Writing Ex. > Task 2 – Multi-cultural Society

A. Read the task and the model given. Complete the text writing ONE WORD in each blank.

> **When individuals with cultural differences work and live together, they are said to be living in a multi-cultural society.**
> **Do you believe that the advantages of living in a multi-cultural society outweigh the disadvantages?**

The question of whether the benefits of living in a multi-cultural society (1) _____ the drawbacks has been sparking debate for several years. Having individuals with different cultural backgrounds work and live together is beneficial on many levels. (2) _____, the advantages are greater than the disadvantages.

A variety of benefits are created by living and working in a diverse society. Multi-cultural environments allow people to broaden their (3) _____ of the world and of human nature. Different cultures produce different perspectives and ideas, which help people learn more about the world. Having people from (4) _____ parts of the world living together in the same region can provide excellent learning opportunities, as people are exposed to a variety of languages, cultures, and traditions.

(5) _____, individuals from a variety of cultural backgrounds benefit society in many other ways. Because of their multi-cultural nature, countries like Australia, the UK, and Canada run a variety of yearly events to celebrate the coming together of different (6) _____. These festivals serve as tourist attractions that boost the local economy, providing jobs and prosperity. These celebrations have the added effect of solidifying the area's identity and uniting people in celebration, (7) _____ arguably contributes to a healthier, happier society.

One potential stumbling block is if the situation is not managed correctly, and new communities do not become integrated. This can lead to a feeling of isolation which often causes conflict and resentment if not managed (8) _____. Furthermore, if communities become entrenched in specific areas within a city, and there are insufficient resources to serve all communities equally, this can (9) _____ in further conflict, as a feeling of injustice becomes widespread.

After taking into (10) _____ all the points made above, I do not see any significant disadvantages to living in a multi-cultural environment, provided the situation is managed correctly, and all communities are fully integrated. I believe that to develop as a society and prosper in the long term, we (11) _____ foster an atmosphere of respect and tolerance among cultures. Cultural diversity can enrich society (12) _____ many levels and force us to confront our prejudices. (344 words)

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