

EXERCISE 5

Read the IELTS Writing Task 2 question.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for countries where governments spend a lot of money on museums and landmarks.

Use the student's notes to help you complete the essay. Write the correct word or phrase in each gap.

Student's notes:

Introduction:

True = some governments use a lot of tax income for museums and landmarks. In my view, this has both good and bad points.

Advantages:

- 1 Provides rich cultural life
- 2 Increases happiness
- 3 Landmarks attract tourists

Disadvantages:

- 1 Less money for education and health
- 2 Some countries must choose between landmarks and schools/hospitals

Conclusion:

There are advantages and disadvantages. Although it is a good idea, I think services like healthcare are more important.

There is no doubt that governments of countries with enough money use a lot of tax income for museums and landmarks. In my view, _____ :

looking after the culture of any country is important but services like healthcare are more important. In this essay, I am going to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of supporting museums and landmarks financially and lastly, give my opinion.

On the one hand, governments spending taxes on museums and landmarks has clear advantages. Providing a _____ for the population increases national _____. Landmarks that are looked after well also _____. For example, a lot of Russians visit the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and think it is an important part of their country. The pyramids in Egypt are important to the local economy with lots of visitors staying in hotels nearby and going to shops and restaurants.

On the other hand, if the government spends taxes on museums and landmarks it has less money to spend on services like _____. Some countries that have famous _____ must choose between looking after them and spending the money on schools and _____. In Zimbabwe, for example, looking after the roads, paths and land near the Victoria Falls costs as much money as paying for several schools and medical centres.

In conclusion, there are _____ to a government supporting museums and landmarks with taxes. Although, I think _____, I think services like healthcare are more important.