

Exercise 9

Read the information. Then choose the most appropriate and relevant sentences to complete the ideas.

To achieve a higher band in the IELTS Writing test, your answers should fully address all parts of the task, be cohesive and use a range of grammar and vocabulary that is accurate, appropriate and relevant.

Many IELTS Writing Task 2 questions have two parts, and if you write lots of sentences about one part and only a few sentences about the other part, you will not sufficiently address all parts of the task. Moreover, if you simply list as many ideas as you can, you will only produce a list and not a cohesive academic essay.

However, overuse of semi-formal or academic cohesive words can lead to inappropriateness or inaccurate usage that will actually cause you to lose marks. In fact, semi-formal or academic writing in journals or textbooks uses these words in moderation.

1. There is a noticeable lack of support and training for developing the older generations' computer skills in society today.
 - I would argue that developing older people's computer literacy would help bridge the gap between the older and younger generations.
 - This would allow older people to feel more integrated into society.
2. The main drawback to this is that it is possibly leading to a lack of control of grammatical structures and spelling.
 - This has caused many academics, educators and politicians to express concern over this unwelcome development.
 - This in turn is causing problems for university professors and secondary school teachers with understanding students' work.
3. One serious problem that can arise from instant communication is that you are available to everyone at all times of the day.
 - Sometimes it can be extremely inconvenient to have to answer a call or reply to a message as you may be at the cinema, for example.
 - This can increase the productivity of workers and thus result in increased profits for the business.

4. A growing concern in society is that people are becoming alienated from those immediately around them.
 - I would argue that people are speaking to others less often than they did half a century ago because they are texting each other rather than chatting face-to-face.
 - I would say that people are gossiping with more people globally via text than chatting with their neighbours.
5. The benefits seem to far outweigh the perceived disadvantages of technological communication.
 - For example, I don't have to wait for ages for a reply to a letter that I wrote to a friend, which may take a few weeks or more.
 - For example, it is no longer necessary to wait for so-called snail mail in order to receive a response to an important business or personal issue.
6. I would argue that these are welcome innovations because they have led to easier communication between the people of different nations.
 - Some say that this has led to a greater understanding of each other's cultures, which may help to prevent possible future conflict.
 - Some say that this has led to people easily making global friends, and no one wants to fight wars any more.