something expensive might be always in a tumult. In this case, not only do possessions ~~result(?) in making~~ cause people to feel more ~~stressful~~ stressed out and anxious, but also they ~~don't~~ do not help them to feel happy at all. An example in this regard is, when someone has an expensive diamond ring, this person unintentionally and unconsciously thinks about losing it. Stress and tension are harmful feelings for people's mental and physical health. There ~~is~~ no use of possessions when someone is not healthy.

Furthermore, obtaining possessions is not an easy task, and it has its own costs. In order to earn more possessions, the people striving for it should spend more time and put more effort into it. Spending more time ~~for~~ earning possessions, people have less time to spend ~~for~~ on other things that really make them happy. In addition, more work and less leisure time have negative influence on people's life, such as having ~~less~~ fewer social ~~activity~~ activities, having less time to spend with their family, and spending less time ~~for~~ exercising or caring about their health.

Finally, some people have a great number of unnecessary and unreasonable luxurious possessions. Such extravagance is shameful when there are people starving in the world. Human beings need to live in the society and have social life rather than live on their own. It means that ~~one~~ any individual's life does ~~n't~~ not improve while the rest of the society still ~~has~~ have a poor life quality.

~~To end up with~~ In conclusion, even though possessions are necessary for maintaining/leading/living a usual life, having more belongings ~~isn't~~ is not the fundamental reason ~~of~~ for a happier life, and I believe that the essence of a happy life is not the amount of unnecessary things that someone has. What's the use of a fine house if you ~~haven't got~~ do not have a tolerable planet to put it on?

393 words

Masih Eghdami: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

76. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People would be happier if they had fewer possessions. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Now, read an essay opposing the same topic.

It is an incontrovertible fact that money plays an absolutely essential role in people's life, especially in this stupendous machine age in which we live, as the world is witnessing rapid changes, which have made people to adapt themselves with them. Some people believe that the possession of large amounts of money does not ensure happiness. On the contrary, others believe that possessions can guarantee their cheerfulness. As far as I am concerned, ~~I deem that both money and possessions are prerequisite~~ for a person to lead in a joyful and gleeful life. The reasons why I believe so are manifold – tree of which, however, are of great consequence: affordability being self-sufficient, self-supporting in ~~an~~ unfavorable circumstances, the power of endurance in recession, and enjoying numerous recreational activities and trips.

Problems, difficulties, and diseases are the inherent parts of ~~the human's~~ life. With this in mind, nobody is immune to them neither the poor nor the wealthy. However, the poverty-stricken people not only are plagued with diseases and difficulties, but also suffer from impecuniousness. For instance, cancer has been a prevalent disease in recent years, and people have been engaged in a great struggle to treat it. Regretfully, the costs of ~~the~~ treatment are extremely exorbitant so much so that medical care is unaffordable not only for the poor but also for the middle-class of society. As a consequence, they gradually turn into unhappy, miserable, and grief-stricken people in society.

Second, making money has become very hard recently, and it has made people to live in a noisy town, ~~but however~~, we should consider that “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” It stands to reason that enjoyable pastimes and leisure activities ~~avoid prevent~~ sadness, depression, and melancholy. Recreational activities and trips can be the best treatment for this depression-fatigued people, but who can do these without money? Moneyed as well as rich/affluent people ~~never have~~ never been anxious or worried about financial burdens. Thus, they can enjoy leisure travels and pleasure activities, ~~and these all of which amusements make time pass pleasantly~~. Actually, indeed, possessions, property, and money are prerequisite elements for a joyful life.

To draw the conclusion grounded on the above statements, I subscribe to the idea that money and possessions contribute to ~~one feels~~ happiness as well as joyfulness due to endowing/providing people with the best facilities, whether in recreations such as trips and sports or in difficulties such as disease and recession.

393 words

Tahereh Hashemi: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

77. In general, people are living longer now. Discuss the causes of this phenomenon. Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay. **

Let's read an essay in support of the topic.

It is incontrovertibly axiomatic that developments in technology have changed our life in various aspects, among which the issue of longevity, is one of the ~~more-most~~ significant ones. The reasons why I think so ~~for-are~~ manifold ~~reasons~~, three of which, however, are of great consequence: building construction of state-of-the-art medical care centers, a great-dramatic decrease in the number of deadly epidemic pestilences, and the improvement of public knowledge about diseases and the prevention of them.

To begin with, nowadays, there is at least one well-equipped hospital or medical care center in every single ~~country-town~~ or city, so much so that, if a person, for any reason, ~~have-is~~ afflicted by a disease, he or she can be immediately taken to hospital and enjoy ~~sublime-proper~~ treatments, until they get/becoming better/recover/make a full recovery, ~~moreover~~ Moreover, some institutes serve in-house services as well. Hence, every individual can call a number by telephone and receive medical treatment in his or her room, which provides better, faster, and easier way to cure.

Second, I believe that, quite a few ~~numbers-cases~~ of mortality in the past had to do with deadly epidemic pestilences which killed, for example, half of the people in a city in a short period of time. Thanks to diagnosing methods, these catastrophic plagues were completely eliminated/eradicated/uprooted/rooted out from our societies, so we can live a healthier and more comfortable life without being endangered with such a horrible calamity.

Last but, of course, not least, the prevalence-advent of the internetInternet, the television broadcasts, and the radio, to name but a few, leads us to improve our knowledge of hygiene to a higher ~~onedegree~~, ~~by~~ By doing so, today we are thoroughly aware of advantages and disadvantages of every single food, drink, activity, and sport, ~~etc-owing~~ Owing to what was discussed above, a higher level of public knowledge, unquestionably, leads us to a ~~wholesome-healthy~~ and a salubrious society in which people can live longer.

To sum up, with all this taken into account, it is crystal clear that the progression of technology and medical sciences, has helped us to live a longer life. There are various reasons why to support my ~~believe-so-is manifold opinion~~, among which, ~~in my opinion~~, building modern hospitals, a plunge in the occurrence of epidemic sicknessdiseases-numbers, and improved public knowledge across people, are the most significant ones. With these enormous scientific findings, ~~here-is-to-the-day~~ let's hope that when no one dies from disease-diseases or lack of prosperfacilities in the future.

396 words

Hosein Arabzadeh

78. In general, people are living longer now. Discuss the causes of this phenomenon. Use specific reasons and details to develop your essay. **

Now, read an essay opposing the same topic.

Since the dawn of time, any effort ~~was~~ has been made in order to add merely one year to one's longevity, which led to the furtherance of many sciences, that is, medicine, nutrition, and psychology, to name but a few. Considering all these advancements, ~~yet~~ it is still tricky to assess ~~as to whether~~ people nowadays pass away at an older age compared to the past. As far as I am concerned, witnessing quite a few of my relatives dying at an early age, in ~~the~~ today's society, there are a great number of factors interfering with people's attempts to live longer, three of which are stress, unhealthy food, and exposure to different radiations.

Thus far, it has been proven that stress, which is the underlying cause of many diseases, is threatening mankind's health to a remarkable degree. Heart attacks, for instance, are one of the main ~~victims~~ causes of anxieties, endangering many lives. Moreover, it is assumed that stress triggers tumors, whether benign or malignant, and promotes their growth, culminating in death. Regarding the rural lifestyle, which enjoys placid people, it stands to reason why those living in ~~the~~ bustling cities with a lot on their minds usually experience fewer years compared to the rustics. Generally, the less one worries, the ~~longer~~ more his lifespan is guaranteed. According to these facts, people are living shorter in today's stressful life.

Referring to the second factor, what people consume as food plays a significant role ~~with regard to~~ as far as their health and life are concerned. ~~Actually~~ In fact, there is a wide range of unhealthy drinks and foods which may result in different lethal illnesses, of which we can mention ~~polluted~~ contaminated water carrying different ~~bacterium~~ bacteria from dirty water supplies, fatty food responsible for blocking the blood vessels of the heart, expired substances which are used in cooking, and the meat of sick animals, to name but a few. In spite of the fact that a number of people really do care about what that eat, such as vegetarians, it is demanding to stay robust ~~based on because of~~ the pollution of water and air permeating in vegetables, fruits and animals feeding on these dirty materials, ~~it is demanding to stay robust~~. Additionally, fast food is another hazard to the wellness of people, who wish to live more.

Thirdly, although it has not yet been thoroughly proven, many believe that the major reason for cancers is various radiations, resulting in the death of a great number of people yearly worldwide. ~~Maybe weren't~~ Weren't these radiations invisible, people could observe how abundant they are in their surroundings. Nowadays, there are many devices which emit radiations, namely those in dentistry, devices used in radiology, and those in communication systems. The more one is ~~in the exposure~~ exposed ~~of to~~ these radiations, the more ~~possibly likely they may are to get~~ contract cancer. Since there is no way to avoid these fatal radiations in today's modern society, it stands to reason that lifespans will decrease.

In conclusion, today's living has led to numerous problems, one of which is the reduction ~~in~~ of lifespan, ~~that which~~ can be ~~a the~~ result of strain, malnutrition, and the effects of radiations. Now, the question that comes to mind is that is it worth ~~to live~~ living in a modern world with less time to live rather than live living a long, simple, and healthy living life.

534 words

Parisa Mapar: Islamic Azad University

79. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In any society, the contributions of scientists and engineers are more important than the contributions of artists and writers. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. *

In this essay, the contributions of artists and writers has been considered as more important.

No one can deny the importance of scientists in society. However, this does not mean that they make more contributions to society than writers do. Through their works, writers not only share their thoughts with their readers, but also may mold the readers' opinions about something. An adroit author has a profound influence on expanding the knowledge level of people in variant aspects, particularly in science, history, and religious ones.

Writers can challenge people to think about new things that science could bring to them. Jules Vern, a science-fiction writer, was always a few steps further from his contemporary science. For example, Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea is one of his famous works in which an enclosed boat can travel underwater. He wrote it many years before a submarine existed. This genre of writing can even aid scientists to develop new notions.

There is an old saying that says, "Anybody can make history, but only a great man can write it." Authors' contribution to write history is immense. There are a number of lessons to be learned from history that shapes the way one views the present. The Story of Civilization, a historical book written by William Durant, illustrates the history of mankind from the beginning of civilization up to the 19th century in different ages like the age of Renaissance, Reformation, and Napoleon, to name but a few. Through this book, one can answer questions about the philosophy of his or her existence and quench his thirst of discovering truths.

People can learn different religions through writings. For example, Leo Tolstoy, a Russian writer has a book, the title of which eludes my mind at the moment, that offers the world his interpretation of Jesus' teaching. After that, the majority of educated classes of people who adhered to Christian's religion relinquished their dogmatic ideas about Christianity thanks to Tolstoy's writings.

An author plays an important role in society through a clear and lucid style of his or her scripts. They can offer new achievements to scientists. In addition, he or she can be the voice of the truth in historical contexts and finally challenge different religions and break taboos and traditions.

363 words

Arezou Soltani Panah: Amirkabir University of Technology

80. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In any society, the contributions of scientists and engineers are more important than the contributions of artists and writers. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.**

In this essay, the contributions of scientists and engineers has been considered as more important.

A society is composed of human beings; therefore, it means every single person plays an important role in the development of a country. The more society members learn, the better the society becomes. Thus, participating as an engineer or scientist or even a writer will be practical. Nevertheless, as far as I am concerned, I prefer scientists and engineers. Some countries, namely Iran, Iraq, or Indonesia are called third-world countries not because they do not have enough talented writers, but because they lack matured and brilliant scientists and engineers to ameliorate the status of society. The three most important arguments in this regard are as follows:

First, they can boost the view of the city by building new constructions and recreation centers, which attract excursionists; therefore, the country can acquire more budget to spend for citizens. Engineers build up constructions: well-equipped airports and restaurants, gigantic airplanes and other transportation facilities, huge amusement parks, to name but a few. These places seduce foreign voyagers to visit the country. They will have to pay for foods, room and hotel, taxes, and places they visit. The whole money goes to "governments' pocket"; consequently, they can improve schools and learning institutes, poverty-stricken areas, and urban-life quality. They all affect the very society.

Second, writers are like those who decide and plan to build a construction, but engineers and scientists are those who build it up. Hence, no engineer, no building. Writers may write millions of books, but these books will do nothing in practice. Books will do nothing without human force. They might widen human beings' mind. To depict my points, think of India as a vast country. Their previous leader was named Gandhi, who had a simple characteristic. He believed in an honorable simple life, without luxuries and money. As a result of this simplistic worldview, all Indians do is praying their gods and role models and reading books. They do not care about money or improved life. The result is mere/sheer/abject poverty that can be seen in today's life of India.

Third, all of the books are not supposed to be about philosophy or art. A lot may be about science, architecture or psychology. Scientists and engineers write too, so writers are lame without their knowledge.

Although books are informative and practical, they are not complete without people to make them materialize. If I ever had to choose a society between two options, that is, writers and engineers, I would select the society of engineers according to the points I already mentioned/stated.

419 words

Gelare Malekpour

81. Some people prefer to eat at food stands or restaurant. Other people prefer to prepare and eat food at home. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. *

In this essay, eating out has been considered preferable.

Eating is a part of our lives. This matter is so important that some majors in universities have been introduced about the investigation of the value of food material, managing a restaurant or even making food. One of the crucial matters about eating food can be the place where somebody prefers to eat. I, personally, tend to eat my food in a food stand, either a snack bar or a modern restaurant. Crowd in a restaurant may be annoying for some people. ~~Yet~~ However, I enjoy ~~from~~ being in a restaurant with ~~a lot of~~ quite a few people. ~~B~~ This is because I think eating in a place full of energy can support every person not only physically but also mentally. Moreover, ~~it should not be ignored from~~ other privileges of eating in a restaurant such as, saving time or the diverse choices that ~~each one~~ can get while he or she goes to a food stand should not be ignored.

It may be thought that eating out ~~of home~~ is more expensive than that at home. In addition, many people prefer to eat in a silent place like their home. ~~However~~ Nevertheless, I believe that sometimes I spend money ~~for on~~ something that is not sensed easily. To me, eating in a restaurant full of light, energy and people is so much valuable that I am ready to spend money ~~for on~~ them. Believe it or not, I can get positive energy when I am eating in a restaurant and somebody else, beside my table, bursts ~~of into~~ laughing or ~~some a group of~~ intimate friends have a fun time a little far from me. Of course, it does not need to choose ~~expensive posh~~ restaurants to experience such an energetic ~~experience~~ event. It can be sensed in a small restaurant. ~~However~~, I definitely miss such a time when I eat at home.

Time is the most precious things nowadays. Nobody wants to waste their time for affairs ~~that~~ for which there exist some specialists, ~~in them~~. In recent years, cooking and managing a restaurant have become specialized and some people have ~~been~~ graduated from universities and colleges as chefs, nutritionists or restaurant managers. I ~~deem firmly~~ am of the opinion that cooking as a routine work ~~goes to~~ is a waste of time. Of course, cooking can be considered as fun, provided there is someone else washing dishes that I deeply hate ~~it doing~~ deeply.

I never want to ~~prohibit~~ deprive myself ~~from~~ of diverse and new things. When one decides to have a meal in a restaurant, they have many choices, from a fast food to a complete traditional one, in different restaurants with different cuisines. For instance, I love to taste foods from all over the world. This opportunity is provided for me in an international restaurant with expert chefs, ~~not rather~~ than at home with a ~~food book~~ cookbook.

I believe ~~in~~ that the place where ~~each one~~ chooses to have meal is very crucial. A restaurant, even a small one, helps you watch people and live with them. Of course, other advantages such as saving time or the wide diversity of choices have been provided for you when you eat in a food stand. Consequently, I suggest everyone to eat out ~~of home~~ at least once ~~meal in a week~~ and take great delight in doing so.

518 words

M. H. Benvidi: Amirkabir University of Technology

82. Some people prefer to eat at food stands or restaurant. Other people prefer to prepare and eat food at home. Which do you prefer? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.*

In this essay, eating at home has been considered preferable.

In today's world, there is a heated controversy about the place that people would like to choose for eating their meals. There are two main selections by people in this regard. Some opt for eating at restaurants, while others would like to cook and eat at home. As far as I am concerned, the advantages of eating at home substantially outweigh those of eating out. The reasons why I believe so are manifold--three of which, however, are of great consequence: enjoying a healthy diet, saving more money, and feeling more comfortable.

To begin with, it is crystal clear that health is the most precious gift which ~~god~~ God has bestowed ~~to~~ upon/on human beings. Therefore, it should be also very crucial for humans to preserve their health. Eating has an important effect on humans' health. By eating healthy foods, one can ~~insure~~ ensure/guarantee his or her health as easily as possible. It is obvious that by cooking and eating at home, we can enjoy a more-much/far healthier diet than eating out. This is mainly because, in this case, we know that what is good and what is bad for our health. Nonetheless, by eating out in restaurants, we are not aware of how they make and serve the food for us. Accordingly, by eating out, we will jeopardize our health easily.

Secondly, nowadays, money has a strategic role in human's life. Consequently, saving money is also so important. By cooking and eating at home rather than eating in ~~extravagant~~ exclusive/posh/elegant/luxurious restaurants, we can save money in an excellent fashion. An investigation shows that the people who make and eat food at home not only have a healthy body but enjoy better economic situation as well. On the other hand, the people/those who eat at restaurants or food stands, usually do not have a thriving and prosperous lifestyle.

Last but not least, feeling comfortable and being relaxed in every ~~status~~ occasion is important for everyone. If we want to go to restaurants, we should wear "decent" clothes. With this in mind, we cannot be so comfortable in these clothes and situation. At the same time, when we prepare and eat food at home, we are more ~~pleasant~~ at ease and relaxed since we should not put on any particular, awkward clothes at home.

To draw the conclusion grounded on the above statements/reasons, I subscribe to the idea of eating at home rather than eating at restaurants, ~~for the reasons mentioned above~~. Hence, I suggest that everyone ~~to~~ make and eat food at home.

441 words

Mohammadreza Mohammadrahimi: University of Tehran

83. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Youth is wasted on the young. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Let's read an essay opposing the topic.

A philosopher, whose name eludes me at the moment, once said, "The prime of one's life directs his or her lifestyle." The way in which the young pass their youth is always a controversial topic among parents and their children. Whereas parents believe that teenagers use their youth inefficiently, I—for one—subscribe to the view that, by a close observation of the life of the young, we can find out that not only do they enjoy this period, they use it efficiently as well. The young enjoy quite a few benefits during their youth, three of which—that is—the formation of behavior, the gain of experience, and, above all, the depletion of negative stresses are the most conspicuous ones.

To begin with, the young exploit these years so as to shape their interactions with others. In other words, in a trial and error process they understand how to get along with people from a wide spectrum of culture and age. Recent research showing that two thirds of people have a stable behavior before their superiors after the age of eighteen proves the maturation of behavior during youth.

Moreover, juveniles have a good many opportunities, by means of which they can find their interests and try to improve them. The young tend to expose themselves to risky situations, so they can explore the world better and deeper than an adult can. With this in mind, a young person can determine his or her lifestyle in the future by experiences they have gained during their youth.

The last aspect to point out is that, sadly enough, lack of experience causes hectic and stressful days for the young; due to this fact, teenagers need to have some activities in order to get rid of these stresses, which seems a waste of time in the view of parents. If stresses accumulate, they will affect the future of the young.

In conclusion, by a deeper look at youth, parents will no longer censure their juveniles for the loss of opportunities in the prime of their life; consequently, they help the young by finding and filling in the missing link of youth, namely "The need for guidance."

363 words

Hasan Bahramian: University of Tehran

84. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Youth is wasted on the young. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Now, read an essay in support of the topic.

Youth is the most important part of human beings' life. It is the period of the mind when all of the aspects including physics, science, mathematics, and arts flourish and burgeon. During this time the young would use the information they were taught to make their world a better place. The most important events of life happen in youth while they are between 19 and 30. They attend a college or a university—which lights up the whole life path itself—they date, and they may marry after that, they find jobs and come across/develop new ideas, all leading to a better society; however, parents and government members should care about the young. To illustrate my point, I'd rather discuss the situation of my own country, Iran, which is a third-world country. Things are so much different here. Statistically speaking, more than 60 percent of graduated students are still unemployed, 20 percent of whom are employed as a taxi driver or even a mason, which is totally unfair. Troubles have beset the young in Iran, but the three most important ones are: lack of appropriate/decent jobs, lack of recreational places, and the limitations caused by religion.

One of the most important aims of one who is studying is to graduate, find a job, and make money as much as he or she deserves. The young spend several years in college and university; therefore, they expect to find the right job that fits their profession. Society is in charge of creating jobs and hiring graduated students/it is up to the governments to provide graduates with decent job opportunities and pave the way for their employment, it is not taken serious though; as a result, one out of two graduated students is unemployed, unfortunately, causing/exacerbating/aggravating such social evils as rubbery and poverty. It can even turn into a psychic complex.

We all need amusement, but the young need it more/and the youth are no exception. They are filled with energy that needs to be spent somewhere. They need parks, concerts, beaches, and biking areas, which can be found rarely, and if there exists any, they are in few big cities only; hence, it is no big surprise if they go after more risky habits. This precious time that can be spent to have healthy amusements are spent smoking cigarettes and hookah mostly.

The third reason, which I do believe in, is the sheer nonsense religious limitations. Every single day, living becomes harder/ every single day passing by, is replete with the hardships and the vicissitudes of life. The number of police walking in the streets only to arrest people without any logical reason increases. Because of recent political events, they are trying to limit people as much as possible. They have even banned concerts. The young are not allowed to enter many restaurants and parks simply because of being single.

Youth is wasted on the young, which I broadly concur with. It is no big deal to those who are in charge whether or not youth is being wasted; therefore, it is parents' responsibility to take care of their children, and be a friend to them, help them to thrive even if things are not as good as they are supposed to be.

541 words

Gelare Malekpour

85. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We should treat our pets as we treat other members of our family. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Let's read an essay opposing the topic.

Keeping animals inside homes is not a contemporary issue. As human beings started accumulating flocks of sheep and cows, as ways of both living and trading, the relationship between men and animals commenced. During this long time, in hardships or comfort, humans have always confronted the same question over and over: where do animals fit amongst our family members? This somewhat twisted issue, which concerns animal rights, has been a major point in the debates.

If we look out of our window, it is highly likely that we see someone walking their pet in the street. This shows how widespread this phenomenon has become. Inevitably, mankind has become much dependent on their pets so much so that sometimes they forget that what they carry around all day, buy them various food types, dress them clothing and take them to hospitals, to name but a few, is, at the end of the day, just an animal. Family, the members of which have to be from the same type, is a union and we cannot add another kind of creature to it. Accordingly, it seems to be wrong if we consider a pet, a cat or a dog for instance, as an additional member to the family. Not only does it definitely violate different aspects of the family's definition, but it overlooks the human dignity and place as compared to animals as well. However, this does not mean that animals have no dignity at all, or their rights lie inferior to those of humans.

Being a family member brings about various responsibilities, which are way beyond an animal's "wit", and which only makes sense when you apprehend something. Only infants in a family are exempted from such expectations. Children, whom are demanded to take good care of their school-works, are required to help their parents inside or outside of the house. The father of the house, whose mere presence is needed and heartening for the family, is to financially support his family, and the mother of which, carries the heavy burden of the upbringing of her children. In contrast, even highly intelligent pets, not only are incapable of taking care of them, but also impose the burden of their attendance on the shoulder of the rest of the family. Therefore, it is not at least realistic to account pets as part of the human family.

Another reason which helps clarify a pet's status in the family is that if we treat them as if/though they were of our own flesh and blood, it might be dangerous in some situations. A friend of mine, whose dog's name was "Rocky" and was a breed of the "Polician", had an infant son. He relied on it so much that sometimes he used to leave his son alone with Rocky. One day when he was doing chores in the kitchen, and the dish washer was making too much noise, he heard a vague sound, more like crying and shouting, coming from the terrace. Unfortunately, by the time he got there, Rocky had hurt his son so badly that he had to be taken to hospital immediately. Right after the incident, my friend gave Rocky away and realized that animals should not be confused with humans.

In conclusion, although there are numerous reports of super smart animals that have made tight bonds with their owners, it is critical to discern the fundamental dissimilarities between them and humans. I, personally, tend to think that it is not necessary to consider pets as part of the family in order to express our determinant approach for being kind and just to these creatures; in addition, misinterpreting their position could come costly for both parties.

612 words

86. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We should treat our pets as we treat other members of our family. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion. **

Now, read an essay in support of the topic.

Since the dawn of civilization, humans and domestic animals, pets, were amazing allies. People love to have animals in their house, so they can enjoy many opportunities. The way pets are behaved towards crucially influences the way they behave toward us. I believe that pets should be treated as human beings and just like all other family members that inhabit the house. Many important facts support this, among which are the human-like souls of pets, the law of reciprocity, and, the most important of them, the training atmosphere it brings.

Just like human beings, every pet has a soul by which it understands every action humans take. They understand when you are either happy or sad. And their soul, which is the strongest facility of them, is affected by that very easily. As no one wants to hurt his family members' feelings, he or she should not hurt an innocent pet. We are strong, and it is not good for a stronger creature to wound a weaker creature mentally.

"If you want to get something, you should give something first." If you want to be loved by your pet, love it first. When you first teach these pets the alphabet of love, they get it, intensify it, and give it back to yourself. My friend Azadeh has a dog, Hany that lifts off the ground, every time I saw her, to just wash me with kisses and show me its love. By doing so, you get the same level of love from your pet as you've got from your family members so far.

"Training makes perfect." If you want to learn how to behave toward your main family members, it is a good idea to test some of them, which are possible, on your pets. For instance, when your pets do something wrong, you can broaden your level of calmness by just speaking to them in a lovely and logical manner. This way, you develop your character and the next time one of your family members does something wrong, you lead them through with your new characteristics.

By counting your pet as one of the family members and treating them that way, you can enjoy an enormous amount of feeling that you will be inundated with/by these little creatures. In the future, we will see a new level of relationship between humans and their pets, the absence of which is strongly felt today.

404 words

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87. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Face-to-face communication is better than other types of communication, such as letters, email, or telephone calls. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. ***

Let's read an essay in support of the topic.

Since the dawn of humanity, human beings have been bestowed with an irreplaceable gift, communication. This gift has served multi-faceted functions such as social and psychological ones, to name but two. The inevitable point, which deserves to be spotlighted, is that technology, as a double-edged sword, has basically changed many issues currently. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on one's viewpoint, communication has not been an exception. As far as I am concerned, the advantages of face-to-face communication extremely outweigh those of the long-distance communicating. I have a penchant for the aforementioned kind of communication—undoubtedly the face-to-face one—according to some reasons, among which real life experience, social skills, and health issues are more significant.

Real life experience, according to its animate nature, can be thoroughly gained in the interactive communication rather than in the long distance one. Although the ordinary young people are blind lovers of technology these days, I believe that there are many lessons, which may specifically be learned in the context of traditional communication: the lessons such as grieving, sympathizing, commiserating, dealing with hardships, managing stressful disasters, and being an appropriate spouse, to name but a few. An individual should just learn it through tangible relationships. It is not fair, not even rational to underestimate the multi-faceted advantages that technology has provided for us. The point I am trying to clarify is that the functions of technology are based on simulation. However, humankind's relationship cannot be simulated in that it is an elaborate, profound, and complicated phenomenon.

In addition, in today's human-oriented world, it is essential for any individual to acquire high levels of social skills, which will be efficiently feasible via communicating interactively. In other words, mastering the social skills can pave the jagged road of success regardless of exogenous conditions such as one's career. Socializing skills involve a vast area of skills such as coping and working in team. Even though a few of the mentioned skills may be learned in long-distance communication, statistics show that they are not used as efficiently as those of the face-to-face connections are. This is because the simulated rather than the real environment can cause damages to the education learning procedure. For instance, conference calls provide the opportunity for a few people to speak and see each other simultaneously; however, it lacks the elaborate touching sense—the characteristic that differentiates the relationships of human beings from those of the other creatures—like eye contact, perceiving the intonation, or sensing the real intention of the other speaker.

Last but not the least, face-to-face relations can boost one's psychological/mental health. There are some essential needs that must be satisfied. Otherwise, one may endanger his or her health conditions, the most substantial of which can be mentioned as the need for intimacy and security. Today's miserable human—who is under the backbreaking pressure of the industrialized world, exposed to many kinds of pollution, and endangered by unpredictable disasters—simply needs an intimate touch accompanied with a supporting embrace. This critical need may be only and only gratified by means of interactive communications.

To sum up, with all this taken into account, I believe that face-to-face communication rather than the long-distance connection can benefit human beings, these awesome complex creatures. Let's get rid of overusing technology right now, meet a family member or a friend we love, look in the eyes deeply, speak intimately, laugh from the bottom of our hearts, and celebrate the magic gift of interactive communication.

575 words

Setare Ariaifar: University of Tehran

88. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Face-to-face communication is better than other types of communication, such as letters, email, or telephone calls. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. **

Now, let's read an essay opposing the same topic.

Every day in our lives, we need to connect to other people ~~in order~~ for various purposes. For instance, we should be aware of the overall situation and the health of our relatives¹ and friends¹ ~~health and overall situation who~~ who are far from us. As another example of these communicational goals, I can mention job related professional connections and associations. In this regard, we need to communicate with other companies or governmental offices in order to do the work to which our corporation's business activities are related ~~our corporation's business activities~~. Among several kinds of communications, some people prefer to contact with each other face to face, while others would rather use communicational utilities such as letter, telephone, and email, ~~et to name but a few~~. Although ~~it has~~ there are some advantages with face-to-face communication like using body language and feeling each other's posture, ~~yet~~ I, personally, disagree with the author's statement due to some reasons₂, which will be discussed broadly hereunder.

It has always been said that "Time is ~~gold~~ money". Nowadays, because of the structure of present life style, almost all the people are involved in everyday rat race; consequently, as a matter of fact, time and gold are absolutely alike. With this in mind, if people want to see each other in person and have actual meeting with those whom they want to see, they have to spend a great deal of time for this purpose. ~~In that~~ For this, they must set an appointment₂, and₂ in many cases₂ they have to ~~abandon~~ leave their job for a period of time in order to visit someone who lives at another city or even another country. In my opinion, with this, people fritter away their time and cannot concentrate on their career efficiently. Therefore, besides some conventional means of communication such as telephone and letter₂, contemporary telecommunication technologies like email and video call on the Internet would facilitate connection among people and save their time.

Secondly, because of some financial reasons₂, I, personally, prefer being kept in touch with others by telecommunication devices. In my opinion, if one wants to visit others face to face, he or she has to spend some money. To illustrate my point, let me elaborate upon it by some explanation. As for monetary expenses of face-to-face communication, ~~the~~ people have to invite each other to have dinner or lunch₂, ~~for~~ For far far-away meetings₂ they must buy tickets for planes, ~~or~~ trains, or other means of transportation ~~facilities ticket, they and ought have to~~ rent a room at a hotel, ~~and to name but a few~~ two. ~~On the other hand~~ Additionally, because they have to relinquish their career for a period of time, their salary would ~~be~~ decrease as a result, and for this, they would incur some other expenses and costs.

In conclusion, although I believe that face-to-face communication brings some advantages like sharing our feelings with others and using body language/facial expressions, I disagree with the author's claim. In my opinion, by means of new telecommunication ways₂ we can prevent our money and valuable time ~~to~~ from being squandered. In other words, I strongly believe that today's telecommunication devices are more advantageous and more compatible with present contemporary life style.

505 words

9.3 Fully Corrected Writing Samples

89. If you want to buy something, which one of the three following elements affects you most: advertisement, friends, or newspapers. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

As far as purchasing goods is concerned, research and caution are requisite, for most products should be used for a long period of time and most stores do not accept the returns, and hence it is crucial to buy goods of acceptable caliber. With this in mind, people enjoy diverse approaches to becoming familiar with a new product or brand. While some prefer to decide based on advertisements or the opinions explained in newspapers, others ask their friends about their experiences to buy a product. I, for one, subscribe to the idea that consulting with friends is the most reliable and expeditious source of information, inasmuch as advertisements and newspapers are not as trustful as friends, friends have utilized the very product in practice, and choosing according to advertisements and newspapers requires a great deal of time.

Products considered satisfactory has to retain their quality for an adequate period of time. Advertisements are designed to attract customers based on the appearance of products, or newspapers simply report the statistics related to it. Thus, one cannot be certain about the future quality of the merchandise. This vital information can only be obtained by asking a friend having utilized that product. In this regard, a renowned proverb states, "Proof of the pudding is in eating," which is indicative of the consequence of being examined in practice rather than being talked about.

Reliability of the information one gains about a product is pivotal. It stands to reason that friends want the best for each other and they do not mind the profit of any company, but that of their friends, whereas most advertisements give false information just for attracting more costumers, thereby gaining more yield, and newspapers are mainly prejudiced against different products, or they have their political stands. Therefore, people place too much value neither on advertisements nor on newspapers. It is statically illustrated that the majority of advertisements are fabricated in order to tempt people.

Being influenced by an advertisement or seeking newspapers for enough pieces of information takes a long period of time, and it is probable that one cannot come to conclusion eventually. Thus, advertisements and newspapers are not practical methods when one is in a hurry to select and purchase a product. In this case, the feasible manner is asking friends informed enough about the product and decide in the blink of an eye, since most friends enjoy the same taste, as a celebrated proverb says, "birds of a feather flack together," which emphasizes that friends have common interests, but what about newspapers and advertisements?

All in all, it is true that the information attained from friends is not one hundred percent accurate. For instance, some of them always complain about what they buy and vice versa. Since everyone has a complete knowledge about his or her friend, they can accurately decide. With all this taken into account, friends are better than advertisements or newspapers, mainly because they are more dependable, experienced, and accessible. It is highly recommended to put your friends' opinion before that of newspapers and advertisements.

511 words

Sahar Sadrizadeh: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

90. Your school has received a gift of money. What do you think is the best way for your school to spend this money? Use specific reasons and details to support your choice. Use specific reasons to support your choice. **

Without any doubt, scheduling the budget of schools is one the most pivotal concerns of any school principal, for the budget allocated to education is not usually enough, especially in our country. Apart from teaching children, schools have other functions of the same consequence on which schools have to spend money. With this in mind, schools can utilize a gift of money in different fields. School facilities which are requisite but lacking in the educational system of our country are laboratories, computers, and sports equipment, in which, I think, the school should invest.

The significance of laboratories is underestimated in most schools, despite their great roles. All lessons instructed in schools are theoretical, and hence dull for most students, as they cannot see the purpose of what they learn. Labs make the lessons practical and fixed them in students' mind for all their life, teach students teamwork, unearth their hidden talents, and prepare them for their future careers. Statistics demonstrate that most of the students graduated from university, when commencing their job, confront many hardships, as they do not know how to use their knowledge in practice, which is due to the inadequacy of labs in the schools.

In spite of the fact that computers are becoming more common, there are not still enough of them in most schools. Computer applications provide teachers with some innovative methods to make the lessons more attractive, and offer the students state-of-the-art information. With computers, there is an easy access to online books as well as international researches, and different schools, even in different countries, can communicate, transfer information, and therefore enhance the level of their teaching. Today's world is in the communication era. Thus, it stands to reason that working with computers is an essential skill that should be learned in childhood.

Even though most schools do not care about sports facilities, it influences the students in an indispensable manner. Principals should keep in mind that besides studying, students should have other activities, particularly sports. Allocating a specific time for sports makes schools more intriguing, students more energetic and healthy, and their brain efficient. Moreover, in the schools, the purpose of which is simply studying, jealousy and competition will make the condition intolerable. With different sports, friendship grows between students, however. In this regard, there is a Persian proverb, the equivalent of which in English may sound like this, "Healthy body is a prerequisite for a healthy mind," which is indicative of the importance of sports in human life. A healthy mind in a healthy body.

All in all, a gift of money received by a school can be spent on different things. Nevertheless, I think that the school should invest it in improving its educational equipment—specifically in labs and computers—and sports equipment so that students can enjoy recreational activities in addition to a high-level education.

476 words

Sahar Sadrizadeh: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

91. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers should not make their social or political views known to students in the classroom. Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. **

A philosopher, whose name eludes me at the moment, once said, "People can have the ability to learn things from one another, as far as their beliefs do not interfere with each other." With this in mind, there is a heated controversy as to whether teachers should freely speak about their social and political beliefs to their students or otherwise. I, personally, subscribe to the latter idea based on many reasons, among which are the fact that, by doing so, teachers would decrease the quality of teaching, and moreover, they may manipulate their students' minds to choose their way of thinking concerning political and social issues.

To begin with, it is quite necessary for teachers to evaluate their speeches. In high schools, one can find students with a broad range of social and political views, some of whom are democrat, while others are republican. Some believe in some kinds of freedom, while others believe otherwise. The very important point is the fact that, in high schools, teachers are dealing with students of ages over twelve. At such ages, students are quite sure about their views and will resist the one who contradicts their ideas. Some students, the beliefs of whom conflict with those of their teacher might resist their teacher's speech. As a result, they will not learn from their teacher as much as they did before, for/because/since/in that/inasmuch as/as they do not believe in their teacher anymore. Consequently, the efficiency of such classes will be less than those, the teacher of which will not speak freely about his or her own beliefs.

There is a Persian proverb that says, "Children's minds are like a stone; one may write on it something, and it will remain for a life time." In some cases, especially in elementary schools, teachers have to deal with children of ages under twelve years old. At such ages, children are emotionally tied to their teachers so much so that they are more likely to learn things from their teacher rather than their parents. As a result, the teachers who speak about their social and political views to the elementary students will somehow manipulate their mind and make them choose the belief of theirs, because of the fact that students are children who put their faith in their teachers.

To sum up, with taking into account all the above reasons, I disagree with the statement that teachers should speak about their ideas and beliefs to their students on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the quality of their class, and furthermore, in doing so, they would manipulate their students to have faith in what "they" believe.

441 words

Kamyar Esmaeili Pourfarhangi: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

92. The widespread use of the Internet has given people access to information on a level never experienced before. How does this increase in the availability of information influence life in today's world? ***

Technology is marching in a galloping, seemingly inexorable rate, leaving us submissive to its dominion over our lives. It is so consequential a contrivance, on which it is worth one's while to cast light. One of the most substantial offspring of technology whereby our lives have undergone a metamorphosis, so to speak, is an exclusively modern phenomenon called the Internet, together with the preeminent yield of it, ubiquitousness of knowledge. So far-reaching is the impact of this achievement that hardly can anyone conceive doing without it. However, we ought not to sidestep considering cons along with pros of it because it is incumbent on us to prevent the peripheral downsides of the present resources turning into social evils of the future generation, even if there is only a little we can do. Two of its drawbacks, as far as I can see, are as follows - needless to say regardless of its undeniably significant boons bearing on quite a few territories.

To begin with, as it is transparent to everyone, the Internet has dramatically broaden the scope of knowledge and information within reach of, roughly speaking, the whole urban population of the world. At first glance, this may seem utterly excellent. Being quite a bit beneficial notwithstanding, if we look deeper, we may come to realize how miscellaneous subjects have been densely interwoven with each other, and thus we are increasingly becoming morally bewildered, and equally puzzled in terms of principles. Bombarded with a mass of ideas, views, as well as worldviews, to the four winds, concerning issues of life, held by people of a tapestry of varied cultures, races, customs, as well as wisdoms, we are gradually becoming "information-machines", holding ambivalent attitudes not only toward right and wrong, but also toward rights and duties, lifestyle, and even the conduct of our relationships, as well as the whole other aspects of living as such. Further, art and culture are losing their idiosyncrasies connected with their birthplace, once enjoying a characteristic identity, and hence they are becoming a peculiar mixture of "all but nothing."

That virtually everyone, thanks to the convenience of sharing material online, has become a "receiver" of broad, immeasurable spectrum of "news" from the events occurring in far reaches of the earth is the second disadvantage of omnipresence of information. Strange as it may seem, I, personally, am of the opinion that there is a thinly disguised analogy between the rising tide of the compulsion to consume goods and the mania for "consuming information." Likewise, we can find a correspondence between the mass production of goods with that of "intelligence." More precisely speaking, there appears to be an upsurge of seeking not so much assimilation as accumulation of knowledge among people as if they are developing a kind of fetish, so to speak, for expanding the width of knowledge at the expense of both the breadth of comprehension and depth of understanding. Somehow, the proverb "easy come, easy go" may be of assistance to amplify clarification of the point I am trying to make, inasmuch as the easier the accessibility, the cheaper the appreciation.

In view of these considerations, having been involved, also by means of bearing in mind that being far-reaching does not guarantee goodness of its end-results, I decide that, contrary to spontaneous expectations, a readily available knowledge will have considerably huge detriments and harms, thereby posing a great threat to the future of the people across the board.

573 words

Ghazal Keyhanfar: Sharif University of Technology (SUT)

93. A foreign visitor has only one day to spend in your country. Where should this visitor go on that day? Why? Use specific reasons to support your choice. *

Traveling to new places can be one of the most interesting pleasures one might experience in his or her lifetime. We can have fun, and learn about so many things. Accordingly, if I wanted to plan a day for a foreign visitor, I would definitely do my best to make this day a wonderful one for them. One of the most beautiful cities in Iran, my native city, is "Shiraz", which is famous because of its nice weather in all seasons, warm-blooded people, and historical places, to name but a few. There are many places in my city that I can suggest them visit, but for a "one-day-trip", I choose the significant ones, which can be handled in one day.

As a morning plan, I would recommend them to go to "Persepolis", which is a historical place and is a symbol of one of the greatest kingdoms in the history of Iran. This place was a very tremendous palace that had a unique architecture. Although it has been unfortunately burnt and damaged by the attack of Alexander "the great" at that time, this ruined structure still attracts so many tourists from all over the world every year.

After visiting Persepolis, I would suggest they have lunch in one of the traditional restaurants of Shiraz, which serve delicious foods and play traditional music; they are very lovely places and certainly they would enjoy it. After that, in order to make them familiar with the culture of people, I think it is good to visit "Vakil Bazar", a traditional and ancient bazar in the city. There are so many shops that sell traditional goods like cloths, dishes, decorative things, and so many handicrafts, which they can buy as a souvenir or keep as a memory of this trip.

As a final place to visit, I think visiting the tombs/mausoleum of two of the most famous poets in Iran and somehow all over the world, "Hafez" and "Saadi", is a great experience for tourists. After passing thousands of years from their death, their poem-books are still available in many people's homes. Their poems are completely meaningful and the subject of them is mostly about forbidding evil and admiring morality. Many people love these poets and enjoy going to these places for their free time. In this regard, tourists are no exception.

Finally, I should say that, in my opinion, Shiraz, my city, is a lovely place and I suggest everybody to come and visit it, even if they have only one day to visit. Be sure that you will not regret doing so.

430 words

Yasaman Ghaffari: Tarbiat Modares University (TMU)

94. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Movies are worth watching only when they teach us something about the real life. **

Human beings have always attempted to exhibit such new forms of art as sculpture, painting, pottery, or precious inscription to explain emotion, thought, and even science through some understandable artistic pieces. The art of movie making, the seventh one, has also opened a new door to humans to create interesting and amazing artworks. In this regard, I, for one, subscribe to the view that those groups of films not related to the real life, not teaching us something about the factual life, are also worth watching because of some reasons, which are elaborated upon in the following lines.

To begin with, watching those movies, which are not exclusively instructive, can be worthwhile and fun. Indeed, life is a "film" on its own, and we people, the main "characters" of it, perform our "roles" in our "movies." Therefore, we sometimes need to release ourselves from the difficulties and facts of the atmosphere to which we belong even for a few hours in order to feel another kind of life probably not having any similarity to our actual one, which can be accessible thanks to watching such different genres of movie as the romantic, adventure, fiction, or horror ones.

Secondly, people should pay attention to a broad spectrum of films as well, including informative ones. Art, with all its shapes, painting, sculpture, and writing, to name but a few, has perpetually been employed in providing individuals with the ability of the imagination in general and the one of the creativeness in particular. For example, at first, most of the science-fiction movies were considered as irrational and ridiculous films; nevertheless, by the passage of time, people realized that those films are to reflect the human imagination and desire to achieve new and modern forms of technology in the future, which has been shown by the seventh art, the cinema.

Finally, audiences should indicate that they really get behind the film producing industry via supporting different types of movies, surely excluding the dirty ones. Every day, quite a few movies with different genres namely drama, historical, science fiction or thrillers are produced thank to continuous attempts of directors, actors, actresses or sets designers so as to provide the audience with enjoyment and memorable moments. As a result, people who consider that only those specific films are related to the real life are unfairly ignoring all of the energy, budget, time, and enthusiasm having been spent to produce those artworks.

In conclusion, the cinema, as a visual art, which was introduced in the previous century, plays a pivotal role in people's life, which will definitely stand its ground. Considering this, I believe that a wide spectrum of various movies should be produced so as to enhance the ability of people's imagination, create amusing leisure time for humans, and support movie makers.

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95. What is very important skill a person should learn in order to be successful in the world today? Choose one skill and use specific reasons and examples to support your choice. **

Living in such a challenging world highlights regular updates on ways that any individual deals in order to vie with their rivals. For being successful in the world, one needs to have exceptional skills that distinguish him or her from others. In my book, having good communication skills as well as a perfect job can bring any individual high social status and success. In this regard, language skills not only make a person an exceptional one, they provide a great progress in one's life as well. The reasons for which I believe so are as follows.

Firstly, the success of almost anyone depends largely on his or her ability to communicate with other people, which differ from them in such cases as culture, religion, and language, to name but three. Among all these differences, language is the most important one. There is a fact that if one wants to assimilate into a community, he or she needs to be familiar with their language. I strongly believe that our communication will improve dramatically, providing we can speak others' languages. In other words, the more language skills people acquire, the more improvement they will have in their communication, and as the result of which the more success they will achieve in this way.

Another advantage of learning different languages, which guarantees one's success in the world, is providing excellent job opportunities. Many jobs require knowledge of at least one foreign language. In order to boost one's chances in the job market, anyone needs to improve his or her language skills. There is a fact that the business world mostly values bilingual employees. With this in mind, language skills are imperative so as to have both a well-paid and stable job. Learning various languages gives great opportunities to businesspersons to expand their relation with business markets of other countries. Knowing a foreign language is so important an issue for many foreign companies doing business. The ability to communicate with others in their own language performs an essential role in marketing.

In summary, as far as I am concerned, a person who has either effective communication abilities or a steady job is considered as a successful one. There are several skills which a successful person should have, among which language skills are of importance. The growth in immigrant population brings about the necessity of learning different languages in order to establish a good communication. Furthermore, learning a foreign language helps anyone both communicate with his or her target markets across the world and find a proper profession.

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