

Writing - Global issues and opportunities

Task 2 : Answers



Writing Task 2

1

- 1 Negative
- 2 Causes, measures
- 3 Give reasons and examples

2

Outline A

causes: cost of accommodation, shortage of land, migration of people to cities

solutions: subsidize accommodation, more tower blocks with flats, economies in the rural areas improved/revitalized

Outline B

causes: cost of accommodation, shortage of land

solutions: provide cheaper accommodation, revitalize the economies in the rural areas

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The solutions and causes are similar:

A has three causes and three solutions with a cause and solution in each paragraph

B has two causes in one paragraph followed by paragraphs with one solution in each

-The organization is a matter of preference

Suggesting causes and solutions

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Possible answers

- 1 man-made pollution/(natural) climate change
- 2 human actions
- 3 population increases, fewer resources, greater life expectancy
- 4 pressure from agriculture/population increases/climate change

2

- a Governments ought to encourage people to ...
- b Protection order can be put on ...
- c Water desalination plants might work in ...
- d I think that more trees should be planted ...

3

- 1 d
- 2 b
- 3 a
- 4 c

Developing a topic sentence

1

- 1 reason
- 2 contrast
- 3 result
- 4 example
- 5 purpose
- 6 result
- 7 concession

2

- 1 because
- 2 Yet
- 3 therefore
- 4 For example
- 5 in order to
- 6 then
- 7 Although

3

Adverbs: however, nevertheless, though, nonetheless, still, even so
Conjunctions: though, although, but, while, even if, much as
Both: yet

4

- 1 However,
- 2 but/although
- 3 While/Although
- 4 Even if/Though
- 5 Even so/Nonetheless

Towns and cities around the world are much less healthy for their inhabitants compared to the past. This situation is the direct result of several factors, but many approaches exist to address the issue.

One reason for the problem is greater population density combined with increased traffic, which, in turn, cause pollution, like air and noise, as well as stress. For example, many countries worldwide, not just in Europe, are becoming more urbanized as people move to cities because of the entertainment and education facilities available, along with greater work opportunities. As a result, city life is considerably less wholesome now both physically and mentally than for previous generations.

To make city environments healthier; however, several important steps can be taken. For example, urban areas can be made greener by introducing more green spaces, even if they are only micro-gardens with a few trees, shrubs and seats. This can lead to both cleaner air and reduced stress. The problem can also be addressed by public and private buildings being made greener with the creation of roof gardens for people to relax in.

Having transport systems that are efficient, cheap and comfortable is another way of ensuring that cities are healthy places. Such a measure will also enhance the quality of city life by reducing air pollution and stress on the roads as people are drawn to using the transport system. Attractive buildings that integrate work and living conditions as well as facilities like leisure, health and education set in attractive open spaces, can also lead to improvements in the health of the urban environment.

Thus, despite cities being less healthy than in the past, the root causes can be tackled with several simple strategies.

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Comments

The response meets the requirements of the task, because it is more than 250 words; it is divided into five clear paragraphs with an introduction linked to the task; the first body paragraph deals with causes and the next two paragraphs with solutions; each body paragraph is connected to the introduction with the use of a topic sentence. The conclusion then summarizes the response.

