

Many people consider shopping malls as great places to spend their leisure time and meet others. People in the past, however, visited shopping malls only when necessary. To what extent is this a positive or negative development?

Although many people think that shopping malls are great places to spend their free time and meet others, in the past, individuals visited them only when necessary. I firmly agree that this is a positive development due to the convenience they provide.

One reason is that people can enjoy a more convenient and comfortable experience.

Nowadays, shopping malls have a wide variety of services, such as a pleasant environment and atmosphere, comfortable furniture, and they offer different products. Older individuals and families with children can spend their time more enjoyably. For instance, elderly people can use safe furniture for relaxing, and children can use recreational services, while parents can spend time on their own activities.

In addition, they could have different choices for eating. These days, shopping malls offer different kinds of food, like international and delicious dishes in interesting cafés and food courts, which have Chinese and Arabic dishes, fast food, and traditional and cultural dishes.

Hence, individuals can choose their favorite food and snack, and have a memorable time with others. Instead of traveling to different locations to find their favorite food, they can save their time and effort by eating in one location.

Some people argue that people were able to enjoy their shopping in the fresh air, like shopping from outdoor spaces and bazaars. However, I strongly believe that shopping malls have cleaner environments. At the moment, air pollution is increasing, and the air quality is getting worse. If they spend their time in outdoor places, it may have a negative impact on their physical health. In conclusion, they are able to feel more comfortable and enjoy a wide range of options in one location.

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Although many people think that shopping malls are great places to spend their free time and meet others, in the past, individuals visited them only when necessary. I believe that they are wonderful places for spending your leisure time, but not very appropriate for meeting others.

The good thing about spending leisure time at a shopping mall is that people can enjoy a more convenient and comfortable experience. Nowadays, shopping malls have a wide variety of services, such as air conditioning and comfortable furniture. They also provide different

choices for eating, as there are food courts that have fast food and traditional and cultural food like Chinese and Arabic dishes. Since there are many recreational services such as amusement parks and cinemas, as well, families with children can have an enjoyable time, while they save a lot of time and effort.

However, meeting others at a mall can be difficult. They are usually very busy locations, as thousands of people spend time shopping and talking to each other at the same time. If people set their appointments there, it is highly likely that the noise distracts them and even sometimes makes it impossible to concentrate on what their guests are saying. The last time I met a friend at the local mall, we could hardly hear each other over the noise of children screaming in the amusement park on the top floor.

In conclusion, I believe that it is great that people enjoy their free time at shopping malls because of the convenience and comfort that they provide, but I think they are not suitable places for setting up meetings due to all the noise and distractions.

4. Grammatical Range & Accuracy — Band 6

Here I'd again be careful not to confuse lexical awkwardness with grammatical error.

There are some genuine grammatical problems, but the essay is not grammatically chaotic.

1. Faulty parallelism

shopping malls have a wide variety of services, such as a pleasant environment and atmosphere, comfortable furniture, and they offer different products.

The structure after such as is problematic because it mixes noun phrases with a clause:

such as a pleasant environment, comfortable furniture, and they offer different products

The final element doesn't belong grammatically in the list.

A cleaner version would be:

shopping malls offer a wide range of services and amenities, such as pleasant surroundings, comfortable seating and a variety of shops.

This is genuinely relevant to GRA because of the faulty construction.

2. "which have Chinese and Arabic dishes..."

The antecedent is presumably cafés and food courts, but the structure is awkward and the relative clause is not very clean.

3. "If they spend their time..."

The grammatical structure itself is fine, but the pronoun reference is unclear. That's more CC than GRA.

4. "it may have a negative impact"

Again, grammatically possible, but it has an unclear antecedent.

There are also several sentences that are structurally quite simple.

So I don't see enough range or control for Band 7, but I also wouldn't characterise the essay as containing pervasive grammatical errors.

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