

Read the essay and answer the questions

The UAE is no stranger to world renowned architecture; in fact, there are too many striking buildings to mention. There is a question or debate, however, on whether architecture is a true art form. Can we compare the Gate Towers building in Abu Dhabi to a work of art by Picasso, for example. The detail and design that has gone into every inch of a building is enormous and therefore, architecture must truly be considered a work of art.

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3. To capture the attention of the audience

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Good architecture brings art into our everyday life. It may not be its main function, but when we see a beautiful house or building, we engage with the building and imagine ourselves living there. Moreover, landmark buildings can draw visitors to them just as art galleries do. Artists and architects differ greatly when it comes to how they work. Artists turn real life ideas or images into abstract, sometimes difficult to understand ideas. While architecture does the opposite, from abstract ideas into real tangible buildings, both require imagination and creativity.

The opposing view argues that architecture is, at its heart, functional. Its primary purpose is practical i.e. to provide shelter. Picture 1 below, a block of apartments/flats, is hardly what most would consider art. But functionality and creativity can be combined to produce something beautiful as in the main picture or picture 2.

The arts and architecture share many qualities, as they both focus on the form, proportion, texture and colour. They both require imagination and creativity; beyond this, architects have to transfer the clients' ideas into functional beautiful places. In this sense, architecture is absolutely an art form, perhaps the best form of art!

What type of essay is it?

1. Narrative
2. Argumentative/Persuasive
3. Expository

