

STUDY ENGLISH

IELTS PREPARATION

ACTIVITY SHEET EPISODE 6: QUESTION TASKS AND TOPICS IN WRITING

Practise and consolidate your learning about by completing our activities. The answers for all activities are on the last 2 pages.

ACTIVITY 1

Tick (✓) the ideas that are relevant to the topic.

Topic 1: Home-schooling is better for a child.

Advantages	Disadvantages
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> control what the child learns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not taught by a professional teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it's expensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> don't know how the child is progressing in relation to other students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> protect the child from negative influences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inexpensive

Topic 2: Living in the city is more beneficial than life in the countryside.

Agree	Disagree
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more employment opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more pollution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> overcrowded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stressful
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> more entertainment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited health facilities and services
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Topic 3: People are losing their identity, culture and traditions because of globalisation.

Effects	Solutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> introduction of fast foods to the detriment of traditional foods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce the greenhouse gases
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Topic 4: Industrialised countries should assist poorer nations financially.

Agree	Disagree
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> it's a humane thing to do 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> they have their own poor and homeless people to help
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Topic 5: Living abroad for an extended period of time can be problematic.

Problems	Solutions
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ACTIVITY 2

Choose the appropriate cause/effect word or phrase to complete the sentences.

caused by	because	cause of	a result of	due to
leads to	consequence of	caused	effects of	cause

- The country road was blocked _____ the landslide.
- John's promotion came _____ he worked hard.
- An increase in interest rates _____ a decrease in property sales.
- The landslide was _____ heavy rain.
- It is well documented that the increase in diabetes is _____ poor dietary habits.
- Bad economic policies were the _____ negative growth and serious shortages.
- Being obese may _____ serious health problems.
- Poor sleeping habits can be the _____ stress and workload.
- The explosion _____ massive damage to the factory.
- The task asked for the _____ global warming.

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3. leads to
4. caused by
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6. cause of
7. cause
8. consequence of
9. caused
10. effects of