IELTS Writing Task 2 Questions - August 2018

Agree/Disagree

Some people feel that the companies and individuals who cause mass pollution should pay to clean this up and not the government. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Billions of dollars are being wasted on space research. The money could be used in better ways, here on earth to improve people lives and their living conditions. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Traffic and housing problems can be solved if moving large companies, factories and their employees out of cities into more rural areas. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Advantage/Disadvantage

In some cities, there are fewer controls over the design and construction of new houses and office buildings. Should people build their own houses in whatever style they want? Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Positive/Negative

In many countries, it is illegal for companies to reject job applicants because of their age. Is this a positive or negative development?

Cause/effect

The demand for food is increasing worldwide. What is the main cause of this? What measures could the international community take in order to improve this situation?

Problem/Solution

The quality of life in some big cities is becoming worse every year. What is the main cause of this problem? What solution could you suggest?

Discussion

Some people believe that the latest technology, when used in the workplace, can enhance the lives of the workers, while others disagree. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Some people believe that a good way to reduce crime is to have longer sentences, while others think that there are alternatives to this problem. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Direct

Many people think that having more money will make them happier. How important is money in relation to happiness?