

MASTER IELTS ESSAYS

SUPER INTENSIVE COURSE

Issue/Expository Essays

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Review: Issue/Expository Essays



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Issue Tasks

Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organisation.

Why might this be the case?

What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?

Nowadays we are producing more and more rubbish.

Why do you think this is happening?

What can governments do to help reduce the amount of rubbish produced?

In some countries the average weight of people is increasing and their levels of health and fitness are decreasing.

What do you think are the causes of these problems and what measures could be taken to solve them?

Today more people are travelling than ever before.

Why is this the case?

What are the benefits of travelling for the traveller?

Issue Tasks: Plural or singular?

Singular

You may give one or more main ideas

Why is this the case?
Why is this happening?

What can governments do to tackle homelessness?
How can we reduce the amount of rubbish produced?

Plural

You must give at least 2 main ideas

What do you think are the reasons for this?
What are some of the main factors that have contributed to this?

What solutions can you think of?
What measures can governments take to reduce pollution?

Issue Tasks: Introduction

Approach 1: Paraphrasing the task + Purpose statement

→ [It is said that].... + This essay will outline.../ In this essay I will outline...

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Why might this be the case?

What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?

Example:

These days a large number of people opt for self-employment instead of employment at an organization or company. In this essay, I will outline the reason for this, as well as the problems faced by the self-employed.

Issue Tasks: Introduction

Approach 2: History + Purpose statement

- While in the past..., today.../In the past..., whereas today...
 - + This essay will outline.../ In this essay I will outline...

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Why might this be the case?

What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?

Example:

While in the past most individuals would work for a business or organization, these days a large number of them opt for self-employment. In this essay, I will outline the reason for this, as well as the problems faced by the self-employed.

Note: DO NOT USE THIS APPROACH UNLESS THE INTRODUCTION IS REALLY SHORT AND NEEDS TO GET A BIT LONGER.

Issue Essays: Body Paragraphs with a Single Main Idea



Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organisation.

Why might this be the case? What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?

Many of the people who become self-employed are seeking higher income levels. There is a salary system in almost every organization that decides the amount of money every employee receives, which is usually a very small percentage of the business's revenue. Even if a company like Tesla doubles its profits in a year, the effect on its employees' salaries is relatively insignificant. In contrast, when one works for oneself, one receives all the money made by one's business after deducting expenses and taxes.

Issue Essays: Body Paragraphs with Multiple Main Ideas



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However, managing a business can be quite stressful. A business owner, even one who owns a small business like a café or home appliance repair service, has to take care of customer calls, finances, tax forms and so on, as well as making various business decisions. Even if they hire people and delegate some of these tasks, they will have to supervise their employees. All of this brings a level of anxiety not everyone is able to cope with effectively.

Furthermore, self-employed individuals often have less free time. They have to work harder and longer hours to manage their business affairs and compete with larger companies in their markets, having less time and energy to spend with their families or on their hobbies and interests.

Issue Tasks: Conclusion

Approach: Summarise the issue and the points from both body paragraphs

Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organisation.

Why might this be the case?

What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed?

Example:

In conclusion, I think many people become self-employed so that they can make more money, but this brings about a stressful life and leaves them with less spare time.

Issue Essays: Example Essay



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Many of the people who become self-employed are seeking higher income levels. There is a salary system in almost every organization that decides the amount of money every employee receives, which is usually a very small percentage of the business's revenue. Even if a company like Tesla doubles its profits in a year, the effect on its employees' salaries is relatively insignificant. In contrast, when one works for oneself, one receives all the money made by one's business after deducting expenses and taxes.

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In conclusion, I think many people become self-employed so that they can make more money, but this brings about a stressful life and leaves them with less spare time. **(274 words)**