

Useful Vocabulary for the Essay

Match the words in A with the definitions in B.

A	B
(1) exacerbate(v.)	(a) something that people believe that is not true
(2) inconceivable (adj.)	(b) possible
(3) feasible (adj.)	(c) not possible
(4) (a) misconception (n.)	(d) to make worse

A	B
(1) (the) optimum (n.)	(a) current, relating to society today
(2) detrimental (adj.)	(b) impossible to prevent from happening
(3) unavoidable (adj.)	(c) the best possible
(4) contemporary (adj.)	(d) harmful

A	B
(1) indispensable (adj.)	(a) absolutely necessary
(2) attainable (adj.)	(b) never having happened before
(3) ascertain (v.)	(c) to find out
(4) unparalleled (adj.)	(d) possible to get or achieve in the future

A	B
(1) principal (adj.)	(a) very important
(2) vulnerable (adj.)	(b) main
(3) unprecedented (adj.)	(c) easily harmed or damaged
(4) vital (adj.)	(d) never having happened before

A	B
(1) crucial (adj.)	(a) possible
(2) viable (adj.)	(b) much better than or very different from what is considered to be normal
(3) exceptional (adj.)	(c) certain to happen
(4) inevitable (adj.)	(d) very important

A	B
(1) deteriorate (v.)	(a) to be able to continue into the future
(2) beneficial (adj.)	(b) believable
(3) credible (adj.)	(c) to get worse
(4) sustainable (adj.)	(d) to have positive effects

Complete the sentences below with the words above. You may have to change the form of some of the words so that they fit into the sentence grammatically. More than one word may fit.

1. Some research suggests that the _____ number of students in an English class is eight. Students in classes of this size get the best results.
2. All food, with the exception of honey, _____ over time. Honey, on the other hand, never goes bad.
3. It is _____ that you get a good night's sleep before the IELTS exam. If you do, you will be fresh and perform better in the exam.
4. To get a band nine in the IELTS exam is _____. It is possible, however.
5. Advertising should not be directed at young people as they are particularly _____.
6. Using fossil fuels has a _____ effect on the environment. They pollute the atmosphere and cause global warming.
7. The use of renewable energy, such as solar and wind power, on the other hand, would have a _____ effect on the environment.
8. Furthermore, the use of fossil fuels is not _____, as the supply of oil and coal will eventually be exhausted.
9. Forest fires are a problem in some parts of the world. A strong wind will fan the flames of the fire and _____ the situation.
10. No matter how careful you are, some accidents are _____. They just can't be prevented.
11. The _____ ingredient of steak tartare is raw beef.
12. It was decided that the proposed new airport was not _____, as it would cost too much to build.