

MASTER IELTS ESSAYS

SUPER INTENSIVE COURSE

Mixed Essays

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Review: Mixed Essays



- Book 8, test 3 task and examiner's answer at the end of the book (next slide)
- Mixed essays in the course pamphlet
- The remaining slides in this file

Increasing the price of petrol is the best way to solve growing traffic and pollution problems.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

What other measures do you think might be effective? (Cambridge IELTS 8, Test 3)

There is no doubt that traffic and pollution from vehicles have become huge problems, both in cities and on motorways everywhere. Solving these problems is likely to need more than a simple rise in the price of petrol.

While it is undeniable that private car use is one of the main causes of the increase in traffic and pollution, higher fuel costs are unlikely to limit the number of drivers for long. As this policy would also affect the cost of public transport, it would be very unpopular with everyone who needs to travel on the roads. But there are various other measures that could be implemented that would have a huge effect on these problems.

I think to tackle the problem of pollution, cleaner fuels need to be developed. The technology is already available to produce electric cars that would be both quieter and cleaner to use. Persuading manufacturers and travellers to adopt this new technology would be a more effective strategy for improving air quality, especially in cities.

However, traffic congestion will not be solved by changing the type of private vehicle people can use. To do this, we need to improve the choice of public transport services available to travellers. For example, if sufficient sky trains and underground train systems were built and effectively maintained in our major cities, then traffic on the roads would be made dramatically reduced. Long-distance train and coach services should be made attractive and affordable alternatives to driving your own car for long journeys.

In conclusion, I think that long-term traffic and pollution reductions would depend on educating the public to use public transport more, and on governments using public money to construct and run efficient systems.

Opinion Question + Opinion/Non-Opinion Question *(order may vary)*

1. An increasing number of adults play computer games nowadays.

Why is this the case?

Is it a positive or negative development?

2. Some people believe that the best way to fight overpopulation is to take away benefits such as free education, social security and free healthcare from large families.

How far do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

What other solutions can you think of to deal with overpopulation?

3. It is important for children to learn the difference between right and wrong at an early age. Punishment is necessary to help them learn this distinction.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

What sort of punishment should parents and teachers be allowed to use to teach good behaviour to children?

Opinion Question + Opinion/Non-Opinion Question *(order may vary)*

It is sometimes possible to pay somebody to do things you don't want to do, or don't have time to do, for example, household chores or looking after children.

Is this a good way of providing work for others?

Should people do these things themselves?

Mixed Tasks: Introduction



Approach: Introduce the topic + Purpose statement containing your opinion

→ [It is said that].... + This essay will outline/ In this essay I will outline why I think.... and also explain... (depending on the order of the question)

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How far do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

What other solutions can you think of to deal with overpopulation?

Example:

It is said that depriving large families of benefits like social security, and free education and healthcare is the best solution for overpopulation. In this essay, I will explain why I strongly disagree with this, as well as suggesting a number of better solutions.

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An increasing number of adults play computer games nowadays.

Why is this the case? Is it a positive or negative development?

Strong View:

It is said that playing computer games is increasing among adult individuals. This essay will first outline the reasons for this and then explains why I strongly believe it is a positive trend.

Middle View (*Discouraged*):

It is said that these days more and more adults are playing computer games. In this essay, I will outline the reasons for this, as well as why I believe it could be positive in most cases.

Mixed Tasks: Opinion Paragraph

Although/While + other side's reason, + your first reason & development + your second reason & development

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Mixed Tasks: Opinion Paragraph with CA at the Beginning

It is important for children to learn the difference between right and wrong at an early age. Punishment is necessary to help them learn this distinction.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

What sort of punishment should parents and teachers be allowed to use to teach good behaviour to children?

Although punishment has been used for ages as an effective tool to show children what is unacceptable and wrong, it is usually damaging to their self-esteem. In most instances, adults use their authority as older and stronger individuals to punish someone younger than them, and sometimes even use harsh language or tone. This makes youngsters feel belittled and controlled, leading them to develop personality issues in the long run. It is also likely to create a cycle of abuse. When adults punish children, they create significant psychic tension and anger in them. Since children cannot release this tension by applying it to their parents, they begin abusing or bullying their peers or younger children.

Mixed Tasks: Opinion Paragraph with CA at the end



your first reason & development + your second reason & development

Some may argue that [CA], but [refute/solution/say it is not as important]

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