

PRACTICE

Section

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This part helps you to check how much you have understood by doing the exercises below.

- ▶ Exercise 1 Gap-fill
- ▶ Exercise 2 Choosing the correct options

▶ Exercise 1 (IELTS Writing – Task 2)

Fill each space with an appropriate conjunction or adverb given below to complete the sentence. (There may be more than one correct answer for each space.)

while in addition furthermore
moreover for example although such as
nevertheless however on the other hand

1. Some people think that the economy is important for us all. Others, _____, take the opposite view.
2. _____ business and finance play an important role in modern society, art and culture are also vital.
3. On the one hand, some people suggest we need to work in order to survive. _____, it could also be said that we should strike a balance in our lives.
4. It has become increasingly common for employers to freeze wages, rather than offer pay raises. _____, employees who value job security are reluctant to hand in their notice.
5. More and more employees work from home nowadays due to the advances in communications technology. _____, using the Internet means messages can be sent and received almost instantly.
6. _____ salaries are low, the economy will continue to decline.
7. Employers are focused on maximising profits. _____, they are reluctant to spend money on providing perks, _____ free medical care or meals.
8. Heavy fines should be imposed for corporations which break the law by dumping toxic waste. _____, jail sentences should be given to repeat offenders.

Notes

★ opposite *a* ngược lại

★ finance *n* tài chính

★ vital *a* vô cùng quan trọng

★ survive *v* tồn tại, sống còn

★ common *a* thường thấy

★ reluctant *a* miễn cưỡng

★ instantly *adv* ngay lập tức

★ toxic *a* độc hại

► Exercise 2 (IELTS Writing – Task 2)

Choose the correct option from each of the underlined parts in the passage.

There are several reasons why unemployment has risen in many countries. (1) Firstly / But / Although, many jobs which were previously done by manual labourers are now done by machines. (2) And / For example / Due to, employment opportunities for blue-collar workers are scarce nowadays due to the use of robots in factories. (3) Similarly / As well / Nevertheless, computerisation in offices results in lower demand for white-collar staff. (4) In addition / In contrast / And another thing is, fewer job opportunities may lead to lower wages and create a downturn in the economy. (5) As a result / On the contrary / In other words, there are fewer positions in service industries such as restaurants. (6) If / But / In other words, this creates a vicious circle (7) whereas / because / although more employees are made redundant and fewer companies recruit staff in a variety of sectors.

- ★ unemployment *n* tình trạng thất nghiệp
- ★ previously *adv* trước đây
- ★ opportunity *n* cơ hội
- ★ scarce *a* hiếm
- ★ robot *n* rôbốt
- ★ wage(s) *n* lương công nhật/tuần
- ★ redundant *a* dư thừa

★ Teacher's Tip

A good way to improve your grammar and vocabulary is to read regularly. Reading articles from newspapers and magazines can also help you to come up with ideas quickly in the real test.

► Exercise 2 (IELTS Speaking - Part 3)

Fill the spaces in the following answers with more/most, fewer/fewest, or less/least.

A. How could environmental problems be solved?

Actually, I think (1) _____ pollution is caused by private vehicles, so if we could encourage people to use their cars (2) _____, that would be the best way. Another idea would be to encourage (3) _____ companies to let their employees work from home. If (4) _____ employers allowed telecommuting, it would mean (5) _____ cars on the roads.

B. Some people think the best way to improve the economy would be to create more jobs. What do you think about that idea?

I'm not sure that I totally agree with that. I mean, if the government had to pay (1) _____ wages to people, then citizens would need to pay (2) _____ tax. Then they would have (3) _____ money to spend in shops and that would cause (4) _____ problems. Personally, I suspect that the best way would be to increase salaries. (5) _____ people nowadays get very low wages. If (6) _____ people were on low wages, and the (7) _____ well-off paid less tax, then businesses would make (8) _____ profits.

Notes

- ★ private *a* tư, riêng
- ★ encourage *v* khuyến khích
- ★ allow *v* cho phép
- ★ telecommute *v* làm việc từ nhà

- ★ tax *n* thuế
- ★ personally *ad* theo cá nhân tôi
- ★ suspect *v* ngờ (rằng...)
- ★ profit *n* lợi nhuận