

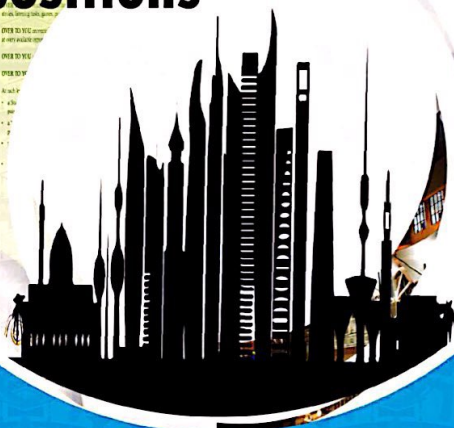


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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The mass media, including television, radio and newspapers, have great influences in shaping people's ideas. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/ 140 words), expressing your opinion and giving reasons for your answer.

Plan / Writing outline**Introduction:**

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: One group of people believes that media have no effects on people's lifestyle, while others believes that there are many powerful influences of mass media on our lives.

Body:

Paragraph 1: Mass media have a profound impact on cultures.

- globalization.
- educational benefits.

Paragraph 2: The mass media have the ability to affect people's minds.

- electing officials.
- imitating violence.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article.



Nowadays, the mass media have become an epidemic all around the world. So that, people in different ages follow and use them, such as television, newspaper and the internet have become more popular among individuals. The mass media and its impact caused a dispute. One group of people believes that media have no effects on people's lifestyle, while another believes that there are many powerful influences of mass media on our lives. I personally agree with the latter group, because of two main reasons which are explained below.

First of all, the mass media have a profound impact on cultures. It causes to eliminate the boundaries of cultures among people and creates globalization. The globalization is a good example to represent the effect of mass media. Individuals now can see what is happening in other countries or how they are dressed and how their culture is different. As a result, they usually imitate what others do.

Secondly, through information and entertainment, the mass media have the ability to affect public opinion. It informs people about daily events. This information sometimes is used to change people's opinion. For example, though few of us probably think about it, our conceptions of our elected officials spring from television images and newspaper stories. In addition, seeing violent content can make it more likely that someone will behave in an aggressive or violent way.

In conclusion, as I mentioned above, the influence of mass media is indisputable, and it can change our beliefs and our ideas.



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television is useless and has destroyed communication among friends and family. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), expressing your opinion and giving reasons for your answer.

Plan / Writing outline

Introduction:

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: Some people believe that television is useless and has destroyed communication among friends and family. I absolutely disagree with the statement.

Body:

Paragraph 1: Television brings a lot of benefits for many individuals and societies.

- Political and financial information.
- Educational benefits.

Paragraph 2: Television gathers people together.

- Bringing family together.
- Giving chance for friends to communicate.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article and your opinion.

The invention of television is one of the humankind's greatest inventions. It is a way of communication among people of one country and different countries. However, some people believe that television is useless and has destroyed communication among friends and family. I absolutely disagree with the statement.

Firstly, television brings a lot of benefits for many individuals and societies. For example, televisions provide lots of crucial information which are certainly useful for many communities. It is common that news on television informs about the economic and political conditions of a particular country. This crucial information is definitely important for investors, financial analyst or bankers in making investment. Secondly, television also provides educative shows which are truly beneficial for the communities, specifically for students and scholars.

Secondly, television gathers people together. It is natural for them to get close to each other when they decide to watch television. Every family is a great example of this. Men in the neighborhood meet to watch football matches. They all has a good time and exchange their different ideas.

To conclude, I would like to add that if people like to communicate with each other, they will find a way to do it. Otherwise, if television were not existent, people would find other reasons for not being be with each other.



Some people say that television is a very useful tool when it comes to education. Others argue that television is a much inefficient, ineffective teacher. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), including different points of view and expressing your own opinion.

Plan / Writing outline



Introduction:

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: Some people believe that television is useless and has destroyed communication among friends and family. I absolutely disagree with the statement.

Body:

Paragraph 1: On the one hand, television nowadays can hardly be called educational.

- Most shows are a waste of time.
- Educational programmes cannot replace books.

Paragraph 2: On the other hand, TV can be a powerful mean of delivering information.

- TV produces both picture and sound.
- TV can be used by teachers.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article and your opinion.

There is a lot of controversy on the topic whether TV can play a role of a teacher. Some people hold a viewpoint that it can never be educational at all. Others, although disagree, referring to TV's high potential of teaching through amusement.

On the one hand, television nowadays can hardly be called educational. All those talk shows and drama series, we see every day, are a complete waste of time. They can even have negative effects by distracting young. Moreover, most of the so-called educational programs in channels like National Geographic channel cannot replace books and academic lectures because they tend to entertain people and have not an aim to give deep and knowledge.

On the other hand, TV can be a powerful mean of delivering information and a nice part of learning process. Educational experts have proved that the more senses are involved at the time of studying; the more effective result can be achieved. TV produces both picture and sound, so its usefulness is obvious. Many teachers already use this advantage actively by showing students video cassettes which go as supplementary material to many language courses. So why not to broadcast such movies through television?

To conclude, people being dismissive of the role of TV in education is not entirely correct. To a large extent its importance as a learning aid will lie with the user and the way it is used. Television can certainly be an efficient tool to aid learning and enhance the overall quality of education if the right approach is

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Attending a live performance (for example, a play, concert, or sporting event) is more enjoyable than watching the same event on television. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), including different points of view and expressing your own opinion.

Plan / Writing outline

Introduction:

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: Some people believe attending live performances is fantastic. Others prefer watching events on TV.

Body:

Paragraph 1: On the one hand, some people prefer live events as:

- Exciting atmosphere.
- A chance for socialisation.

Paragraph 2: On the other hand, watching an event on TV can bring many advantages.

- Relaxing while watching.
- Saving time and money.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article and your opinion.



The issue whether to attend a live performance or enjoy watching the same event on TV is a controversial one. Some people believe attending a live performance is fantastic. Others prefer watching events on TV.

On the one hand, some people prefer live events as they have an exciting atmosphere. For example, the audience is full of strong emotions, clapping, dancing, shouting and cheering to warm the pleasant environment. Another example is that people can meet the distinguished people and even can take pictures with them. Live shows are the source of socialisation. People can meet their friends and even they can make new friends.

On the other hand, watching an event on TV can bring many advantages. One can relax and settle in his favourite chair, eating a cake or having a drink. One does not have to spend time driving to the place where an event happens. Also, people do not spend money on tickets. Moreover, sometimes sitting in front of the TV, people are likely to see more interesting parts of a show more clearly. At home, people don't care about the weather if it is rainy or chilly outside.

In conclusion, some people believe that attending a live performance is great. This is because people can experience a wonderful atmosphere. However, I believe watching a performance on TV is more enjoyable. This is primarily due to the fact that people are free from many limitations and don't have to care about money and time.



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Watching television is bad for children." In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), expressing your opinion and giving reasons for your answer.

Plan / Writing outline

Introduction:

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: Personally, I think that watching TV brings tremendous benefits to the children unless they spend a lot of their valuable time in front of a TV set daily.

Body:

Paragraph 1: TV provides an efficient source of learning:

- Improving children's vocabulary.
- Teaching children about the wildlife.

Paragraph 2: TV benefits children by broadening their world:

- Seeing new places and people.
- Learning about other cultures.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article and your opinion.



TV Watching habits

Some parents believe that watching television is bad for their children. So, they try to restrict their children from watching TV. However, other parents think that there is nothing bad in watching TV programmes. Personally, I think that watching TV brings tremendous benefits to the children unless they spend a lot of their valuable time in front of a TV set daily.

First, TV provides an efficient source of learning for children if right channels are watched. TV improves children's vocabulary, their memory and gives them the opportunity to gain more knowledge. In addition, watching cognitive programs helps children to learn more about wildlife, our environment and about the importance of preserving our forest and wild animals that live there. I think it is essential for a child's growth.

Second, television benefits children by broadening their world. It allows them to see places and people that they would not see. TV is a passport to the world. It helps to understand other cultures and what is happening around the world. A lot of programmes based on information and education enrich the knowledge.

In conclusion, I do admit that watching TV properly needs direction of the parents. Yet, we cannot doubt watching TV is good in some ways. TV introduces knowledge to the children and entertain them.

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In many cities, the use of video cameras in public places is being increased in order to reduce crime, but some people believe that these measures restrict our individual freedom. However, some people are in favour of installing video cameras for safety. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), including different points of view and expressing your own opinion.

Plan / Writing outline

Introduction:

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: Personally, I think that watching TV brings tremendous benefits to the children unless they spend a lot of their valuable time in front of a TV set daily.

Body:

Paragraph 1: Installing cameras in the public could be against freedom:

- Misusing recorded videos.
- Lack of control on data.

Paragraph 2: However, installing cameras has positive influences:

- Detecting crimes and criminals.
- Cameras are a source of evidence.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article and your opinion.

Uses of Cameras

Today, thanks to new technologies being used in public areas like cameras. The rate of different types of offences have been decreased and many people welcome this monitoring system for enhancing public safety.

On the other hand, some individuals believe that the use of cameras in public places has restricted our individual freedom. Those believing that installing cameras in the public have their own reasons. One is that cameras can be against people's privacy. For example, the recorded videos can be misused. In some public buildings, there is no appropriate control on the preservation of data received by these cameras; therefore, individuals' pictures might be stolen and used for other aspects, including sharing them on YouTube or other social networks.

However, installing cameras has positive influences. One major benefit is a better control of crimes by the police force. Cameras are also the best source of access to what has occurred during quarrels, a robbery or an explosion. We need to keep in mind that the cameras installed in public places are meant to prevent any crime or to detect a criminal.

In brief, although some may agree that usage of public cameras can be against the citizens' privacy, from my perspective, the benefits gained by these devices are far greater. They can be useful for police to detain offenders or terrorists who endanger other people's lives.



Some people think that strict punishments for driving offences are the key to reducing traffic accidents. Others, however, believe that other measures would be more effective in improving road safety. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), discussing both views and giving your own opinion.

Plan / Writing outline



Introduction:

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: While some support this idea, many others believe that governments should provide improvements in road safety.

Body:

Paragraph 1: Stricter punishment for irresponsible drivers would reduce traffic accidents:

- Light punishment is negative.
- Heavy punishment is a must.

Paragraph 2: Others believe that strict punishments would not solve the problem:

- Educating people about road safety .
- Rewarding careful drivers.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article and your opinion.

Recently, there is an ongoing debate whether giving severe punishment to driving offences are the best solution to overcome serious accidents in roads or not. While some support this idea, many others believe that governments should provide improvements in road safety.

Some people believe that stricter punishment for irresponsible drivers would reduce traffic accidents. For example, it is a fact that using a mobile phone while driving a car is a dangerous act. However, due to the light punishment, many people still use the phone while driving. The government should change the punishment into a heavier one, then people will consider twice before they use the phone while driving. If the punishment is made a stern, people would likely obey them.

On the other hand, other people believe that strict punishments would not effectively solve the problem. Governments could cooperate with the media in making campaign about safe driving. Governments could also give rewards to their citizens who are obeying the road regulations. For example, when people renew their driving license, authorities could check their track records. Those who have clean track records could get motor vehicles tax discount.

In my point of view, I believe that both policies have their own positive sides and when people could combine them, it would be an effective way of reducing traffic accidents.



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Some people think that restricting the number of private cars and using public transport would be an effective solution to reduce the amount of traffic and pollution." In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), expressing your opinion and giving reasons for your answer.

Plan / Writing outline

Introduction:

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: I believe that the number of private cars should be limited.

Body:

Paragraph 1: The huge number of cars has led to numerous problems:

- More cars, more pollution.
- More pollution, more diseases.

Paragraph 2: Using public transport has a lot of positive effects:

- Reducing the number of cars.
- Reducing traffic and pollution.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article and your opinion.



Accidents

More and more people are relying on private cars as their major means of transportation. This has led to various detrimental issues including congestion, pollution and safety. I personally believe that the number of private cars should be limited and people should use public transport for many reasons.

Firstly, the huge number of cars has led to numerous problems. For example, people are more vulnerable to various diseases and many have serious health issues due to car smoke. Pollution is also affecting the environment negatively. In addition, a lot of cars means a great deal of traffic. As a result, there will be more suffering for people in their daily lives. It is reasonable then to restrict the number of cars a family can own.

Secondly, using public transport has a lot of positive effects. This procedure will help to bring down the number of private vehicles on the roads. If private vehicles decrease on the roads, the traffic congestion will significantly decline. Moreover, it brings about a lot of changes. For example, the amount of pollution will be reduced. So, promotion of common transport keeps the roads free, city travel becomes a piece of cake and the environment becomes cleaner.

In conclusion, people have different opinions about public transport. Some people enjoy using them, while others choose to use their own personal vehicles. I suggest that governments should improve the public transport. Therefore, more and more people are attracted to use public transportations.



Unit 11: The planet in danger

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Wild animals/ wildlife have/ has no use in the 21st century and trying to preserve animals now is just wastage of money. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), expressing your opinion and giving reasons for your answer.

Plan / Writing outline**Introduction:**

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: I strongly suggest that we should try to save wild animals.

Body:

Paragraph 1: The wildlife helps humans to grow their crops:

- The importance of pollination.
- The importance of birds and insects.

Paragraph 2: The wildlife keeps the environment clean and healthy:

- The role of micro-organisms.
- The role of eagles and vultures.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article, your opinion and final comment.

A large number of people have the belief that spending money to save the wild animals is a waste of money as these animals have almost nothing to contribute to the human's progress or lifestyle. I totally disagree with this view and strongly suggest that we should try to save wild animals in every way possible for many reasons.

Firstly, wildlife plays a crucial role in helping humans to grow their crops and get their food. **HOW?** The fruits and vegetables that we get from plants are a result of a process called pollination. Now, for the pollination to occur, birds, bees and insects play an important role. Crops growth can be significantly affected if the birds and insects are reduced in numbers.

Wildlife also plays a significant role in keeping the environment clean and healthy. Many micro-organisms, bacteria and earthworms feed on plant and animal wastes. In this process, these creatures decompose wastes and release their chemicals back into the soil. Well! This is not all. Eagles and vultures also contribute to the nature in great ways. These cleaners help remove the dead bodies of animals, keeping the environment healthy.

To conclude, the planet is shared by all the species and as the most intelligent species, as we claim ourselves to be, we should have great responsibilities to protect wild animals for our own benefits. "If conservation of our wildlife goes wrong, nothing else will go right."



Unit 12: The Power of Nature

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is the responsibility of a government to protect its citizens from natural disasters. In four paragraphs, plan and write an essay (of 14 sentences/140 words), expressing your opinion and giving reasons for your answer.

Plan / Writing outline**Introduction:**

1. General background about the topic.
2. Thesis: This essay will provide detailed evaluation of the matter before coming to an appropriate conclusion.

Body:

Paragraph 1: A government can be blamed for a disaster that could have been averted:

- Dams to avoid floods.
- Reservoir for the storage of water.

Paragraph 2: A government may not be able to protect their people in all disasters:

- Some disasters are unimaginable.
- Helping the victims is a must.

Conclusion: a summary of the main ideas in the article, your opinion and final comment.

For many years natural disasters have been humans' greatest enemy. Humans have no control over them. Some people think that a government solely is responsible for protecting its citizens, while others oppose this by saying that individuals play an essential role in safeguarding themselves. This essay will provide a detailed evaluation of the matter before coming to an appropriate conclusion.

According to me, the government can be blamed for a disaster that was predicted and could have been averted. For example, a region that has high a rainfall prediction has a high possibility of being flooded. Such regions should have more dams built which can control the excess water due to rain. Similarly, regions with low rainfall prediction should have provided facilities like water supplies so that the people can get adequate water for drinking, farming, etc.

However, a government may not be able to protect their people in all disasters. Some natural disasters occur beyond our imagination and cannot be anticipated such as a tsunami, a volcanic eruption or a hurricane. The aftermath of such disasters is always devastating. A government should take immediate steps to rescue the victims and provide aid to minimise the catastrophe. In such cases, what a government can do is to allocate a budget and manpower to help the victim of the natural disaster. Thus, the destructive outcome of the natural calamities can often be reduced.

In conclusion, I feel that government should be responsible for the safety of its people but in some cases, it fails to do so against nature.