4. Some people believe that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the adviceof family and friends. Other people believe that the best way of learning about life is through personal experience. Compare the advantages of these two different ways of learning about life. Which do you think is preferable? Use specific examples to support your preference.

From my everyday experience and observation, I can say that the best way of learning about life is through personal experience. However, some people think that it is wiser to learn about life through listening to the advice of family and friends. It does not mean I totally disagree with this way of learning. Moreover, I think that it is wise for a person to take an intermediate position because each of these ways has its own advantages.

On the one hand, learning through one's personal experience brings many benefits. Firstly, scientists say that personal experience has a greater impact on a person. I have to agree with this. Take for example children. They will not believe their parents that something can hurt them until they try it and make sure of it. Furthermore, most likely they will remember this experience longer. Secondly, people learn how to analyse their mistakes, make conclusions, and next time try to avoid them. So, I think it is a broad experience that makes people stronger, more self-confident, and persistent. They gain more knowledge and experience that will be immensely helpful and valuable in the future.

On the other hand, listening to the advice of family and friends brings plenty of benefits too. Parents with great patience pass down their knowledge and experience to their children. They teach them all they know, and they want their children not to make the same mistakes. In addition to those practical benefits, learning from someone's advice is painless. For example, parents nowadays very often talk to their children about drugs. I think it is a fitting example when one should not try drugs in order to gain new experience.I think this is a case where children must trust their parents.

To sum up, I think it is wise to combine both ways of learning and try to analyse personal mistakes as well as not personal. I think together they can greatly simplify one's life.

THROUGH PERSISTENT BROAD TALK ABOUT AGREE WITH PLENTY PASS DOWN PASS DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATIONS.

into one side and out of the other side

(phrase) If something is passed down from generation to generation, it is given by older people to their children, who then give it to their children, and so on. These stories have been passed down from generation to generation.

comprehensive; far-reaching, wide

a lot, more than enough

Not giving up or stopping, stubborn

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To have the same opinion as someone else; to think that something is right.

give something to a younger person / other person

to discuss something

persistent	talk about	plenty of	through	broad	passed down	agree with

1. _____ dedicated study and hard work, she achieved her degree in economics.
2. The _____ efforts of teachers and students led to significant improvements in the school's performance.
3. The government's _____ curriculum ensures that students receive a well-rounded education.
4. Let's _____ the impact of technology on modern education.
5. I _____ the need for more funding in public schools.
6. There are _____ opportunities for vocational training in our community.
7. Traditional wisdom is often _____ from generation to generation.

A Comparative essay of Homeschooling and Public Schools

however	through	on the other hand	pass down	furthermore	firstly
moreover		on the one hand,	generation to generations		however

Education is a fundamental aspect of human development, shaping the minds of future generations. The choice between homeschooling and public schools significantly impacts a child's learning journey. _____ careful consideration of various factors, parents must decide which path best suits their child's needs.

_____, let's explore the benefits of homeschooling. Homeschooled students consistently perform well on standardized tests, scoring higher than their public-school counterparts. Also homeschooling fosters strong family bonds and emotional well-being. And additionally, families can _____ values, culture, and traditions directly from one generation to another.

_____, public schools have their own merits. For example, socialization and interaction with peers prepare children for real-world scenarios. Studying in public schools also offer guidance for college admissions. _____, public schools provide a diverse learning environment.

_____, homeschooling empowers families to tailor education, while _____, public schools offer structured socialization and broader experiences._____, both approaches contribute to the education, ensuring knowledge is passed down from_____.

In conclusion, the choice between homeschooling and public schools depends on individual preferences, emphasizing the importance of personalized learning and societal integration. _____, fostering a love for learning and critical thinking remains the ultimate goal, regardless of the chosen path.

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SIGNIFICANTLY FOSTER CONSISTENTLY DIVERSE APPROACH ENSURE PATH REGARDLESS OF

the course or direction in which a person or thing is moving.

encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable).

to make something certain to happen

in a sufficiently great or important way as to be worthy of attention.

a way of dealing with a situation or problem.

in every case or on every occasion; invariably.

without being influenced by any other events or conditions

showing a great deal of variety; very different.

Match synonyms and antonyms.

Synonym		Synonyms
	Persistent	**In and out**
	Talk about	**Wide / far-reaching**
	Plenty of	**Typically / regularly**
	Through	Determined/ stubborn
	Broad	**Discuss / debate**
	Pass down	**Much / abundance**
	Agree with	**Course / way / approach**
	Significantly	**Varied**
	Foster	**Proposal / way**
	Consistently	**Arrange / establish**
	Diverse	**Deliver**
	Approach	**consent**
	Ensure	**Essentially**
	Path	**Promote / encourage**
	Regardless of	**disregarding**
	Immense	**extremely large**

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Synonym		Antonym	
Determined/ stubborn	**Persistent**		**Withhold / reject**
Discuss / debate	**Talk about**		**Disagree with / refuse**
Much / abundance	**Plenty of**		**on the surface/ not important**
In and out	**Through**		**Discourage / halt**
Wide / far-reaching	**Broad**		**Weak / inconstant**
Deliver	**Pass down**		**Keep silence / overlook**
consent	**Agree with**		**attentive**
Essentially	**Significantly**		**Small / not important**
Promote / encourage	**Foster**		**Withdrawal**
Typically / regularly	**Consistently**		**Invalidate / reject**
Varied	**Diverse**		**never**
Proposal / way	**Approach**		**Same / similar**
Arrange / establish	**Ensure**		**Lack / little**
Course / way / approach	**Path**	-	-
disregarding	**Regardless of**		**Narrow / restricted**
extremely large	**Immense**		**Around**

Write an essay introduction – 3-4 sentences. Theme: Some people believe that the best way of learning about life is by listening to the adviceof family and friends. Other people believe that the best way of learning about life is through personal experience. Compare the advantages of these two different ways of learning about life. Use some of the words previous tasks.

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In many countries, sports and exercise classes are replaced with the academic subjects. Discuss the effects of this trend.

Over the past few decades, academic subjects have become increasingly important in this fast-changing information-based society. Nowadays, there has been a growing debate as to whether it would be more effective to replace physical education classes with academic subjects. Despite the importance of sports, I highly believe that it is inevitable and more efficient to focus more on academic subjects for several reasons.

Those who argue that sports and exercise classes are needed in school base their case on the following arguments. First of all, sports are an effective way to build character and develop personality. That is, they are necessary for learning about competition, cooperation, and good sportsmanship. In addition, as most children these days are addicted to the Internet, they find it hard to leave their computer. Consequently, a growing number of children are becoming *overweight or obese* due to a lack of exercise.So, if schools foster an environment that deprives students of getting a proper physical education, it will have a long-term negative effect on children, both mentally and physically.

Nevertheless, people should not ignore the fact that devoting more time and energy to academic subjects will benefit students more in the long run. The time devoted to physical education now would be better spent teaching students English. This is because speaking fluent English will give young people an advantage over other college applicants and job seekers soon. Besides, science will undoubtedly benefit youth more than physical education as well. The principles learned in science will provide the necessary foundation for solving difficult problems that are sure to arise in students' futures.

In summary, there are high hopes that educators and parents exercise wisdom in teaching young generations.

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It has been said, "Not everything that is learned is contained in books." Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gainedfrom books.
In your opinion, which source is more important? Why?

"Experience is the best teacher" is an old cliché, but I agree with that. We can learn a lot of important things from books, but the most important lessons in life come from our own experiences. Throughout the different stages of life, from primary school to university to adulthood, experience teaches us many skills we need for life.

As children in primary school, we learn facts and information from books, but that is not all we learn in school. On the playground we learn how to make friends. In our class work, we learn how it feels to succeed and what we do when we fail. We start to learn about the things we like to do and the things we don't. We don't learn these things from books, but from our experiences with our friends and classmates.

In our university classes, we learn a lot of information and skills we will need in our future careers, but we also learn a lot of that is not in our textbooks. In our daily lives both in class and out of class, we learn to make decisions for ourselves. We learn to take on responsibilities. We learn to get along with our classmates, our roommates, and our workmates. Our successes and failures help us develop skills we will need in our adult lives. They are skills that no book can teach us.

Throughout our adulthood, experience remains a constant teacher. We may continue to read or take classes for professional development. However, our experiences at work, at home, and with our friends teach us more. The triumphs and disasters of our lives teach us how to improve our careers and also how to improve our relationships and how to be the person each one of us wants to be.

Books teach us a lot, but there is a limit to what they teach. They can give us information or show us another person's experiences. These are valuable things, but the lessons we learn from our own experiences, from childhood through adulthood, are the most important ones we learn.

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