



IELTS WRITING- Discuss both views

**Topic:** You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

It is commonly believed that nowadays main factors that affect a child's development are media, pop culture and friends. A different point of view is that family plays the most significant role.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Write at least 250 words.

Read 3 samples and give them suitable marks: **6.0- 6.5-8.0**

Sample 1

Sample 2

Sample 3

**SAMPLE 1:** .....

It is often held that teachers, peers and the media have a significant influence on the life of children. While some people argue that these factors are predominant in shaping a child's future, others believe that parents impact their offspring in more critical ways. This essay will discuss both these points of view and argue in favour of the latter.

On the one hand, the books children read and the music they listen to form their belief system. In other words, children tend to copy the behaviour of their favourite personality or fictional character. Moreover, when little ones work and play in groups, they are influenced by their peers. Finally, other factors, like the media, prompt children to want things regarded as fashionable. For instance, children demand toys that they see on television.

On the other hand, a child's personality is malleable at a very young age, and parents are always present in their life at this stage. Also, very young children love to imitate. For example, children who come from a dysfunctional family often exhibit behavioural problems at school. An emotionally secure environment at home is critical for the child's confidence. Moreover, parents also teach children about setting boundaries.

In my opinion, children's choice of friends, books or music depends on the values instilled in them by their parents. Therefore, parents hold more substantial sway over their offspring than media, pop culture and friends circle.

In conclusion, the outside world influences the intellectual and social development of children. However, I believe that it is parents who set the stage for these developments by laying a strong foundation from a very young age.

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**SAMPLE 2:** .....

Nowadays, it's widely accepted that there are two existing factors that can affect children's upbringing. In this essay, I'll discuss both of them, the role that family plays and the environment/entourage influence.

According to the New York psychology institute, family ties and relationship between siblings and parents does have a big influence on their behaviour. According to their research, immediate family relationship with their child makes up around 78 percent of the influence on a kid's nature from the age of 2 to 12. As an example, it can seem logical that a little boy at the age of 6 can behave as same as his father; talk in the same manner, adopt some habits or try to act as same as him. That happens all because that little boy sees him as a role model. The toddlers are very vulnerable to everything that happens around them, as they absorb the information very quickly. As a result, they can apply experience psychological traumas which can lead to phobias in the future.

On the other hand, children's development could also be affected by media, pop culture and friends. For instance, a teenager may start to behave rebelliously as they don't find their parents or elder siblings interesting anymore and try to communicate with their fellows, gain some information from TV, radio, internet or even gossip. This information is sometimes taken without filters or censors, so it can be both effective and destructive to the child. According to Forbes research, at this age, they don't fully understand the consequences of the wrong information they are taking since they don't have enough experience to navigate life.

I believe that both of the views mentioned above have a place to exist for the possibilities of happening, as children's nature does need to go through all the difficulties to be strengthened.

To conclude, it is definitely clear that both of the above-mentioned factors affect children's behavior but they influence them in different ways.

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**SAMPLE 3:** .....

The development of children is the foundation of a better future. Whether the external environment such as friends , social media or the internal factor influences an infant's growth ,is always a matter of concern among people. I believe that children's guardians come first in development.

On the one hand, In this globalization era, nobody left social media. In a matter of children , this is an age group, that is largely affected by the social environment. This is because they are surrounded by the external world at home in enormous ways. The visualization 24/7 of different content on different social platforms changes the thinking of infants. For example, a report published by Times India a leading newspaper in India revealed that easy access to the Internet for children influences decision-making power more than parental advice. Apart from this, friends are considered second family .Children with them feel more freedom .Consequently, they give more preference to their friend's views in life.

On the other hand, family is the first teacher for everyone. The environment given by parents always encourages children to choose their life or future. The upbringing comes in handy to decide wrong and right in future. Therefore, the ways the social environment affects a child rely on the family environment. It cannot be denied that external factors play a role in children 's success, however, how a person is impacted by social help depends on upbringing.

In conclusion, Although , external factors somehow influences the children's mind, family background and nurturing always comes first place.

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