

**Учебное пособие по развитию навыка письменной
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Дорогой читатель!

Учебное пособие «Письменная речь в английском языке: рекомендации и практика» представляет собой дополнительный компонент к учебникам и учебно-методическим комплектам по подготовке к письменным творческим конкурсам, олимпиадам, основному государственному экзамену (ОГЭ) и единому государственному экзамену (ЕГЭ) по английскому языку. Его основная цель – помочь учащимся общеобразовательных учреждений развить навык письменной речи для успешного участия в письменных мероприятиях различного характера.

Данное авторское учебное пособие предназначено для учащихся 8-11 классов, участвующих в различных письменных конкурсах и олимпиадах, а также для тех, кто готовится к сдаче государственных экзаменов (ОГЭ и ЕГЭ). Учителя английского языка могут использовать материалы пособия для совместного с учащимися разбора примеров писем и эссе. В свою очередь, пособие подходит и для самостоятельного использования его учащимися средних и старших классов общеобразовательных школ.

В учебном пособии представлены рекомендации по написанию личных писем в формате ЕГЭ и эссе проблемного характера, 30 вариантов личных писем и 30 вариантов эссе, написанных магистром филологии, учителем английского языка высшей категории Волковой Марией Александровной. Прочитав примеры выполненных заданий, вы получите представление о структуре личных писем в формате ЕГЭ и эссе проблемного характера, ознакомитесь с некоторыми клише выполнения данных заданий, запомните полезные вводные фразы и выражения, расширите словарный запас по различным темам, обратите внимание на то, как правильно употреблять грамматические конструкции для выражения собственного мнения, точки зрения оппонента и ее опровержения.

Задание по написанию личного письма встречается в письменном разделе как ОГЭ, так и ЕГЭ. Кроме того, в школах с углубленным изучением английского языка часто проводятся конкурсы по написанию личного письма другу по переписке, поэтому рекомендации, содержащиеся в данном пособии, а также примеры личных писем станут ценным помощником в подготовке к письменным конкурсам и государственным экзаменам по английскому языку. Примеры эссе, в свою очередь, помогут в развитии навыков письменной речи: в закреплении написания трудных слов и словосочетаний, в изучении правил пунктуации, а также в совершенствовании содержательной части работы – грамотном подборе аргументов.

Письменные работы по праву считаются одним из самых трудных видов деятельности, так как они требуют соблюдения большого количества правил. Необходимо писать как можно больше личных писем и эссе, трудиться над общей грамотностью речи, а также развивать аналитический ум для того, чтобы в дальнейшем совершенствовать свои коммуникативные навыки.

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Рекомендации по написанию личного письма другу по переписке в формате ЕГЭ

Требуемый объем для личного письма – 100-140 слов. Допустимое отклонение от заданного объема составляет 10%. Если в выполненном задании 39 менее 90 слов, то задание проверке не подлежит и оценивается в 0 баллов. Если личное письмо содержит больше 154 слов, отчеркивается 140 слов и проверяется только эта часть. Соответственно теряются баллы за те компоненты, которые не вошли в эти 140 слов. Слова считаются все с адреса по подпись. Стил ь письменного высказывания – неофициальный. Максимальный балл, который можно получить за данное задание – 6 баллов по трем критериям: 2 балла – решение коммуникативной задачи (РКЗ), 2 балла – организация текста (ОТ) и 2 балла – языковое оформление текста (ЯОТ).

Структура личного письма следующая:

Первый абзац: слева с красной строки пишется обращение (Dear Jack/Kate, Hello/Hi Jack/Kate), после ставится запятая.

Далее следует благодарность за полученное письмо и ссылка на предыдущие контакты (не является обязательной): (Thank you for your recent message. I was glad to hear from you again. /Thanks for writing to me. I'm always glad to get emails./ I enjoy reading your messages and writing to you.).

Второй абзац содержит ответы на 3 вопроса друга по переписке (основная часть письма). Если все вопросы объединены одной тематикой, ответы можно оформить в один абзац. Если тематика вопросов разная, данный абзац можно разделить на 2 или 3. Для того, чтобы письмо было логичным, можно использовать следующие фразы: “You asked me about...Well, I can say that...”, “As you are interested in..., I'd like to tell you that...”.

Третий абзац включает 3 вопроса другу на заданную тему. То, о чем нужно задавать вопросы, указано в задании. Необходимо строго соблюдать тематику вопросов и помнить про соединительную фразу, чтобы вопросы были логично связаны с предыдущим текстом.

Четвертый абзац – причина окончания личного письма, фраза-упоминание о дальнейших контактах (Write back soon/Hope to hear from you soon/Please, write to me soon). Можно писать на отдельной строке или в конце текущего абзаца.

Далее следует завершающая фраза (Best wishes/all the best/with love/yours).

Последняя строка – подпись (имя автора) без точки.

Клише для написания личного письма

Dear (имя),

Thanks for your letter! It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about (тема). Well, ... (ответ на первый вопрос). In fact, ... (ответ на второй вопрос). Actually, (ответ на третий вопрос). The reason is, ... (объяснение причины, если есть вопрос почему?).

By the way, ... (3 вопроса другу).

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to ... (причина окончания письма).

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Рекомендации по написанию эссе проблемного характера

Требуемый объем для эссе – 200-250 слов.

Задание данного типа носит коммуникативный характер. В задании необходимо высказать личное мнение по определенной проблеме.

При написании эссе нужно придерживаться следующего плана: обозначение проблемы высказывания, выражение личного мнения по указанной проблеме, обозначение противоположного мнения и отношения к нему, вывод-перефраз своей точки зрения по заданной проблеме.

Клише для написания эссе

Nowadays some people suppose that... , while others think that... . (2 точки зрения на данный вопрос). The issue is rather controversial. (Now I would like to express my point of view on this problem).

Второй вариант первого абзаца – выразить одну точку зрения и написать, что есть люди, которые с этим мнением не согласны.

Nowadays some people believe that... . Others do not support this point of view. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, Firstly, (first of all, to start with, to begin with) ... (первый аргумент + обоснование (необязательно при условии, что аргумент сильный)). Secondly, (furthermore, what is more, apart from that) ... (второй аргумент + обоснование (необязательно, если аргумент сильный)). Finally, ... (третий аргумент, если он есть).

However, some people are sure that ... (противоположная точка зрения). They claim that ... (первый аргумент). In addition to that, they believe that ... (второй аргумент).

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. (I disagree with this statement, point of view, opinion). It is important to remember that ... (опровержение их первого аргумента). As to the second point, ... (опровержение 2 аргумента).

In conclusion (to sum up, to conclude), there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that ... (Taking into consideration different opinions on this issue, I believe that ...) (своя точка зрения из 2-го абзаца другими словами).

Примеры личных писем в формате ЕГЭ

Variant 1

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Susan** who writes:

At school we are getting ready to pass our final exams. So, I'm quite busy now. What would you recommend to do to pass my exams successfully? What subjects are you going to have exams in? Can you choose the subjects for your exams?

After the exam period I'm planning to go to a youth summer camp.

Write a letter to Susan.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the youth summer camp.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Susan,

Thanks for your letter! It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about exams. Actually, to pass your exams successfully I would recommend you to study hard and to be attentive at your exams. Well, I'm going to write tests in Russian, Maths and English. In fact, I can choose the subjects for my exams. It's great! I've chosen English because it will be necessary for my future studying at the university and career.

By the way, where is the youth summer camp located? Will it be open the whole summer? How many children can this camp accommodate?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 122

Variant 2

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Judith** who writes:

...I've just returned from a workshop where we studied how to make plush toys. Do you prefer handmade or factory-made toys, and why? What types of toys or games are popular among teenagers in Russia? What art activities – drawing, singing, or dancing – do you like?

Next month I am going to an exhibition in the city hall...

Write a letter to Judith.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the exhibition in the city hall.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Judith,

Thanks for your letter. It was great to get it from you again.

You asked me about toys, games and art activities. As for me, I prefer handmade toys because they are created with love and soul. As a rule, they are more beautiful than factory-made toys. Well, teenagers in Russia are fond of plush toys such as teddy bears, hares and other soft toy animals. Lego and board games are also very popular among children. In fact, I enjoy drawing and dancing. These hobbies help me to rest, get positive emotions and develop necessary qualities.

By the way, what is the theme of the exhibition? What things will you see there? How is the exhibition called?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to wash up.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 136

Variant 3

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Sandra** who writes:

...Next week I'm going to visit my grandparents. I am so happy! Where do your grandparents live? How often do you see them? Why do elderly people in your country sometimes live with their children and grandchildren?

Yesterday I took part in a national dance festival...

Write a letter to Sandra.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the festival.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Sandra,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about my grandparents. Well, they live in the flat in Olimpiyskaya Street in my city. The house they live in is situated not far from mine. Actually, I see my grandparents quite often. I visit them twice a week. In fact, elderly people in Russia sometimes live with their children and grandchildren because it's not easy to buy a flat in Russia. They are very expensive in my country.

By the way, how many people took part in a national dance festival? How long did the festival last? How was it called?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do homework.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 126

Variant 4

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Tom** who writes:

...At school we are doing projects on the world capitals. If I choose Moscow, what places of interest should I write about? Is it popular among foreign and local tourists, and why? What season is it better to visit Moscow?

Next week I am going to the skating-rink with my sister...

Write a letter to Tom.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the skating-rink.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Tom,

Thanks for your letter. I was happy to hear from you again.

You asked me about Moscow. Well, if you choose it, you should write about Red Square, the Kremlin and the central Cathedral. These are the most important places of interest in Moscow. Red Square is the heart of the capital. Actually, Moscow is extremely popular among foreign and local tourists. The reason is that it's the capital of a great country. Besides, many fantastic attractions, which are worth seeing, are situated there. In fact, it is better to visit Moscow in summer because it is wonderfully decorated with flowers in this season.

By the way, where is the skating-rink located? Is it large? How much does the ticket to this skating-rink cost?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do homework.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 143

Variant 5

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Jenny** who writes:

...Two weeks ago we've been to an excursion in a castle with our class. Our history teacher told us many interesting facts about life in medieval times. Would you fancy living in a castle? What place have you visited recently? Where would you like to go on holidays, and why?

Tomorrow I'm going to attend a master class devoted to mastering both the art and craft of pastel painting...

Write a letter to Jenny.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the master class.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Jenny,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about a castle and the place I want to visit. Well, I wouldn't fancy living in the castle because it's large and I can get lost there. Besides, I don't like the way it looks like. In fact, I have visited a museum of nature recently. It was great! Actually, I'd like to go to London on summer holidays. The reason is, I want to practise and improve my English.

By the way, when will the master class start? How long will it last? Will the master class be free or is it necessary to buy a ticket?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 134

Variant 6

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Philip** who writes:

...I've just seen the new screen version of the Romeo and Juliet and was amazed by the perspective of the true love shown there. What movie have you seen last? What impressed you most? What role would you like to play and why?

My friend and I decided to take part in a chess tournament next month...

Write a letter to Philip.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the tennis tournament.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Philip,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about a movie. Well, "The Notebook" is the movie I've seen last. It's also a story about the true love. Actually, the thing that impressed me most is that the main characters had lifelong love and died one day. The actors were brilliant! In fact, I'd like to play the role of Cinderella because her character is similar to mine. I think, the role will suit me well as I'm also hardworking, smart and responsible.

By the way, when will the chess tournament take place? Will it be free? How many people are going to take part in this tournament?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the swimming pool.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 137

Variant 7

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Nancy** who writes:

...We had an environmental education week at school. It was very interesting. What environmental problems exist in your region? What does your school do to improve the environment? What is your attitude to recycling?

Today I am going to visit a new shopping center in my district...

Write a letter to Nancy.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the shopping center.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Nancy,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about environmental problems. Well, my region is rather dirty. Air and water pollution, smoke from the industrial plants and gases from cars are the most serious problems of our environment. Actually, my school tries to protect nature. Pupils collect rubbish, clean the territory of the school, plant bushes and water flowers in the flowerbeds near our school building. To my mind, recycling is a very good way to save our environment from total disaster. In fact, it can help to reduce the quantity of household wastes.

By the way, is the shopping center big? What things can you buy there? What are the opening hours of the shopping center?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 145

Variant 8

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Elisabeth** who writes:

...Yesterday I finished a book about the 14th century England. What kinds of books do you like reading? What do you think the most interesting period in Russian history is and why? If there were a time machine, what country and what era would you like to visit?

I got a new camera for my birthday this year!...

Write a letter to Elisabeth.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her birthday this year.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Elisabeth,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about books. Well, I enjoy reading stories about love with a happy end. I like English novels because they help me to improve the language. In fact, the most interesting period in Russian history is the beginning of the eighteenth century when Peter the Great ruled the country. The reason is, he founded Petersburg in 1703 and established relations with Europe. Actually, if there were a time machine, I would visit Great Britain of the sixteenth-seventeenth centuries because William Shakespeare lived then.

By the way, when did you celebrate your birthday? Was it a holiday in the family circle or did you invite many guests? What did you do on your birthday?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do homework.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 146

Variant 9

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Mary** who writes:

...My aunt lives in Arkansas and last week her house was ruined by a tornado. What do you think are the most horrible natural disasters? Which of them are typical of the place where you live? What can people do to protect themselves from them?

My history teacher got the annual award "Best teacher of the year", I'm so happy for her!...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her history teacher.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Mary,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about natural disasters. Well, I think, the most horrible of them are earthquakes, wildfires and floods. Fortunately, there aren't any serious natural disasters in the place where I live. Sometimes in the forests, which are near Cherepovets, wildfires occur but they are not so destructive. In fact, people should be very careful and attentive to protect themselves from death in natural disasters. Actually, they should know how to behave in emergencies.

By the way, how old is your history teacher? Is she kind and attentive to her pupils? Does she often take part in different competitions and conferences?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do homework.
Write back soon!
Best wishes,
Masha
Words: 132

Variant 10

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Judy** who writes:

...We've moved to Chicago. I love it here! Where would you like to live, if you could choose? Why do you think so many people move to big cities? Is it easy for young people in Russia to change where they live, why or why not?

By the way, my brother Mike got a new job!...

Write a letter to Judy.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her brother's new job.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Judy,

Thanks for your letter. I was happy to hear from you again.

You asked me where I'd like to live. Well, if I could choose, I would live in Vologda because it's the cultural capital of our region. Its center and attractions are wonderful. Besides, Vologda is rather clean. In fact, many people move to big cities because they give them an opportunity to realise aims and dreams. There are a lot of sights and places for rest there. Actually, it's not easy for young people in Russia to change the place of living. The reason is, it's very expensive to move to a new place.

By the way, what new job did your brother get? Is the work hard? Is Mike's new job connected with his education?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do homework.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 147

Variant 11

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Nancy** who writes:

...This year we had a school costume party for Halloween. It was a big success. What costume would you fancy wearing to a costume party? What would you rather do: make a costume yourself or buy one, and why? What do you think of costume parties in general?

Our history teacher is taking us to a museum for a field trip next week...

Write a letter to Nancy.

In your letter
- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the museum.
Write 100-140 words.
Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Nancy,
Thanks for your letter. I was happy to hear from you again.

You asked me about a costume party. Well, I would fancy wearing a costume of a black cat. In fact, I would rather make it myself. The reason is, I like to find, choose, cut, draw and sew clothes and decorations. I know that I'll do everything well. The costume of a cat will help me to look fantastic. Actually, costume parties are wonderful. I think, they give us a good chance to rest, get fun and a positive mood. If I can, I always attend such events.

By the way, where is the museum located? Is it big or small? How much does the ticket to this museum cost?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to wash up.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 141

Variant 12

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Mary** who writes:

...Yesterday I saw a documentary film about tigers. Don't you think documentary films about animals are often better than feature films? What do you think people can do to help endangered animals? What animals do you find most amazing and why?

Next week we'll have a fancy-dress ball at school, I can't wait...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the fancy-dress ball.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Mary,
Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about documentary films. Well, I like documentaries about animals more than feature films. They are better because they show the real life of animals. I think, people should be attentive to endangered animals. They mustn't kill or injure them. In fact, people can spread information about these animals. It will help to save endangered species. Actually, I adore cats and find tigers, lions

and leopards the most amazing animals. The reason is, they are gracious and clever.

By the way, what time will the fancy-dress ball open? Is it obligatory to wear a costume to this ball? Is the entrance to the fancy-dress ball free?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to wash up.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 139

Variant 13

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Thomas who writes:

My friend and I often quarrel about things that to my mind are unimportant. Do you think it's OK for friends to quarrel? Do you ever quarrel with your friends and why? Can true friendship be free of quarrels?

I'm planning a short vacation – I would like to go to see the museums of London...

Write a letter to Thomas.

In your letter

- answer his questions;

- ask 3 questions about his trip to London.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Thomas,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about quarrels. Well, I don't think that it's OK to fall out with friends. In fact, I sometimes argue with my friends. The reason is, some of our tastes differ, and it can be really hard to agree about something. As a rule, our disagreement doesn't last long, but it's usually unpleasant for everyone. Actually, true friendship should be free of quarrels. I think, friends should try to be attentive to each other and avoid conflicts if it's possible.

By the way, what is the date of departure to London? How long will the trip last? How much does the trip cost?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 138

Variant 14

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Kevin** who writes:

Last week we flew to Florida for my aunt's birthday. It was awful! We were three hours late boarding the plane and then spent another hour waiting for the

take-off. If we had gone by car, we would have got there more quickly. Do you prefer to travel by car, train or airplane and why? Do you agree that air travel is not always the quickest? Which is the most dangerous in your opinion?

I am planning to take driving lessons soon.

Write a letter to Kevin.

In your letter

- answer his questions;
- ask 3 questions about his future driving lessons.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Kevin,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about ways of travelling. Well, I prefer to travel by car. The reason is, it's the cheapest kind of travelling. Besides, I can stop wherever I want. I agree with you that air travel is not always the quickest way to get somewhere. If there are some breaks in the plane, people have to wait hours for their take-off. I think, a plane is the most dangerous kind of travelling because, if there is an air crash, there isn't almost any chance to survive.

By the way, when will your driving lessons start? How long will the driving course last? How much do the driving lessons cost?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to cook dinner.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 141

Variant 15

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Karen** who writes:

You know we're going to Spain for our summer holiday. I'm afraid of flying and I'm afraid of telling my parents about it. What is your experience of air travel? Do you have air travel anxiety? What do you think I should do about mine? I need your advice.

Tonight I'm going to meet my sister's boyfriend – he's coming to our family dinner...

Write a letter to Karen.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her sister's boyfriend.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Karen,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about air travel. Well, I flew by plane only once. In fact, the flight to the Crimea didn't last long, but I was very nervous. I'm also afraid of travelling by air. If I had a chance, I would choose another kind of travelling. Actually, if it's your first experience of air travel, you should try to calm down. Tell parents about your anxiety. I'm sure, they will encourage you and reassure that everything will be OK.

By the way, how old is your sister's boyfriend? Is he handsome? Does your sister's boyfriend have higher education?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 132

Variant 16

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Moir** who writes:

Today I've cooked the Irish stew and everyone loved it. I like cooking and can make it my profession one day. Do you like cooking – what in particular or why not? What is a Russian traditional meal like? Do Russians really eat borsch and kasha every day?

Next week I'm going to visit my grandparents in Brighton...

Write a letter to Moira.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her sister's boyfriend.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Moira,

Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you again.

You asked me about cooking and Russian meals. Well, I really enjoy cooking. Most of all I like to roast chicken with potatoes and vegetables. I think, this dish is tasty and healthy. In fact, soups like schi with sour cream and chicken clear soup are a Russian traditional meal. Actually, Russians really like kasha every morning. For example, our family tradition is to eat oatmeal porridge every day. As for borsch, not all people in Russia like it because of its specific taste.

By the way, how old are your grandparents? Are they active people? Do your grandparents have any pets?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to cook dinner.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 133

Variant 17

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Kate** who writes:

My friend and I got the special prize for our Russian folk dance at the Arts festival this week. We owe this success to your advice and the music you've sent to me. What kind of arts festivals and contests do you have in your school? Do you take part in them or do you prefer sports competitions? I've heard of Foreign Language Olympiads in Russian schools – what are these?

I want to continue my dance lessons...

Write a letter to Kate.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her dance lessons.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Kate,

Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you again.

You asked me about festivals. The most interesting arts festival in our school is the festival of foreign languages: English, French and German. Others are devoted to different holidays. In fact, I try to take an active part in these arts festivals because it's a chance for me to realise my talents and show creative skills. Actually, Foreign Language Olympiads in Russian schools are contests in which pupils do grammar, writing and oral tasks to get the first prize.

By the way, how many dance lessons do you have a week? How long do they last? Do you need a special form for these lessons?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do my homework.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 137

Variant 18

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Sheila** who writes:

Last week we had a sports competition at school. I was the third ... from the end of the list! I've decided to join one of the sport clubs at school. Do you have any sports clubs at school and do you play sports in your free time? Do you think everyone should do sports? What does sport mean to you personally?

I've got a lovely kitten as my birthday present...

Write a letter to Sheila.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her kitten.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Sheila,

Thanks for your letter. I was happy to get news from you again.

You asked me about sports. Well, we have a football and a basketball sports clubs at my school. As for me, I play basketball after lessons. In my free time I also go in for sports dances. I think, everyone should do sports because it makes us healthy, strong and fit. In fact, sport plays an important role in my life. It helps me to be energetic and positive. Sport also makes me forget about my problems and troubles.

By the way, it's wonderful that you got a lovely kitten. How old is your kitten? What colour is it? What does it like to eat and drink?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to wash up.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 139

Variant 19

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Alice** who writes:

Yesterday I went to the cinema with Sam – for the first time. I chose a romantic comedy. Sam fell asleep during the film, and I got angry. We quarreled. Do you think it was my fault – I had chosen the wrong film? Or was it Sam's fault? Do you ever quarrel with your friends, what about? Should I phone Sam or should I wait for him to do it?

Next week I have to take an exam in history...

Write a letter to Alice.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her exam.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Alice,

Thanks for your letter. I was happy to get news from you again.

You asked me about quarrels. Well, I think, it wasn't your fault. You wanted to watch a romantic film about love, that's OK. In fact, Sam didn't like the film and decided to sleep. As I see, there was nothing bad in it. You just have different tastes. Actually, I sometimes quarrel with my friends. We argue about trifles. If you want to make peace, phone Sam. As your quarrel is not serious, there isn't any sense to spoil the relationships.

By the way, on what day of the week will the exam in history be held? Will it be difficult to pass the exam? Will it be an oral or a written exam?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to wash up.

Write back soon!
Best wishes,
Masha
Words: 146

Variant 20

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Ken** who writes:

I know the results of my exams are not good enough for the Medical School at the University of Michigan. Should I think of a different profession or should I take exams again next year? What do you think? Have you chosen your future profession? What is it? How do you know it is right for you?

I'm planning a short vacation – I would like to go hiking for a week...

Write a letter to Ken.

In your letter

- answer his questions;
- ask 3 questions about his vacation.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Ken,

Thanks for your letter. I was happy to get news from you again.

You asked me about a future profession. Well, I think, you should try to pass exams one more time next year. If it's your dream to become a doctor, you should try to realise it. In fact, I've already chosen my future profession. I'd like to become a teacher of English. Actually, I taught children in the camp and enjoyed it very much. As I see, it's my vocation to work with children.

By the way, when will your short vacation start? How much will your vacation cost? Will you take anyone else with you?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 129

Variant 21

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Ann** who writes:

...More and more young people get involved in environmental protection. Could you tell me what measures young people in your country take to save the environment? What kind of support do you get from your local community and family? Is there any Green Party/Movement where you live? Wouldn't you like to start one, if there isn't?

I'm very happy now because I have just passed my last exams...

Write a letter to Ann.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
 - ask 3 questions about her plans for the coming holiday.
- Write 100-140 words.
Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Ann,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about environmental protection in Russia. Well, to save nature young people in my country collect rubbish, plant trees and bushes and water flowers in the flowerbeds. In fact, our local community organises green days when every volunteer tries to clean our city. My family often sorts rubbish. Actually, there isn't any Green Party in Cherepovets. You know, I'd like to start a Green Movement to protect wild animals.

By the way, I'm happy for you. What will you do on the coming holiday? With whom will you celebrate it? What will you cook on this day?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 132

Variant 22

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Edward** who writes:

...I'm going to do a project on hobbies in different countries. Could you help me? Do you think that different nations have different hobbies? Can you give examples? What interesting hobbies do Russians have? What hobbies do members of your family have?

As for the latest news, I have just passed my last exam...

Write a letter to Edward.

In your letter

- answer his questions;
- ask 3 questions about his exams.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Edward,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about hobbies. Well, I think, different nations have various leisure activities. The English are fond of playing football, the Russians like hockey, the Americans enjoy playing soccer. In fact, among interesting hobbies of Russians I can name lace-making, cooking unusual dishes, soap-boiling and scrapbooking. Actually, my mother prefers travelling and my father likes fishing. As for me, I go in for swimming. It helps me to stay fit, to be strong and healthy.

By the way, I'm happy for you. Were the exams difficult? In what subjects did you pass the exams? How long did the exams last?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 134

Variant 23

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Alice** who writes:

...I have to think about my pocket money all the time. My parents try to make me earn it by doing the housework. They try to make me save up and then buy something useful. But I need pocket money for the cinema and ice-cream and other treats like that. Do you have to 'earn' your pocket money in any way or do your parents just give it to you? What do you spend your pocket money on? What do your parents think of the way you spend it?

Last weekend my friends and I went on a picnic to the countryside...

Write a letter to Alice.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about the picnic.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Alice,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about pocket money. Well, I don't have to earn my pocket money. My parents give me a certain sum for buying necessary things. In fact, I usually spend pocket money on stationery, sweets or entertainments. Sometimes my friends and I go to the café and order tasty fruit tea and cakes. Actually, my parents trust me. They know, I won't do anything bad. Thus, they are not against the way I spend my pocket money.

By the way, what amusement rides did you attend in the park? How much time did you spend there? Did you buy any ice-cream or juice in the amusement park?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the swimming pool.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 142

Variant 24

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Rob** who writes:

...and then there's a rugby match on Saturday. If our team wins, we'll be the champions of our school. Who knows?

And another thing. I have to do a project on technology for school. Could you tell me a few things about how you use technology in your life? You know, computers, mobiles, TV, that sort of things. And what about your relatives? How do they use technology in their everyday lives?

Anyway, I met Mark the other day and he said that...

Write a letter to Rob.

In your letter

- answer his questions;
- ask 3 questions about rugby.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Rob,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about technology. Well, I'm an active user of a mobile and a laptop. It's convenient to use these modern devices. As for TV, I don't watch it very often. The reason is, there is a lot of violence on TV nowadays. In fact, my parents use mobiles a lot. We phone each other several times every day. Actually, my mother is fond of watching her favourite serials on TV, and my father spends much time working on the computer.

By the way, is rugby a difficult game to play? How many players does each team have? Should rugby players wear a special uniform?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to wash up.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 137

Variant 25

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Susan** who writes:

...Yesterday I borrowed a wonderful book from the library and I can't put it down. Do you enjoy reading? Who is your favourite writer? What kind of books do you and your friends enjoy?

As for my school news, I'm getting ready for my final exams...

Write a letter to Susan.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her exams.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Susan,

Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you again.

You asked me about books. Well, I enjoy reading. I usually read educational literature to prepare for my future exams. You know, my favourite author is Ernest Hemingway, an American novelist and short-story writer. In fact, in my free time I prefer to read novels. They give me much pleasure and positive emotions. As for my friends, they are fond of reading detective and adventure stories.

By the way, I wish you good luck on your exams. When will the exams start? How many exams are you going to pass? Will the exams be difficult for you?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do homework.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 128

Variant 26

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Mary** who writes:

...In your previous letter you told me that you joined your school Literature Club. I wonder what you do at your club meetings. Can I help you in any way?

As for me, I enjoy reading very much and I would be really interested to know about famous Russian writers. Who is your favourite writer at the moment? Have you got enough time for reading? ...

Write a letter to Mary.

In your letter

- answer her questions and tell her about your Literature Club;
- ask 3 questions about her reading preferences.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Mary,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about reading and my school Literature classes. Well, at our club meetings we discuss different books, create our own poems and make performances. In fact, I have some problems with rhyme, so you can help me to improve it. Actually, I don't have enough time for reading because of homework at school. However, in my free time I usually read novels of Lev Tolstoy. He is my favourite writer at the moment. "War and Peace" and "Anna Karenina" are really wonderful.

By the way, books of what genres do you prefer to read? What is your favourite book? What do you like to read more: novels or short stories?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 145

Variant 27

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Jane** who writes:

...My home town is rather small but I like it. The people here are very friendly and they try to keep our town clean and beautiful. And do you enjoy living in a big city? How do you spend your spare time there?

Anyway, I'm thinking of travelling around Russia next summer. Could you tell me what weather to expect? Should I take warm clothes with me?

Write a letter to Jane.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her home town.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Jane,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about my city. Well, I enjoy living here. Cherepovets is very beautiful. In my free time I like to go to the parks, attend Cathedrals and walk along Sovetskiy Prospect, the heart of our city. In fact, I'm happy that I live in such a wonderful place.

Actually, the weather in Russia is often changeable and unpredictable. Summers can be warm and sunny or rainy, windy and rather cold. I think, you should take warm clothes and boots to feel safe and comfortable in cold weather.

By the way, how is your home town called? What sights can I visit there? Are there any churches in your town?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to cook dinner.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 142

Variant 28

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Sheryl** who writes:

...My friend and I are planning to start a new hobby but we haven't decided yet what hobby to choose. Do you have any hobbies? Do you feel you have enough time for your hobbies? What hobbies are popular with teenagers in Russia? Are there any hobbies you'd like to take up?

As for my school exams, they are almost over and I'm looking forward to my summer break. ...

Write a letter to Sheryl.

In your letter

- answer her questions;
- ask 3 questions about her plans for the summer.

Write 100-140 words.
Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Sheryl,

Thanks for your letter. It was lovely to hear from you again.

You asked me about pastime. Well, my hobbies are swimming and painting. These activities give me pleasure. In fact, I have enough time for my hobbies. I go to the swimming pool twice a week. As for painting, I always try to make a picture when I have a chance. Actually, teenagers in Russia are fond of playing sports games, dancing, playing chess and musical instruments. The most popular hobby is dancing, I think. As for me, I'd like to take up horse riding.

By the way, are you going to travel anywhere in summer? Will you spend your summer holidays with a family or with friends? Are you going to try any new hobbies this summer?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to do my homework.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 149

Variant 29

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Sam** who writes:

...We are doing a project at school on how computers are changing people's lives. Please could you tell me how computers are changing things and what people think of them? Have you got a computer at home? What do you use it for?

As for me, I'm going on holiday with my parents next weekend...

Write a letter to Sam.

In your letter

- answer his questions;
- ask 3 questions about his holiday.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Sam,

Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you again.

You asked me about computers. Well, they are really changing things greatly. People spend much time in front of computer screens now: they work, play games, chat and read different sites. In fact, computers mean a lot for many people. As for me, I have a computer at home. Actually, I use it mostly for educational purposes. I find and download materials for studying. Sometimes I use my computer for listening to music.

By the way, where will you spend your holiday? Will it be an active or a passive holiday? What will you do on your holiday?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to go to the gym.

Write back soon!
Best wishes,
Masha
Words: 131

Variant 30

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend **Harry** who writes:

...I'm fine but I've got a very busy week ahead. I'm a member of the school team and we are preparing for an important match in the City Championship. Are you fond of football? Do you watch football matches on TV? What other sports do you enjoy?

Well, I'd better go now. I've got to do some more training – I don't want to lose this match.

Write a letter to Harry.

In your letter

- answer his questions;
- ask 3 questions about his preparation for the match.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter writing.

Dear Harry,

Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you again.

You asked me about football. Well, I'm not fond of this sports game. I think, football is mainly for boys and men. In fact, I sometimes watch football matches on TV. The World Championship is the most interesting one for me. You know, I really enjoy swimming and sports dancing. These two activities give me much energy and a wonderful mood.

By the way, I wish you good luck! How do you prepare for the match? How many trainings do you have a week? Is the preparation hard for you?

Anyway, I have to stop now. It's time to help my mother about the house.

Write back soon!

Best wishes,

Masha

Words: 125

Примеры эссе проблемного характера

Variant 1

The growth of cities is harmful to the environment

Nowadays some people suppose that if cities become bigger, they will influence the environment badly. Others do not support this idea. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, the growth of cities is really a great danger for the ecological situation. Firstly, more houses are built in big cities and, thus, more green areas are cut down. As a result, there are fewer parks and groves there. Secondly, the bigger a city is, the more cars it has, therefore, the atmosphere becomes polluted with harmful smoke. It leads to illnesses of its citizens.

However, there are people who claim that in big cities we can find more enterprises, factories and plants, which give work to the citizens and, as a rule, these enterprises use special filters to clean the atmosphere. Besides, a big city is more attractive for tourists, that is why its government does more for its development and ecological situation.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that some enterprises try to save money and do not buy good filters. If the filters are not original, they cannot influence the state of the environment in a good way. As to the second point, a big city becomes cleaner because it receives more financial resources, but at the same time, it has more tourists who pollute these cities with rubbish.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on the problem, but I strongly believe that the growth of cities has a negative influence on the environment.

Words: 257

Useful lexis:

To influence the environment badly;

To be a really great danger for the ecological situation;

The atmosphere becomes polluted with harmful smoke;

To lead to illnesses;

To use special filters to clean the air;

To influence the state of the environment;

To pollute the cities with rubbish;

To have a negative influence on the environment.

Variant 2

Smoking should be prohibited

Nowadays some people suppose that it should not be allowed to smoke while others claim that people have the right to do it. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, men should not smoke at all. Firstly, if one does not smoke, one has good health because he or she does not breathe in harmful gas. Secondly, a non-smoking person saves money as there is no necessity to spend it on cigarettes.

Nevertheless, some people are sure that it is not right to prohibit smoking. They claim that it helps them to relax and to get abstracted from problems. In addition to that, these people believe that a person who smokes has a wonderful chance to get acquainted with new people. Asking for a cigarette can be a great reason to begin a talk.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that there are many other ways which can help people to rest. For instance, one can swim, run or just walk in the park and breathe fresh air. As to the second point, if a person wants to find a new acquaintance, he or she can just ask the time or say pleasant words. It will be easier and a person will have an opportunity to produce a positive impression on the people around.

In conclusion, there are different opinions but I strongly believe that smoking should be banned because in this case people have a chance to be healthy. Moreover, they will have more money to buy something precious.

Words: 260

Useful lexis:

To breathe in harmful gas;

A non-smoking person;

To prohibit (ban) smoking;

To produce a positive/negative impression on the people around;

To have a chance to be healthy.

Variant 3

Travelling abroad helps to understand your own country

Nowadays some people suppose that when one goes to a foreign country, he or she begins to know the motherland better. Others do not support this point of view. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, going abroad does not give one an opportunity to perceive and appreciate one's own country. Firstly, if a person wants to know the place of living better, he or she should not go anywhere abroad but just travel around the native land and get acquainted with its sights, history and culture. Secondly, when people are abroad, they are involved in an unknown, unfamiliar culture and, as a rule, they do not have enough time to think or read about their homeland.

However, there are others who claim that being in a foreign country, a person thinks that there is no place like home because the native culture, attractions and the way of life are so comprehensible there. Being far from the motherland, one understands that the place where he or she lives from the very childhood cannot be compared with any other countries.

The above mentioned argument does not seem convincing to me. Travelling around one's motherland is the best way to learn something new about it. Being overseas, a person will not have a chance to find out new things about his or her homeland.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem, but I am convinced that travelling abroad is not a good way to know one's country better

because you can understand some place well only when you are in this place but not far from it.

Words: 270

Useful lexis:

To appreciate one's native country;

To get acquainted with the sights and culture of a country;

To be involved in an unfamiliar culture;

To have a chance to find out something about one's homeland.

Variant 4

Technical progress is harmful for the humanity

Nowadays some people suppose that the increasing quantity of technical devices is bad for people. Others do not agree with this idea. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, technical devices influence the humanity badly. Firstly, all technical appliances, which people have at home, have a negative impact on their health because of radiation. Secondly, many people, especially children and the youth, are greatly addicted to modern devices such as computers, smartphones and laptops. Much time can be wasted on playing computer games or surfing the Internet. Finally, a lot of people cannot stand the temptation to buy latest models of gadgets. Thus, they spend big sums of money on them.

However, there are people who claim that home appliances give them an opportunity to do everything quicker and to save time on rest. For instance, computers and laptops help one to get information in short time, it is very convenient for studying. At the same time, a student has an additional hour to sleep and to feel well.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is necessary to remember that in spite of the fact that home appliances help people to do all the housework quicker, they consume large amounts of electricity, which costs a lot. As to the second point, people do not have enough time for reading books which give much pleasure and knowledge as they are always on social networking sites involved in entertaining activities but not studying.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that the humanity suffers from a great number of technical devices.

Words: 273

Useful lexis:

The increasing quantity of technical devices;

To have a negative impact on health;

To be greatly addicted to modern devices;

To get information in short time;

To consume large amounts of electricity;

To be on social networking sites;

To be involved in entertaining activities;

To suffer from technical devices.

Variant 5

The most important thing in life is health

Nowadays some people believe that it is impossible to live happily if one does not have good health. Others claim that such things as money and career are more important than health. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, health is really of great importance for everyone. Firstly, when a person feels well and has much energy, he or she is ready to develop and achieve something new. Healthy people are, as a rule, successful people. Secondly, healthy men can have posterity. To my mind, the happiest woman is the one who has at least one child.

However, there are people who suppose that money and career are more essential than health. These people are sure that well-being can be bought. What is more, a prosperous business can replace having a wonderful full family.

The above mentioned arguments do not seem convincing to me. It is necessary to remember that very often even rich people die. Their money cannot cure such serious illnesses as cancer, problems with a heart and AIDS. As to the second point, if one has a thriving career at a certain moment, it does not mean that it will last forever. It can be ruined fastly, and in this case one's happy family will help a looser to survive and not to give up.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am strongly convinced that the best worth for people is their health and inner state. Nothing else can substitute these things.

Words: 253

Useful lexis:

To be of great importance;

To have posterity;

To be essential;

To replace having a wonderful family;

To have a prosperous (thriving) career;

To be the best worth for people.

Variant 6

The most important thing in life is love

Nowadays some people suppose that it is not possible to live without love. Others believe that true feelings are of no significance at the present time. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, love is certainly the most considerable thing in life. Firstly, if one has warm romantic feelings in the heart, he or she is always glad with everything. Positive mood helps a man to achieve a lot. Secondly, love gives a person a chance to distract from all negative things such as illnesses, failures and grief. It is believed that even serious diseases can be cured by the power of love.

Nevertheless, there are people who claim that it is possible to live without love. They are sure that health and career are more important. If one is seriously ill, it is very difficult for him or her to find strength and courage to get acquainted and make romantic relationships with a person. What is more, love does not enable one

to earn money, but a prosperous career leads to earning much and becoming wealthy and fortunate.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that although health is of great importance, it is exactly love that makes us healthy, cheerful and energetic. As to the second point, a person with a brilliant career and without love cannot be happy because there is nobody to share success and welfare.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that one's life without true love cannot be full and meaningful. Really strong feelings make life sensible.

Words: 271

Useful lexis:

To be of no significance;

To be the most considerable thing in life;

To distract from all negative things;

To be cured by the power of love;

To find strength and courage to get acquainted with a person;

To make romantic relationships with someone;

To enable one to do something;

To be wealthy and fortunate;

To share success and welfare.

Variant 7

Social media interaction is important for modern teenagers

Nowadays some people believe that social networks help young people to interact and communicate with each other. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, social media interaction is really essential for young people. Firstly, teenagers can make friends and communicate in such popular social networks as "Vkontakte" or "Facebook". "Instagram" is a good way for a young person to share photographs and videos and, thus, let everyone know about him or her. Secondly, social networks give teenagers an opportunity to take part in conferences held in the most distant corners of their countries. This is a good chance to get necessary knowledge.

However, there are people who claim that social media interaction cannot give anything positive to modern teenagers. They suppose that live communication is more significant for young people than chatting on social networking sites. Dealing with each other online does not enable one to see emotions of an interlocutor. Moreover, using social networks, teenagers become addicted to them and waste much time watching videos and listening to music.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that some social networks, for instance "Facebook", have made "likes" with certain emotions. In this case a person can transfer not only information, but also feelings. As to the second point, sometimes videos and music help a young person to realise creativity and find those who share his or her hobbies.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that it is hard for a modern teenager to live and proceed without social networks.

Words: 273

Useful lexis:

Social networks;

To interact and communicate with each other;

Live communication;

To deal with each other;

To transfer feelings;

To realise creativity and share hobbies.

Variant 8

The most important thing in life is family

Nowadays some people believe that it is impossible to live without a family. Others consider that there are things which are more significant than having children and a husband. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, it is really essential to have a family. Firstly, if one lives in the family circle, he or she can always get support, love and care. Secondly, a family gives a person a desire to work, to develop and achieve something great. To my mind, the men, who have families, are successful in life.

However, there are people who claim that having a family is not of great importance. They suppose that such things as career and money are more important than a good family. According to their point of view, money gives one freedom and an opportunity to make choice. As for a prosperous career, it enables people to progress, make useful acquaintances and open new horizons in life.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It should be remembered that if one has no family, he or she has no one to spend money on. In this case money will not have any value. As to the second point, a person can develop and proceed not only with the help of career, but due to hobbies, interests and intention to self-perfection.

In conclusion, there are different points of view but I strongly believe that if one does not have a family, he or she does not have anything in life because our posterity and relatives are the most necessary thing for us.

Words: 264

Useful lexis:

To live in the family circle;

To get support, love and care;

To achieve something great;

To give one a desire to live and work;

To make useful acquaintances;

To open new horizons;

The intention to self-perfection.

Variant 9

The most important thing in life is work

Nowadays some people believe that it is necessary to have a good job. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, work and career are essential things in life. Firstly, if one has an interesting occupation, he or she has a chance to use skills and realise talents. Secondly, work helps people to become more responsible, self-disciplined and purposeful as many jobs require these qualities.

However, there are others who claim that having a good family is better than having a prosperous career. According to their opinion, there is no job that can give a person as much as a family. Only if a man has children, he or she can completely realise all the needs. In addition, members of one's family are a wonderful stimulus to develop and achieve goals.

The above mentioned viewpoint does not seem convincing to me. A person can realise all the needs not only in the family. Sometimes the members of a family are so wicked to each other that one does not want to have any relations with them. In this case a hobby can be a good way of realisation. Moreover, these are not only people who can stimulate us, our character should primarily help us to proceed and improve.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on the problem but I strongly believe that work is very significant for us. Without a good job it can be really hard to develop necessary qualities and to live fully.

Words: 253

Useful lexis:

To use skills and realise talents;

To become self-disciplined and purposeful;

To require special qualities;

To be a wonderful stimulus to develop;

To be a good way of realisation;

To help somebody to proceed and improve;

To develop necessary qualities.

Variant 10

School classmates make the best friends

Nowadays some people believe that the people with whom one studies at school will be the most important friends for him or her. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, classmates can really make a lifelong friendship. Firstly, if people study together at school, they know each other very well because they spend eleven years of life side by side. In this case a child has enough time to find one who has the same interests, hobbies and similar principles. These things are a good base for an everlasting friendship. Secondly, classmates usually have a lot of common events and moments they will always remember together.

However, there are others who claim that only adult people can make a good friendship. They think that not children but grown-ups can understand who will be

great friends for them. Their experience and background help them to choose people with suitable character.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. In some situations even grown-ups are not able to form the right opinion about a person. It is sometimes difficult to understand who suits you well. Concerning children, they feel it instinctively. Moreover, one's experience does not always help him or her to find friends. On the contrary, it makes it harder because of previous failures and problems in relations.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am sure that classmates are our best friends. They are the people who know a lot about us and share the same memories and happy moments of a school life.

Words: 269

Useful lexis:

To make a lifelong friendship;

To find someone with the similar principles;

To be a good base for an everlasting friendship;

To form the right opinion about a person;

Because of previous failures and problems in relations.

Variant 11

It's easier to make friends than to keep them

Nowadays some people believe that it is not as difficult to find new friends as to maintain friendship with them. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, it is easier to make friends. Firstly, when one begins friendship with another man, he or she does not know the person well. It gives one a good chance not to notice any drawbacks of a future friend. Secondly, people who become friends are often bound by common interests. In course of time these hobbies can change and, as a result, relations between friends can also spoil.

However, there are others who claim that it is not hard to maintain friendship. They think that if friends work on relationships, they can preserve good attitude to each other. What is more, keeping friends does not require much time. Sometimes it is enough to make a short call, and a friend will be happy.

The above mentioned arguments do not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that constant communication can lead to annoyance and irritation. In this case friends can often quarrel and eventually decide that it is time to part and end friendship. As to the second point, the rhythm of modern life is so fast that most people cannot find even several minutes to talk with a friend as they are exhausted and the only thing they need is relaxation in silence.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that one can easily make friends with somebody, and a lot of efforts are needed to keep true friendship.

Words: 273

Useful lexis:

To maintain friendship;

Not to notice any drawbacks;
To be bound by common interests;
In course of time;
Constant communication;
To lead to annoyance and irritation;
To be exhausted and to need relaxation;
To make friends with;
To keep true friendship.

Variant 12

The circus is the best entertainment for children

Nowadays some people believe that if parents want to organize a good rest for children, they should go to the circus with them. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is controversial.

To my mind, a circus is the best place for children's rest and entertainment. Firstly, in the circus a child watches a performance with animals. They give children great emotions and a wonderful mood. Secondly, a show with clowns let children laugh a lot. As we know, laughter makes one's life longer.

However, there are people who claim that if parents want their children to entertain, they should go to the Zoo or to the water park with them. They consider that the Zoo is better than the circus because in the Zoo children can touch and feed animals. It can give them more positive emotions than just looking at animals. The advantage of the water park is that there children have an opportunity not only to sit, as in the circus, but also to swim, thus, to have physical activity. It influences children's health very well.

The above mentioned point of view does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that in the Zoo an animal can bite a child when he or she feeds it. As for the swimming pool, it is not safe for children because of bleach and accidents, which can happen in case children cannot swim.

In conclusion, there are different viewpoints on this problem but I am sure that going to the circus is the best way to entertain children and to make them happy.

Words: 267

Useful lexis:

To organize a good rest for children;
To influence one's health well;
To have physical activity;
The best way to entertain children.

Variant 13

Childhood is the safest period of human life

Nowadays some people believe that being a child, a person has secure life. Others do not agree with this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, childhood is the period of life when people feel safe and protected. Firstly, when one is little, parents take care of him or her. Parents provide their child with acceptable living conditions and health care. Children can

rely on their parents in everything. Secondly, such things as smoking and alcohol are banned for children, that is why they cannot suffer from them.

However, there are others who claim that childhood is often the most dangerous period of human's life. They consider that children cannot protect themselves because they are too little and just do not know how to do it. A child is often a victim of violence, bullying and humiliation. The worst thing happens when parents endanger and intimidate their child. In this case a little person is absolutely insecure, he or she suffers and feels unhappy.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that there is child protection which must pay attention to the families, in which parents torment, hurt and injure children. Child protection must punish such parents according to the existing law and save children from future troubles, stress and pain.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that one's childhood is the happiest and the most important period of life, and it should be safe and secure.

Words: 255

Useful lexis:

To feel safe and protected;

To provide children with acceptable living conditions;

To rely on parents;

To be banned for children;

To be the most dangerous period of life;

To be a victim of violence, bullying and humiliation;

To intimidate a child;

To be insecure;

To torment, hurt and injure children;

Child protection.

Variant 14

High school students should only study the subjects they choose

Nowadays some people believe that pupils of high schools should study only those subjects which they will need for entering the university. Others consider that all the subjects are necessary for high school children. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, senior students should not study all the subjects. Firstly, pupils will pass exams only in several disciplines, that is why it is better to concentrate on them. There is no need to learn difficult Physics if one does not choose it for entering a university and future profession. Secondly, when a student decides to learn only two or three subjects, he or she will likely learn them thoroughly. It is better to be a specialist in one subject than to know a lot of them at a low level.

However, there are those who claim that high school pupils should study everything included in the educational programme. Basic knowledge of all the

subjects can be used by students in their future life. Pupils must be smart and intelligent.

The above mentioned viewpoint does not seem convincing to me. The reason is, not all the subjects will be required to enter a university but learning all of them will need much time and effort. It is important to remember that if an adult person needs some information, he or she can easily find facts in the Internet.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am sure that if one wants to pass high school exams well, it is better to choose the exact subjects for studying.

Words: 263

Useful lexis:

To enter the university;

Senior students;

To pass exams in several disciplines;

To learn a subject thoroughly;

To know a subject at a low level;

Basic knowledge of;

Much time and effort.

Variant 15

Some people think that Russian is easier to learn than English

Nowadays some people believe that it is more difficult to learn English than Russian. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, it is easier to learn Russian. Firstly, we have only three tenses in Russian, and it is not difficult at all to understand them. Secondly, the Russian language is very rich. It is full of metaphors, epithets and comparisons, which simplify comprehension and memorization. If one does not know how to use an expression rightly, he or she can easily replace it with another phrase.

Nevertheless, there are people who claim that compared to Russian English is a simple language. They consider that English does not have as many cases as the Russian language has. What is more, punctuation in English is not as complicated as in Russian.

The above mentioned arguments do not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that although the English language has only three cases, it has twelve tenses in the active voice which make it really hard to learn English. As to the second point, English punctuation has its own peculiarities. If English is not one's native language, one can be amused that when listing before the last "and" a comma is often needed. In Russian we do not use it in this case.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that it is not as difficult to master the Russian language as the English language.

Words: 250

Useful lexis:

To simplify comprehension;

To replace an expression with another phrase;

To be complicated;
To make it really hard to learn;
To have its own peculiarities;
To master a language.

Variant 16

It's better to read a book rather than watch its screen version

Nowadays some people believe that reading a book gives a person more than watching its screen version. Others do not agree with this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, a book is always better than a film based on the events of this book. Firstly, in a story everything is depicted in details. It is a great pleasure for many people to enjoy beautiful descriptions. Secondly, if one reads a classical book, he or she improves literacy, becomes more intelligent and informed.

However, there are those who claim that there is nothing better than watching a good book based film. They consider that a screen version helps one not only to imagine the natural and city views and appearances of characters, but also to see all these things with own eyes. It can give a real delight. What is more, reading a book requires much time, while about two hours are needed to watch its screen version.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that most books have illustrations, which give a reader an opportunity to imagine everything. As to the second point, sometimes a film is so boring that two hours spent on it will be a real waste of time. At the same time, when a book is entertaining and fascinating, a reader gets involved into its plot and can devour a book in an hour.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that no screen version can give us as much delectation as reading a book.

Words: 268

Useful lexis:

A film based on the events of the book;
To be depicted in details;
To enjoy beautiful descriptions;
To improve literacy;
To imagine the views;
To give a real delight;
To be a real waste of time;
A fascinating book;
To get involved into the plot;
To devour a book;
To give delectation.

Variant 17

Following the fashion trends is waste of time and money

Nowadays some people believe that if one buys fashionable clothes and footwear, he or she spends time and money in vain. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, it is really a waste of time and money to follow fashion trends. Firstly, it is always hard to find stylish clothes, especially in towns. One has to visit several boutiques in search of something really fashionable, but sometimes it is not easy even to find such kinds of shops. Secondly, if a person has chosen an extraordinary and modern outfit, he or she should pay a lot for it and not all people can afford it.

However, there are people who claim that it is necessary to keep up with latest fashion regardless of how much time and money it requires. They consider that even if one pays much and spends a lot of time on the search of boutiques, as a result he or she acquires the best clothes and footwear, which will make a possessor bright, unusual and fascinating.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that even if one buys outfits in boutiques, one can still have an unfashionable look. It is very difficult to choose something really great. To do it a person should have knowledge in the sphere of fashion. Only some of us possess this information.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am sure that there is no need to follow fashion trends because it requires a lot of time, money and efforts.

Words: 270

Useful lexis:

To buy fashionable clothes and footwear;

To spend time and money in vain;

To follow fashion trends;

To keep up with latest fashion trends;

Stylish clothes;

In search of;

An extraordinary and modern outfit;

To afford to pay a lot for;

To have knowledge in the sphere of fashion;

To possess information.

Variant 18

Music is something that distracts people from their daily routine

Nowadays some people believe that music interferes with everyday affairs. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, music helps people to do household chores with pleasure. Firstly, when one listens to favourite songs, he or she has a positive mood, which influences the amount of completed housework. Secondly, fast, energetic melodies

make a person work quicker. They help one to be in a good shape and not to put off any work.

However, there are people who claim that music cannot help to perform daily duties. They consider that listening to songs, a person gets involved into this activity and, thus, forgets about daily routine. What is more, sometimes a song is so wonderful that it encourages one to dance and sing along. It is a waste of time.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that there are a lot of other activities that can make people forget about daily routine. Not only a good song, but also a phone call or a TV-show can distract people from housework. It is possible to combine listening to music, singing and dancing with cleaning the carpet, dusting, ironing or washing up. Dancing, as well as singing along, is the key to a good mood. All the chores are done better when a person feels happy.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that music is a good way to perform daily duties faster and better.

Words: 257

Useful lexis:

To interfere with everyday affairs;

To do household chores with pleasure;

No to put off any work;

To perform daily duties;

The key to a good mood.

Variant 19

In the digital age museums are still important

Nowadays some people believe that it is essential to attend museums alive but not just watch excursions in the Internet. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, it is necessary to go to the museums. Firstly, when people listen to an excursion there, they can ask a guide all the questions which trouble them. Secondly, one has an opportunity to touch some exhibits and, thus, get closer to the epoch in which these things were made.

Nevertheless, there are those who claim that in the age of information technology there is no need to attend museums. They consider that it is possible to find all interesting excursions and exhibitions in the Internet. In this case one can watch everything on-line and save precious time and money. What is more, it is convenient to watch computer excursions as a person can always put them off for some time and do urgent things.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that one can spend more time searching for an on-line excursion, which deserves attention, than reaching a museum. As to the second point, sometimes one gets so much involved in the activities which have to be done immediately that forgets about the excursion and will never watch it up to the end.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that even in the digital age it is more useful to attend a live excursion in the museum because it will give a person a chance to learn more.

Words: 269

Useful lexis:

To attend museums alive;

To have an opportunity to touch exhibits;

To save precious time;

To spend time searching for an on-line excursion.

Variant 20

A teacher should always be strict

Nowadays some people believe that it is necessary for a teacher to be demanding and severe. Others consider that a good teacher is primarily a kind person. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, a good teacher should always be exact and rigorous. Firstly, when a teacher is strict, pupils begin to respect him or her. They know who the main person in the class is and behave better. Secondly, demanding teachers pay special attention to the knowledge of students. They make tests, which help them understand whether pupils know the studied material well or not.

However, there are people who claim that there is no need for teachers always to be strict. They consider that it is better when a teacher is kind, supportive and sympathetic. In this case teachers can help children when they have problems both in studying and in their private lives. What is more, nice teachers make their pupils feel relaxed at the lessons. Children can ask any question, which has a positive influence on learning the subject.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that a teacher can be strict and humane at the same time. It is good when a teacher combines these two qualities. As to the second point, pupils do not usually listen to kind teachers. Too relaxed atmosphere at the lesson stimulates pupils to entertain but not to study.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that only strict teachers can make pupils know a subject well, they can control the level of knowledge and discipline.

Words: 273

Useful lexis:

To be demanding and severe;

To be exact and rigorous;

To pay special attention to knowledge;

To be kind, supportive and sympathetic;

To stimulate pupils to entertain;

To control the level of knowledge and discipline.

Variant 21

Organised travel is not as interesting as independent travel

Nowadays some people believe that it is better to travel on your own than to use the service of a travel agency. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, an independent travel is more interesting than an organised one. Firstly, if people decide to travel without any help, they have a good opportunity to organise everything the way they like. Tourists choose the route, find an available transport and book a ticket and a hotel according to their tastes. Secondly, an independent journey gives a person a chance not only to visit new places, but also to communicate with local citizens of the area.

However, there are people who claim that an organised tour is better. They consider that if a trip is made with the help of a travel agency, it will be safer and really well-planned. Moreover, in case of an illness or an accident a traveller will get cure and help.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that if there is a terrorist attack, even a well-planned trip can become a real nightmare. It is impossible to predict everything. As to the second point, medical assurance costs additional money, and not all travellers pay for it. People can save money but have a terrible illness during their journey and suffer.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that one can organise a wonderful trip himself or herself. An independent travel is often more interesting than an organised tourist route.

Words: 266

Useful lexis:

To travel on one's own;

To use the service of the travel agency;

To choose the route, find an available transport and book a ticket;

To communicate with local citizens of the area;

A safe and well-paid trip;

To become a real nightmare;

To cost additional money.

Variant 22

Playing sports helps to reduce stress

Nowadays some people believe that a good way to avoid stress is to get involved into different sports games. Others do not support this opinion. The issue is rather controversial.

To my mind, playing sports really helps people to live without negative emotions. Firstly, when a person does sports, he or she forgets about all troubles and problems. Secondly, sports games give one an opportunity to become a part of a team and, thus, to get one common aim. It gives a person the feeling of necessity and positive energy.

However, there are people who claim that a lot of other ways can make people get away from stress. They consider that only passive rest can help a person to feel relaxed and happy. Such soothing activities as cooking, gardening or walking with a family or friends in the park can calm people down.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that the state of nerves gets better when a person has some physical activity, especially when it is connected with interaction and communication with other members of a team. As it is known, worthy life requires movement.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am sure that playing sports decreases the level of stress and enables people to distract from problems.

Words: 226

Useful lexis:

A good way to avoid stress;

To forget about all troubles and problems;

To become a part of a team;

To give one the feeling of necessity;

To get away from stress;

Physical activities connected with interaction;

To decrease the level of stress;

To enable people to distract from problems.

Variant 23

Having a computer at home will help children to get a better education

Nowadays some people think that a computer enables a child to get a good education. Others believe that a computer only distracts a pupil from studying. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, a computer at home gives a child an opportunity to study well and to get a decent education. Firstly, in the Internet a pupil can find a lot of necessary materials for successful studying. Secondly, a student can write reports, essays and research works with the help of a computer. It is easier and faster to type a text than to write it by hand.

However, there are people who claim that a computer has a negative influence on child's studying. They believe that there are so many entertaining sites in the Internet that a pupil will likely play videogames or watch movies rather than find useful information for lessons at school. Many students are addicted to the computer now, which makes them put studying off and spend time entertaining and chatting with friends.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that not all videogames and movies are bad for pupils. Children often learn English playing computer games or watching English movies. Nowadays to get a good education it is necessary to know at least one foreign language.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am strongly convinced that a computer with all its advantages and programmes will become for every pupil a real helper in studying.

Words: 255

Useful lexis:

To distract a pupil from studying;

To get a decent education;

Necessary materials for successful studying;

Entertaining sites;

To be addicted to the computer.

Variant 24

Cars should be banned from the city centers

Nowadays some people think that it is important to forbid automobiles in the downtown areas. Others suppose that cars can be used in all parts of a city. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, people should not use cars in the city centers. Firstly, it is necessary to prohibit cars there because in this case the city centers will be cleaner and safer. There will be no harmful exhausts and accidents. Secondly, the drivers themselves will get a chance to go on foot and to see everything better. Walking will be healthier and more interesting for them.

However, there are others who do not support this viewpoint. They claim that nobody has the right to ban cars in the city centers. They are sure that driving an automobile will help one to save time and spend it on sightseeing in the downtown. What is more, some people, especially elderly ones, have problems with health, thus, they will not go to the center of a big city without a car.

The above mentioned opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that sometimes walking can be quicker and requires less time than driving in the rush hours. If one is stuck in traffic, he or she will, probably, waste all the time and will not see the city center at all. As to the second argument, nowadays in most cities there are special electric cars, which can transport the elderly and disabled.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am sure that cars should not be allowed in the hearts of the cities.

Words: 274

Useful lexis:

To forbid automobiles in the downtown areas;

To prohibit cars;

Harmful exhausts;

To ban cars in the city centers;

Driving in the rush hours;

To be stuck in traffic;

To transport the elderly and disabled.

Variant 25

Cars are important modern type of transport

Nowadays some people suppose that cars as a kind of transportation are of great significance. Others believe that there are many other wonderful ways to go somewhere except for cars. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, cars as a means of transport are really essential. Firstly, it is rather cheap to use cars because the fuel is not very expensive now. Secondly, if one has an automobile, he or she can take all necessary things on a journey. It is very convenient especially for women with children who need a lot.

Nevertheless, there are people who claim that such ways of transport as a plane or a train are more important than a car. They believe that a plane is a quick modern type of transport, which allows people to overcome long distances in short time. It is important for many people to have an opportunity to travel by plane. A train is also essential because it is safer comparing to a car.

The above mentioned viewpoint does not seem convincing to me. It is necessary to remember that delays of flights occur quite often now. People frequently have to wait hours to board the plane. As to the second argument, train crashes also happen. Sometimes trains become the place for terrorist attacks. In this case people have a very small chance to survive and rescue.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that a car as a kind of transport is of great significance nowadays.

Words: 256

Useful lexis:

A kind of transportation;

To be of great significance;

A quick modern type of transport;

To overcome long distances in short time;

Delays of flights;

To wait hours to board the plane;

A chance to survive and rescue.

Variant 26

To be rich means to be successful

Nowadays some people suppose that success of a person depends on the quantity of money he or she has. Others believe that it is possible to be successful without having much money. The issue is controversial.

In my opinion, people can be successful even if they do not have great sums of money. Firstly, one can be prosperous not only in career but also in the family life. There are many examples of poor but happy families. Success does not only depend on money, but on an inner state of a person as well. Secondly, luck and ability to work hard also influence the prosperity of people. To maintain success one should be industrious and fortunate.

However, other people claim that money brings success. They are sure that if one is rich, he or she is very successful in life. Money can give one an opportunity to look well, to travel everywhere, to get acquainted with new people and to develop. All these possibilities bring good perspectives and success.

The above stated argument does not seem convincing to me. It should be remembered that money does not give only good things. Sometimes it brings a lot of problems or even death. Wealthy people, as a rule, have many enviers, who can easily bring them grief and mischief. As a result, it will destroy success.

In conclusion, there are different opinions on this problem but I strongly believe that success depends not on the money one has, but on the ability of a person to be humane, kind and hardworking.

Words: 259

Useful lexis:

To depend on the quantity of money;

The ability to work hard;

To influence the prosperity of a person;

To maintain success;

To be industrious and fortunate;

To bring good perspectives;

To bring somebody grief and mischief.

Variant 27

Future will bring only positive impact on the world

Nowadays some people believe that future will have only good influence on the life in the world. Others suppose that all new technologies will bring only negative effect. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, future will influence our planet badly. Firstly, modern technologies will make many people addicted to them, which in its turn will bring a lot of illnesses and troubles. Secondly, all the plants and factories, which are actively being built now, will have negative influence on the ecology and health of people. Our environment will suffer greatly because of waste products, poisonous substances and harmful emissions from industrial plants.

However, some people claim that the development of the world will influence our planet only in a positive way. They consider that future information technologies and industries will give people new opportunities and perspectives in many spheres of our life. For instance, scientists will likely find the way to cure such serious illnesses as cancer and AIDS.

The above mentioned viewpoint does not seem convincing to me. It should be remembered that all modern technologies will require real specialists and professional workers to use them correctly. As we know, young people now are not as industrious as they used to be. They do not want to study hard. Sometimes it is a real problem for them to get education without any help. If there are no specialists, technologies will not be used for the benefit of the mankind.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I strongly believe that future will negatively affect people's health and the ecological situation in the world.

Words: 271

Useful lexis:

To bring a lot of illnesses and troubles;

To suffer from waste products, poisonous substances and harmful emissions;

To give people new opportunities and perspectives in many spheres of life;

To be used for the benefit of the mankind;

To affect people's health and the ecological situation negatively.

Variant 28

Appearance is the most important thing for a modern teenager

Nowadays some people suppose that the way modern young people look like is the most significant aspect for them. Others believe that it is better to think about inner state, qualities and self-development. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, the most important things for a modern teenager are character and creative skills. Firstly, if a child is kind and humane, he or she will likely find true friends and good acquaintances. They will make the life of this young person bright and memorable. Secondly, individual creative peculiarities will give a child a chance to realise all talents, become successful and achieve something great in life.

However, there are people who claim that appearance is of great significance for young people. They consider that if teenagers are beautiful, if they have smart expensive clothes, they will certainly be successful. They will be in the center of attention because other young people will have a desire to look at their beauty or even to resemble them.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is necessary to remember that if a teenager does not have anything else except attractive appearance, it will be impossible for him or her to become a happy and harmonious personality. People primarily value rich inner world of a person, his or her kindness and ability to interact with others.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am sure that not outward but inward state is the most essential thing for every modern teenager.

Words: 257

Useful lexis:

To be a significant aspect for;

To think about inner state and self-development;

To find true friends and good acquaintances;

Individual creative peculiarities;

To be in the center of attention;

To resemble somebody;

To become a harmonious personality;

The ability to interact with others.

Variant 29

All school subjects should be equally important for a pupil

Nowadays some people believe that children should study all the subjects equally well. Others consider that it is necessary for a pupil to learn thoroughly only those subjects which will be essential for him or her in future. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, pupils should pay attention to all the subjects. Firstly, a well-educated person should know not only Mathematics and Russian, but be aware of many other sciences. For instance, it is impossible to make a successful career without knowledge of at least one foreign language. Secondly, it is necessary to

know a lot from different spheres. For example, if a person knows life safety fundamentals, he or she will, probably, be able to save somebody's life even in a serious accident.

Nevertheless, some people claim that a child should study well only the subjects which will be necessary for future education and profession. They consider that there is no sense to learn difficult Biology or Chemistry if a pupil does not plan to become a doctor or a scientist. It is always better to focus on the needed subjects and to spend all the time on them.

The above mentioned point of view does not seem convincing to me. It is important to remember that many good jobs require versatile knowledge and intelligence. All studied disciplines may be helpful for living and making a prosperous career.

In conclusion, there are different opinions on this problem but I am sure that a pupil should take into consideration all the subjects included in the school programme because, if they are there, it is not in vain.

Words: 269

Useful lexis:

To be aware of many sciences;

To focus on the needed subjects;

To require versatile knowledge and intelligence;

To take all the subjects into consideration.

Variant 30

Genetically modified products are not harmful for the health of people

Nowadays some people believe that genetically modified food does not influence the health of people badly. Others are sure that these products bring only harm to people. The issue is rather controversial.

In my opinion, genetically modified products are really harmful to the humanity. Firstly, they can cause allergies and other illnesses. Secondly, it is believed that they can break metabolism and change microflora in the man's body. In the past people ate only natural products, that is why they had fewer illnesses. With the appearance of Genetic Engineering the health of people has become worse.

However, there are people who claim that genetically modified food does not poison men's health. They consider that these products are more resistant to viruses and diseases. In addition, they have fewer chemicals. Thus, they have only positive influence on the health of the mankind. What is more, the supporters of genetically modified products think that they help to fight hunger and food shortage in poor countries.

The above stated opinion does not seem convincing to me. It is important to take into consideration that genetically modified food is not as healthy as natural food, which is rich in natural vitamins and minerals. As to the second point, if prosperous countries help poor countries better, there will be no need in harmful harvests, which save people from hunger but, at the same time, poison their health with chemicals.

In conclusion, there are different points of view on this problem but I am strongly convinced that genetically modified products have negative impact on the health of people.

Words: 263

Useful lexis:

To bring only harm to people;
To cause allergies and other illnesses;
To break metabolism and change microflora;
With the appearance of Genetic Engineering;
To be resistant to viruses and diseases;
The supporters of genetically modified products;
To fight hunger and food shortage;
To be rich in natural vitamins and minerals;
To poison health with chemicals;
To have negative impact on.

31 тема для самостоятельного написания эссе

1. Cities provide people with more advantages than villages.
2. Graffiti should be considered as an act of vandalism.
3. Taking a gap year after school is necessary step for every teenager.
4. Choosing future profession is a difficult task for every school-leaver.
5. Diets are important to stay fit and healthy.
6. Healthy eating is an important part of everyday life.
7. Having only one language of communication on our planet is a wise decision.
8. Zoos should be prohibited.
9. Zoos help most animals to survive.
10. Studying a foreign language abroad is important for everyone.
11. Knowing one foreign language isn't enough.
12. The Internet is the most useful invention in the world.
13. Human cloning experiments should be prohibited.
14. The Internet will be the main source of studying in the future.
15. Computer games are one of the best ways to spend free time.
16. Space exploration is very important for the future of our planet.
17. Space travelling should be available for everyone in the future.
18. Mobile phones are one of the most convenient ways of communication.
19. Modern teenagers are criticized for no reason.
20. Young generation lives better than people lived in the past.
21. Soap operas are not interesting and take too much time.
22. Violence on TV should be prohibited.
23. To be rich means to be happy.
24. Distant learning will become the only type of education in the future.
25. Online education is very important nowadays.
26. Home schooling is very convenient way of studying.
27. Government should be responsible for people's health.

28. Holidays are important for every culture.
29. Modern life is impossible without travelling.
30. Travelling broadens one's outlook.
31. One should choose a future profession according to personal interests and talents.

ПРИЛОЖЕНИЕ

Правила пунктуации для выполнения заданий письменной части

Запятая используется:

- для разделения простых предложений в составе сложного, объединенных при помощи союзов “and” и “but” (E.g.: The lesson was over, but the students remained in the classroom). Однако, если предложение короткое, то запятая перед союзами “and” и “or” может опускаться (E.g.: The rain stopped and it got much warmer). Если перед вторым глаголом нет подлежащего, то запятая не ставится (E.g.: He drove quickly but still didn't arrive in time);

- для разделения двух частей сложного предложения, содержащих подлежащее и сказуемое, без союзов (E.g.: The weather was cold, the sky was grey, a rain began);

- если в предложении при перечислении несколько раз используются союзы “and” или “nor”, ставим запятую (E.g.: Jeff was nor stupid, nor wise, nor funny, nor handsome. She listened to the song, and sang beautifully, and danced, and cried);

- запятыми выделяются определительные придаточные предложения, начинающиеся с “who”, “that”, “which”, если они несут не главную, а дополнительную информацию (E.g.: Mrs. Spoon, who lives near us, cooks really well. Kate, who is my sister, has recently moved to my city). Если определительное придаточное предложение не может быть опущено, так как несет важную информацию, запятыми не выделяем (E.g.: The boys who had broken our window were punished);

- после вводных слов, словосочетаний, фраз (E.g.: Unfortunately, they were late. Frankly speaking, our researches were conducted without necessary accuracy). Возможные вводные слова и выражения: положительная оценка (indeed, certainly, probably, in fact, doubtless, of course), собственное мнение (I think, I am convinced, I suppose, it seems to me, as I see it, from my point of view, I guess, in my opinion, I believe, frankly speaking), отражение эмоций (fortunately, unfortunately, luckily), отрицательная оценка (in contrast to this, I doubt, most unlikely, actually), структурирование мыслей (firstly, secondly, to begin with, moreover, in addition to this, finally), вывод, заключение (to sum it up, in conclusion, as a result, accordingly, all things considered), however, nevertheless, after all (все же), by the way.

- после придаточного предложения, предшествующего главному (E.g.: While I was talking on the phone, the cat stole my steak. If you are not well, you should stay at home);

- после утвердительного слова “yes” и отрицательного “no”;
 - пояснительная вводная фраза выделяется запятой с двух сторон. Запятые поставлены верно в том случае, если можно вырезать подобную фразу из предложения, и при этом его смысл не изменится (E.g.: Pete and Ellen, my former classmates, got married a week ago);
 - при перечислении однородных членов предложения запятая может ставиться перед союзом “and” (E.g.: In the supermarket I bought tea, sugar, coffee, and matches). Однако, если финальный однородный член состоит из нескольких, то запятая опускается (For ex.: I want to pass my exams, to travel and to find common language with my relatives). Также запятая может опускаться при перечислении, если кроме союза “and” в предложении больше нет других союзов (E.g.: I want to buy some bread, eggs, milk, cookies and bananas);
 - для выделения прямой речи: (E.g.: He said indifferently, “I don’t mind.” “I was going”, she answered, “to do everything myself.”);
 - для выделения всех географических названий, дат (кроме месяца и дня. Число и год разделяются запятой), адресов (кроме номера и названия улицы) и заголовков в названиях (E.g.: Birmingham, Alabama, gets its name from Birmingham, England. December 15, 2009, was an important day in his life. She was born on June 7, 2001, in Moscow). Если какая-то часть даты отсутствует, то запятая не ставится (E.g.: They met in December 2003 in Kiev);
 - для разделения членов предложения при противопоставлении (E.g.: This is entirely my fault, not yours);
 - для выделения таких слов, как “therefore”, “however”, если они прерывают ход предложения (E.g.: I would, therefore, like a response. I would be happy, however, to visit Ireland);
 - для выделения обращения (E.g.: Jenny, where is my report?);
 - после обращения вначале письма и в конце письма перед подписью (E.g.: Dear Mr.Davis, we’ve received your letter. Sincerely yours, Robert Smith);
 - для разделения двух прилагательных, если между ними можно вставить союз “and” (E.g.: He is strong, healthy man). Если слово “and” вставить нельзя, то запятая не ставится (E.g.: We stayed at an expensive summer resort);
 - самостоятельный причастный оборот выделяется запятыми (E.g.: The director being absent, the resolution of the problem was postponed).
- Запятая не ставится:**
- в сложноподчиненном предложении перед союзом “that” (E.g.: The problem is that they cannot bear each other);
 - если предложение начинается с независимого предложения (то есть, с того, которое может употребляться само по себе), за которым следует зависимое предложение (E.g. Let me know if you can reach him today).
- Точка с запятой ставится:**

- между грамматически разделенными предложениями при отсутствии союза, то есть там, где запятую можно заменить точкой (E.g.: The house badly needs painting; the garden is overgrown with weeds);

- для разделения пунктов перечисления, если они грамматически сложны для обычной запятой (E.g.: The signal was given; the steamer moved slowly from the dock).

Двоеточие используется:

- перед перечислением (рядом однородных членов после обобщающего слова) и разъяснением, цитатами и иногда прямой речью, если она длинная (E.g.: Mary had only one single goal to achieve: to become a famous writer. I decided not to argue: it was no use. You can buy dairy products here: milk, butter, sour cream, cheese). Если после двоеточия следует полное предложение, то первое слово такого предложения пишется с заглавной буквы (E.g.: Charlie Chaplin said: "A day without laughter is a day wasted").

Тире отделяет в предложении дополнительную информацию или комментарий, который прерывает естественный поток речи; неожиданно что-то нужно пояснить посреди предложения или перечислить с обобщающим словом (E.g.: Last summer I was absolutely alone – you know, my boyfriend was in Paris – and that annoyed me so much! The visiting team – curse them – broke our row of wins).

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