UNIT 6

WRITING

Exercise 1. Match the university subjects in the box with the people who studied each subject.

education	engineering	law	medicine	nursing	politics
psychology	veterinary medicine				

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Exercise 2. Read the IELTS Writing Task 2 question.

Many people think it is important to go to university while others prefer to start work without getting a university education. Discuss both choices and give your opinion.

Put the parts of the essay plan in the correct order.

Essay Plan

Main Paragraph 2: Fact

Main Paragraph 1: Fact

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Main Paragraph 1: Reasons or examples

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Introduction

Main Paragraph 2: Reasons or examples

Exercise 3. Read the IELTS Writing Task 2 question again. Then complete the student's essay plan. Use the words and phrases in the box.

get a degree in Law	*get a degree in Medicine*	*go*	*going*

have a university education	*improve your knowledge*	*manage a business*

require a degree	*run*	*studying*

Essay Plan

Introduction: a lot of people want to _____

Main Paragraph 1

Fact: true = there are advantages to _____ at university

Reasons or examples: if you _____, you can be a doctor

If you _____, you can be a lawyer

Also, a degree can _____ and ability

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Main paragraph 2

Fact: however, some jobs do not _____

Reasons or examples: a degree is not necessary if you want to _____ a shop or

_____

Also, _____ to university can be very expensive

Conclusion (with my opinion): a degree is necessary for some jobs but not others

I think you should _____ to university if you can

Exercise 4. Complete the essay. Use the words and phrases in the box.

addition	*conclusion*	*firstly*	*for example*	*in this essay*	*likewise*
nevertheless	*on the other hand*	*on the other hand*	*secondly*		

At the present time, a lot of people want to have a university education while others choose not go to university, and get a job instead. _____, I'm going to compare both of these options and then offer my own view.

_____, it is certainly that there are advantages to studying at university.

_____, certain jobs require certain degrees. If you want to a lawyer or a doctor, you will need to get a degree in Law or Medicine. _____, learning about something that interests you

can improve your knowledge. More, there are studies that show that getting a degree can help you learn how to ask questions and solve problems.

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However, _____, there are a lot of jobs that do not require a degree. As a result, some people prefer to start work as soon as they leave school without going to university.

_____, if you want to run a shop, it not necessary to get a degree in Psychology first.

_____, you do not have to study Engineering or Education in order to manage a business. In _____, university can be very expensive, so some people prefer to get a job instead of paying a lot of money.

In _____, there are definitely advantages to receiving a university education. A degree is necessary for certain jobs but not essential for others. _____, in my opinion, everyone who has the opportunity to go to university, should go.

Exercise 5. It is important not to repeat the same words or phrases too often in IELTS Writing Task 2. Using *synonyms* can help. Remember: *synonyms* are different words or phrases that mean the same thing as each other. Read the student's essay again. Match the words or phrases in bold from the essay with the *synonyms* in the box.

At the moment	At the present time_____
From another point of view	On the one hand _____
From one point of view	On the other hand_____
In my view	In conclusion_____
To conclude	In my opinion_____

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Exercise 6. Look at the words and phrases in bold in the student's essay. Complete the table with the correct words in the box.

From one point of view, it is certainly true that there are advantages to studying at university. Firstly, certain jobs require certain degrees. If it is certainly that there are advantages to studying at university, Firstly, certain jobs require certain degrees. If you want to a lawyer or a doctor, you will need to get a degree in Law or Medicine. secondly, learning about something that interests you can improve your knowledge. **Moreover,** there are studies that show that getting a degree can help you learn how to ask questions and solve problems.

However, from another point of view, there are a lot of jobs that do not require a degree. **As a result,** some people prefer to start work as soon as they leave school without going to university.

For instance, if you want to run a shop, it not necessary to get a degree in Psychology first.

Likewise, you do not have to study Engineering or Education in order to manage a business**. In addition**, university can be very expensive, so some people prefer to get a job instead of paying a lot of money.

To conclude, there are definitely advantages to receiving a university education. A degree is necessary for certain jobs but not essential for others. **Nevertheless**, in my opinion, everyone who has the opportunity to go to university, should go.

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likewise	*however*	*moreover*	*nevertheless*	*in addition*	*as a result*

also	**but**	**because of this**

Exercise 7. Choose the correct words or phrases to complete the sentences.

1. I like Maths but I *also/ as a result/ however* like Literature.

2. He was excellent in his interview. *But/ However/ Moreover*, he is the most qualified for the job.

3. I had a headache during the exam. *Also/ Because of this/ Nevertheless*, I answered all the questions.

4. My grandfather runs a business. *Also*/ *Because of this/ However*, I could easily go to work for him.

5. My sister always does her homework. *But/ However/ Likewise*, my brother always does his, too.

6. If you want to be a dentist, you need good grades. *Because of this/ In addition/ Nevertheless*, you must like working hard.

7. My father wants me to be an accountant *also/ because of this/ but* my mother wants me to be a musician.

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8. I didn't think I would get the job. *Also/ Because of this/ However*, they offered it to me the day after the interview.

9. My cousin failed his exams. *Also/ As a result/ However*, he has to repeat a year of university.

10. There are two advantages to my job: it's different every day and *also/ but/ however* I'm my own boss.

Exercise 8. Read the IELTS Writing Task 2 question.

Some people think that liking your job is more important than how much money you earn while others think that your salary is more important than how much you like your job. Compare the two views and give your opinion.

Decide whether the ideas below are advantages of earning a lot of money or liking your job. Choose the correct answers.

	An advantage of liking your job	**An advantage of earning a lot**
1 You can buy special gifts for your friends and family.	○	○
2 you might work harder and be more friendly.	○	○
3 you might stay in your job longer.	○	○
4 you can spend more money on your	○	○

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hobbies.		
5 You might be less stressed at work.	○	○
6 You can go on expensive holidays.	○	○

Exercise 9. WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people think that liking your job is more important than how much money you earn while others think that your salary is more important than how much you like your job. Compare the two views and give your opinion.

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

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