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Part 1: Introduction

How to use this book

All the essays in this book use the strategies and tips available on www.ielts7.guru. The first thing you need to do is look at: [The Task 2 Writing How-to Guide](#)

The best approach is to use the samples to look at how the following are used:

- A direct introduction
- Topic Sentences
- Overall structure
- Natural coherence and organisation
- A clear conclusion

Follow this approach:

1. Look at an example essay and notice the structure, topic sentences, and how ideas are supported.
2. Brainstorm your own ideas to the question. It doesn't matter if you reuse ones from the examples.
3. Write your own answer to the same question using many phrases and patterns from the example. Time yourself. Make a note of where you are when you reach 35 minutes, but then continue until you have finished your conclusion.
4. Use another five minutes to read through your essay using the checklist on the next page.
5. Repeat this process with other examples of the same general essay type. This will increase your familiarity with the phrases. Over time, your writing speed and language will improve.
6. Remember, although it is often suggested that you spend 40 minutes on Task 2, it doesn't actually matter. The main thing is that you have enough time to plan, write, and edit. It is a good idea to get into this habit now so that you don't have a problem in the exam.

Note: this book is written in British English. However, you can use American spelling and usage if you like. The key thing is to be consistent when you write in the exam.

Good luck with your IELTS Study!

Remember, if you need more help with preparing for your IELTS exam, or you are looking at improving your academic writing while at University, contact us here at www.ielts7.guru!



List of essay questions

“Advantage and disadvantage” essay questions

1. Some people prefer to live in a house, while others feel that there are more advantages to living in an apartment. Are there more advantages than disadvantages with living in house compared with living in an apartment?
2. It is common for larger companies to require their staff to wear uniforms at all times. What are the benefits for a company of having a uniform? How can a uniform benefit the staff?
3. Every year many countries seek to host international sporting competitions, such as the Olympics. What benefits does hosting an international sports competition bring to the host country? Do you think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?
4. Online shopping is growing in popularity. What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping online for both individuals and companies?
5. It has become increasingly popular for people to eat pre-prepared food either out or at home. What are the advantages of eating in this way? What problems can it cause?
6. Renewable energy, such as solar and wind power, have shown great promise. However, they have often disappointed in practice. What are the advantages and disadvantages of these forms of power generation compared to fossil fuels?

“Opinion essay” / “Thesis essay“ essay questions

1. In the fight against crime, police forces and governments are increasingly using security cameras in public places. Some people are opposed to this, saying that it invades our privacy. What do you think?
2. New technologies and ways of buying and selling are transforming the lives of consumers. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?
3. Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries and contributes a great deal to economies around the world. However, the damage tourism can cause to local cultures and the environment is often ignored. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
4. The Internet allows us to stay connected with each other no matter where we are. On the other hand, it also isolates us and encourages people not to socialise. To what extent do you agree or disagree ?
5. Some people think that school children need to learn practical skills such as car maintenance or bank account management along with the academic subjects at school. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
6. Space exploration is much too expensive and the money should be spent on more important things. Do you agree?

Advantages / Disadvantages Essay 1: Housing

Question:

Some people prefer to live in a house, while others feel that there are more advantages to living in an apartment. Are there more advantages than disadvantages with living in house compared with living in an apartment?

Recently, many people have become more concerned about whether they should live in an apartment or in a house. The question is, which is better?

On the one hand, there are several reasons why living in an apartment is superior. First, they are smaller than houses, which means they tend to be much easier to look after and keep clean. This is especially helpful if you are busy working and entertaining and therefore are not interested in maintenance. Second, since they are smaller, apartments are generally much cheaper. As a result, they are a good option if you are flatting as a student, or if you are planning a place to buy as your first home.

On the other hand, living in a house may be more beneficial in some situations. To start with, they are often better for families with young children who need space to run around, because they generally have an outside front or back yard. Another reason is that modern houses tend to be quieter than apartments as the latter pack more people into multiple floors in a building. Finally, in many cities, buying and living in a house is an excellent investment, and it is partly for this reason that many people aspire to buying a home as they age.

In conclusion, the choice of living in either an apartment or a house totally depends on your current situation, especially your age, wealth, and whether or not you have children. Therefore, there is not one correct answer.

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Structure

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[Conclusion]