



**IELTS Task 2 Sample:**

**Too much money is spent on repairing old buildings. Instead of repairing old buildings, the money should be spent on knocking them down and building new ones. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

Sample 1 (Band 6-7)

The struggle between modernity and tradition always leads to two distinct and opposite opinions, namely contemporary art admirers and the so-called old-fashioned conventionalists; however, people usually adopt a modest position, and I would agree that we need both old and new buildings, because of the value of conservation, the vision to the future, and the principle of equilibrium.

Conservation of old buildings has long been practiced in certain parts of the world that attract a huge number of visitors and a significant amount of annual income. Consider London as an example; each year, a few million tourists travel to England to just lay an eye on Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace or the Big Ben. During their voyage, they merrily spend a lot of money on their stay and take away plenty of souvenirs when they leave. They will always remember the visit for years to come, and they will share their memories with their children and grandchildren over and over. The income from these tourists remarkably outweigh the maintenance costs of these buildings.

However, modern architecture is considered an important factor for any city to be included in the tourists' travel itinerary. A city with modern high rises or unique artistic structures is a more popular place to visit. Sailing through London, one can see a good mix of both traditional and modern architecture, right next to one another, but in fact, some people might actually prefer the latter.

In any case, a balance between tradition and modernity is probably the most reasonable approach to budgeting urbanisation. There will be choice for all those traditional people who wish to visit older buildings, and for those who prefer modern architecture. There is no conflict between tradition and modernity.

In conclusion, I believe that we can benefit from a mixture of both traditional and modern architecture, and we can serve both tastes if we spend enough to maintain old buildings and build new ones to keep a balance.