EXERCISE 7

Read the IELTS Writing Task 2 question.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for countries where governments spend a lot of money on museums and landmarks.

Then look at the six-question plan that a student wrote for this task.

Read the essay and find the information to complete the student's notes.

There is no doubt that some nations do not earn enough income to support their cultural attractions. In my opinion, these countries should spend most money on the museums and landmarks that will provide the highest profit for the country. In this essay, I am going to discuss some of the difficulties associated with not looking after museums and landmarks and give some possible answers to them.

On the one hand, it might be difficult for countries without high tax incomes to look after their museums and landmarks. Some countries need to spend money first on schools and hospitals. This might cause famous paintings or monuments to be damaged or for people to forget about their country's history. For example, in 2011 I visited a Roman town in Algeria called Tipasa. The government does not have enough money to support it and so the local people do not learn much about it.

On the other hand, spending money on cultural attractions can make a profit. Famous museums and landmarks attract tourists and these visitors spend a lot of money. The people then pay more taxes and the government has more money to spend on things like healthcare. In Greece most tourists who go to Athens want to visit the Acropolis where they spend money in gift shops and cafés. It is, therefore, important that the Greek government looks after the Acropolis.

In conclusion, if countries without a lot of money pay for the cultural attractions that will make the most profit for the country, they can then spend that money on important services like healthcare.

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1. *Who* am I writing about?
   Nations which do not earn enough income to support their cultural _____ .
2. *What* are the problems?
   Some countries need to spend money first on _____ and hospitals.

What are the solutions?
Nations without a lot of money should at least pay for the cultural attractions that will make the most _____ for the country.

3. *Why* is it important to find solutions?
   If countries don't support their cultural attractions, this might cause famous paintings or _____ to be damaged or people to forget about their _____ .
4. *Where* will I write about?
   Tipasa in _____ . The _____ in Athens, Greece.
5. *How* does the solution work?
   Spending money on cultural attractions can make a profit. Famous museums and landmarks attract tourists and these _____ spend a lot of money.
6. *My* opinion?
   If countries without a lot of money pay for the cultural attractions that will make the most profit for the _____ , they can then spend that money on important services like _____ .

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