IELTS Writing task two

Opinion essay

Agree/Disagree essay

- Some people think that instead of preventing climate change, we need to find a way to live with it.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

- Some people think that living on earth will become difficult in the future. Therefore, more money should be spent on researching other planets to live, like Mars.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Steps in writing a good essay

1) Read and analyze the topic carefully

2) Brainstorm ideas and choose the most relevant arguments

3) Write an essay quickly, don’t waste your time overthinking

4) Always leave some time for proof-reading

Introduction	**1) Introduce the topic** **2) Give your own opinion clearly**
Body One	1) There are a number of arguments.. 2) Argument 1 3) Explain the argument using at least 2 sentences + give relevant examples 4) Argument 2 5) Explain the argument using at least 2 sentences + give relevant examples 6) Summarize your Body One
Body Two	1) There are a number of arguments.. 2) Argument 1 3) Explain the argument using at least 2 sentences + give relevant examples 4) Argument 2 5) Explain the argument using at least 2 sentences + give relevant

Body Three (optional)	**1)There are a number of arguments..** **2)Argument 1** **3)Explain the argument using at least 2 sentences + give relevant examples** **4)Argument 2** **5)Explain the argument using at least 2 sentences + give relevant examples** **6)Summarize your Body Three**
Conclusion	1) Restate the arguments 2) Restate own opinion

Let’s analyze an essay together

Some people think that living on earth will become difficult in the future. Therefore, more money should be spent on researching other planets to live, like Mars.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Brainstorming ideas

1) Living on earth will be difficult in the future

Why? -> loss of fossil fuels may render leaving the planet for Mars unavoidable.

Why should we stay?-> we should stay in our planet and solve existing problems with sustainable energy sources.

2) Why leaving the planet isn’t a solution? -> although the humanity have necessary technology, it is not fully feasible for health matters.

Introduction -> criteria

1) Mention all parts of the topic

2) Show your clear position

3) Give a background statement unless it is irrelevant to the main idea of the topic

Sample introduction

Nowadays, the whole world is witnessing various issues such as the depletion of natural resources, global warming, and the scarcity of potable water. It is widely believed that spending more money on exploring habitable planets for a possible rescue is a good solution. Although this suggestion may sound quite reasonable for some, I am convinced that people should direct their resources toward addressing global issues rather than investing in space exploration.

Body paragraphs -> criteria

1) Always start your arguments with an opening statement. Introduce your arguments shortly.
2) Always expand your arguments. Remember our lesson about T.R. and C.C.
3) Take your arguments to the end, till the very final logical ending.
4) If you give an example, make sure it does not hinder the meaning. Avoid making it too general or too personal.
5) Use linkers appropriately. Always connect your ideas. Make sure you expand all statements that you included in introduction

Sample Bodies

There are a number of reasons why I think it is better to focus on the problems on Earth. Firstly, spending more money on current global issues would solve the majority of them. For example, running out of fossil fuels is a major concern for people's future lives because they rely on the natural resources for heat, transportation fuels and many other aspects of life. However, it is still possible to cease the depletion of natural resources by investing more in creating more green technologies such as solar panels, wind turbines and electric cars. Increased pollution is another potential threat to our future well-being. Likewise, a higher amount of money could be spent on improving recycling systems, which may reduce waste production significantly. Therefore, these investments in solving the problems of the planet seem to render investing in exploring other planets unnecessary.

Sample Bodies

It is true that abandoning all of the existing issues and leaving for another planet like Mars would be easier than solving them. Several renowned scientists and companies, including Elon Musk and Nasa, have already come up with some models of habitable Moon bases and Mars colonization projects, claiming that these can be feasible with the help of modern technology. Having said that, this solution is still risky. In other words, even minor miscalculations could cause the extinction of the whole human race. Living on other planets has not been tested yet, which makes the solution rather unreliable. Another factor to consider is people's consent to leave the earth. It will certainly be hard to convince everyone to live on other planets. This is because some people are not advised to travel to other countries by plane due to health issues like high blood pressure, let alone fly into space. Thus, saving our own planet is a better option.

Conclusion -> criteria

1) Restate your arguments
2) Restate you own position
3) Make sure your arguments are not restated robotically but outline the main idea of your essay
4) Never include a new idea in your conclusion

Sample conclusion

In conclusion, although modern technology can enable people to move to other planets, inhabiting other planets is impractical and risky for people’s health and lives in general. It is better to spend more money on finding solutions to the issues on Earth.

Class practice

Some people think that instead of preventing climate change, we need to find a way to live with it.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Climate change causes a lot of problems and puts our lives in danger. Despite this risk, some people hold the view that we should accept climate change instead of trying to stop it. Although it might sound reasonable for some to find ways of living with the changing climate, I disagree that it is too late to try to combat it.

There are several actions that can be taken by both governments and individuals to prevent or reduce the impact of climate change. Governments have the power to implement laws that limit the emission of carbon dioxide, which is a major contributor to global warming. They can also impose taxes on drivers, airlines, and other polluters, encouraging them to adopt more environmentally friendly practices. Additionally, investing in renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and water power can help reduce reliance on fossil fuels. On an individual level, we can make efforts to decrease our own carbon footprint by being more energy efficient, reducing air travel, and using public transportation or bicycles. It is also important for the public to vote for politicians who prioritize addressing climate change rather than those who choose to ignore it, as this can influence government actions.

True, channeling resources toward adapting to climate change may also prevent fatal consequences. The adaptation can indeed help communities and ecosystems become more resilient to the impacts of climate change. This includes building infrastructure that can withstand extreme weather events, implementing early warning systems, and developing strategies to protect vulnerable populations. However, if we choose to simply accept and live with climate change instead of implementing the aforementioned measures, I believe the consequences will be devastating. To illustrate this point, I am not optimistic about our ability to handle even a slight increase in sea levels. Flooding would displace millions of people, particularly in countries that lack the resources to protect low-lying areas. These individuals would lose their homes and livelihoods, and they would be compelled to migrate to nearby cities or potentially even other countries. The potential for immense human suffering would be inevitable, and it is likely that we would witness outbreaks of disease and famine, as well as a surge in homelessness and poverty.

In conclusion, it is crucial to take proactive measures to prevent or reduce the impact of climate change instead of accepting it. Failure to address climate change could lead to catastrophic consequences. Therefore, it is imperative that we take action now to protect our planet and future generations.

Climate change represents a major threat to life on Earth, but some people argue that we need to accept it rather than try to stop it. I completely disagree with this opinion, because I believe that we still have time to tackle this issue and reduce the human impact on the Earth's climate.

There are various measures that governments and individuals could take to prevent, or at least mitigate, climate change. Governments could introduce laws to limit the carbon dioxide emissions that lead to global warming. They could impose “green taxes” on drivers, airline companies and other polluters, and they could invest in renewable energy production from solar, wind or water power. As individuals, we should also try to limit our contribution to climate change, by becoming more energy efficient, by flying less, and by using bicycles and public transport. Furthermore, the public can affect the actions of governments by voting for politicians who propose to tackle climate change, rather than for those who would prefer to ignore it.

If instead of taking the above measures we simply try to live with climate change, I believe that the consequences will be disastrous. To give just one example, I am not optimistic that we would be able to cope with even a small rise in sea levels. Millions of people would be displaced by flooding, particularly in countries that do not have the means to safeguard low-lying areas. These people would lose their homes and their jobs, and they would be forced to migrate to nearby cities or perhaps to other countries. The potential for human suffering would be huge, and it is likely that we would see outbreaks of disease and famine, as well as increased homelessness and poverty.

In conclusion, it is clear to me that we must address the problem of climate change, and I disagree with those who argue that we can find ways to live with it.