

SAMPLE ESSAY 2

Read the essay and put the sentences into the correct place.

Universities should accept equal numbers of male and female students in every subject. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

- A. Having the same number of men and women on all degree courses is simply unrealistic.
- B. However, I do not agree with the idea of accepting equal proportions of each gender in every university subject
- C. It would be both impractical and unfair to change to a selection procedure based on gender.
- D. I also believe that it would be unfair to base admission to university courses on gender.

In my opinion, men and women should have the same educational opportunities. (1).....

(2) Student numbers on any course depend on the applications that the institution receives. If a university decided to fill courses with equal numbers of males and females, it would need enough applicants of each gender. In reality, many courses are more popular with one gender than the other, and it would not be practical to aim for equal proportions. For example, nursing courses tend to attract more female applicants, and it would be difficult to fill these courses if fifty per cent of the places needed to go to males.

Apart from the practical concerns expressed above, (3)..... Universities should continue to select the best candidates for each course according to their qualifications. In this way, both men and women have the same opportunities, and applicants know that they will be successful if they work hard to achieve good grades at school. If a female student is the best candidate for a place on a course, it is surely wrong to reject her in favour of a male student with lower grades or fewer qualifications.

In conclusion, the selection of university students should be based on merit, and (4).....

Read the essay and fill in the blanks with one most suitable word

Government alone cannot be expected to solve environmental problems. It is also the responsibility of businesses and individuals to help. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

It is agreed that our environmental problems need to be solved;, there is argument over who should solve them. Some people feel that only the government should be responsible for finding solutions to these issues, but the problems that exist are so large and, therefore, overcoming them requires joint efforts from government, as well asand individuals.

Solving environmental problems is expensive and the financial burden on governments alone is high. As businesses are often responsible for causing some of the environmental problems, they should help with the cost of the problems. This could be done by contributing funds or by implementing new systems to minimise further pollution.

..... reason that solving our environmental problems requires joint contribution
that action and effortneeded. The government can money on campaigns or
introduce taxes; however, slowing or stopping the problems requires effort from all. If businesses
do notpolluting and individuals do not minimise their waste, no advertising campaign
..... be effective.

....., the government does have the power to make an enormous impactthe
environment and without government intervention, change would probably not happen. The
introduction of the carbon tax in Australia is anof government action helping solve
environmental problems. However,all parties contributing, this change would not be
effective.

In conclusion, the government does need to be the leader in solving ourproblems, but
it needs theassistance and the efforts of businesses and individuals to make any long-
term, effective change to the problems that exist.