



WT2 – Two-part question essay

Writing TASK 2 – Two-part question essay: Model answer

Many different styles of music can be found around the world. Why is music so important in our lives? Is the established traditional music of a nation more important than the modern, universal music that has become so widespread nowadays?

It is clear that music is immensely popular all around the world, and as a result there are many different genres. Music is a necessary part of lives for various reasons, and I would argue that traditional music should be valued more than the modern, international music that has become so ubiquitous.

Music plays an essential part in our lives for a number of reasons. It can be used as an educational tool to learn language. Young children in particular enjoy listening to music and singing in groups, but they can also learn the alphabet and new words through songs. Another reason why music is so important is because it provides a form of entertainment and helps people to relax. Many people enjoy listening to music with friends, whereas others prefer to unwind on their own while listening to their favourite artist. Lastly, music makes life more colourful and interesting. This is because it encourages diversity, and can be used to create the desired atmosphere in places such as restaurants or nightclubs. In fact, it is hard to imagine a world without music, as it would be very dull.

Although globalised, modern varieties of music might be more popular, particularly with younger generations, my opinion is that the time-honoured music of individual countries should be given greater importance. International music is often catchy, but can have negative effects on young people if it contains inappropriate content such as bad language or glorification of violence. In contrast, traditional music such as Flamenco in Spain or Gagaku in Japan reflects and preserves the cultural identity of a nation. Many songs give an insight into life in the past or remember historical events such as wars or gaining independence, so need to be protected for future generations so that they can have a better understanding of their past history.

In conclusion, music is clearly indispensable in our lives, and I believe that the original music of a nation should be given greater recognition and value than modern music.



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