Writing Ex. > Integrated Task (Homeschooling)

Task 1 > Read the passage. Note the topic and the main points that are used to support the topic.

Homeschooling is becoming more and more popular in the United States. Parents who decide to homeschool their children keep their children out of traditional classrooms with one teacher and twenty to thirty or more children in each room. These parents educate their children by themselves in the home.

This move toward homeschooling does not seem to be best for the children who are homeschooled. For one thing, children in homeschools will not learn as much as children in traditional schools. This is because traditional schools demand that students learn a huge amount of material to pass from grade to grade. Homeschools are not set up in such a way that they can demand, as traditional schools do, that students master a certain amount of material before they pass on to a new level. For another, children in homeschools do not have much social interaction with other children. Children in homeschools do not have a classroom full of students to interact with, as children in traditional schools most certainly do. Children in homeschools generally have only a parent and perhaps a few siblings to interact with on a regular basis. Finally, children in homeschools will not have the broad curriculum that is available in traditional schools. Traditional schools offer a wide variety of subjects, more subjects than it is possible to offer in a homeschool. Traditional schools have an established and wide-ranging curriculum that cannot possibly be matched in a homeschooling environment.

TOPIC: _____

MAIN POINTS about the topic:

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Task 1.1 > Listen to an academic passage of 1-2 minutes. Take notes on the topic and the main points.

TOPIC: _____

MAIN POINTS about the topic:

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Task 2 > Read the question carefully and plan the response. The question will mostly ask how the information in the listening passage *adds to (supports)*, or *casts doubt on (challenges)*, or *contrasts (differs from)* the information in the reading passage.

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Task 3 > Think about writing an **overall topic statement** (*a sentence that shows how the information in the reading passage and the information in the listening passage are related.*) It should include the terminology *adds to*, *supports*, *casts doubt on*, or *challenges* from the question. It does not include all the details about the topic.

1. In this set of materials, the reading passage _____

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   and the listening passage _____

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Task 4 > Write a supporting paragraph on the reading passage. It must state the topic and the main points of the reading passage as **briefly** as possible.

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Task 5 > Write a supporting paragraph on the listening passage. It must indicate the topic and the main points of the listening passage, and it should **also relate** the ideas in the listening passage to the ideas in the reading passage.

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