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Summary

This document contains a possible answer to an original IELTS Writing Task 2 for General Training. The answer provided was written in a formal style and can also be used as a guide for IELTS Academic writing Task 2. Some advice about how to prepare and tackle the Task 2 in the Writing test are provided before the Sample question. Note: The sample question is a Type 3 question (see Notes about the Exam in General section).

In general this document may be useful for,

This paper can be used as an example as how to write an essay for the Task 2. It should provide a general guideline about a good answer in terms of structure, ideas and language (formal) used. The candidate has to keep in mind that this is only one example approaches out of many possibilities.

Notes about the Exam in General

The essay in Task 2 must be of at least 250 words written in about 40 minutes. Note that the examinee has 60 minutes for the whole Writing Test (Task 1 and Task 2). It is advised to spend 20 minutes on the first part and 40 minutes. Task 2 is worth twice as much as Task 1 for the candidate's total score in the Writing test. The students taking the IELTS test are responsible of managing their own time.

The key to successful essay writing is 'lots of practice, lots of guidance and lots of patience'.

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CRUCIAL INFORMATION TO MAXIMISE PERFORMANCE

1. Be aware of the time available for each section (use a watch to time yourself at exams and during practice)
2. You will be penalized if you write less than the required 250 words. However, do not exaggerate (such as writing 500 words). Time your practice and count the words when you finish.
3. Either allow 5 minutes at the end for a review of the whole essay, or review while you are writing. It helps to reduce the number of grammatical mistakes
4. “Plan your work, and work your plan”; it helps to structure your essay and allows you to know how many arguments (with examples) you are providing to the reader.