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Writing: Task 2 Technology - now and then Answers



TECHNOLOGY

THEN
AND
NOW



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- 1 Positive: the first part (*Some people believe ...*)
Negative: the second part (*... while others think ...*)

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- a positive
- b negative
- c negative
- d positive

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- a more inconvenient/less convenient/greater inconvenience
- b harmless for society
- c affecting production at work positively
- d (more) impractical

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Brainstorming:

where you write down as many ideas associated with the topic as you can, often in a limited time.

Word association:

where you write down words that you associate with a word or idea; using perspectives such as educational, social, financial, environmental, economical, technological.

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Introduction 1: is quite short and covers only the two points of view and does not state the writer's position/stance/opinion.

Introductions 2 and 3: They cover all three elements of the question; both points of view and the writer's own opinion.

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Add another sentence:

- Personally, I think it is a mixture of both.
- Personally, I think that technology is largely beneficial.



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	Example	Reason	Result
Adverb	for example		As a result
Conjunction		because	
Other	like, such as		

	Additional information	Purpose	Contrast
Adverb	Moreover		However
Conjunction		in order to	
Other			

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for instance/Take, for example, ...

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Conjunction/contrast: but, although

Conjunction/reason: since, as

Adverb/additional information: similarly, furthermore, also

Adverb/result: consequently, so, therefore

Other/purpose: to



Model answer

Technology is seen by some people as the key to success for young students. Others, however, argue that it has a negative impact, but I think technology is a positive force for the young as they study.

Some are of the opinion that the role played by technology in the studying process for the young is very important, because compared to the past, studying is now much more efficient and convenient. For example, recent advances in areas such as mobile technology mean that information can now be accessed at any time and anywhere, thus reducing the effort students need to devote researching for essay and studies, in general.

Others, however, believe that the negative effect technology can have on young people's studies is not insignificant. They argue that far from improving the way young people deal with knowledge as they study, technology is, in effect, harming the thinking process. Their argument is that students' thinking is being done by laptops and tablets. As a result, they are unable to analyze and use the information they encounter, which can damage their education.

Personally, I feel that technology is useful for young students nowadays. As well as improving the studying process, technology allows young people to manipulate the vast amounts of knowledge they encounter via the Internet and in libraries. Without technology, in fact, preparing for exams and studying would both be impractical, because they would not be able to look at, process and examine the vast amounts of information at their finger tips.

As we have seen, while the effect of technology on young people's studies is seen as both positive and negative, on balance I think it is a valuable tool.

Word count: 281 words

Comments

The response to the task clearly follows the organization required in the task. There is an introduction and each of the two views has a separate paragraph with supporting ideas. The third paragraph explains the writer's opinion against the background of the first two body paragraphs with the conclusion connecting the former to the introduction and the task.

