

WRITING TOPICS - B2 (2017)

1. Some people say that the Internet provides people with a lot of valuable information. Others think access to so much information creates problems. Which view do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Agree:

- *Updated information*
- *Good searching tools can help users find organised topics*
- *Providing information that cannot be found anywhere else or in hardcopies*

Disagree:

- *A lot unreliable information*
- *Too general and not specific enough to meet our needs*

2. What discovery/ invention in the last 100 years has been most beneficial for people? Use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.

Choose: computer, internet, mobile phones, etc. and write about its advantages

3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teachers should be paid according to how much their students learn. Give specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Choose Agree or Disagree

Agree:

- Teachers are more motivated to design good lessons
- Teachers pay more attention to give feedback to students

Disagree: many other factors affect students' learning

- Although teachers help students a lot, students might be too lazy to learn.
- Although teachers help students a lot, students might have some learning difficulties and cannot learn very well.

4. You have the opportunity to visit a foreign country for two weeks. Which country would you like to visit? Use specific reasons and details to explain your choice.

Choose one country and provide advantages

- Interesting places to visit
- Good services
- Interesting people
- Weather

5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Television has destroyed communication among friends and family. Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Agree:

- People do not talk to their friends and family members when watching TV
- People believe in unreal stories in TV and expect others to do the same things, and they are disappointed when others cannot do that.

6. Students at universities may choose to live in university dormitories, or they may choose to live in apartments in the community. Compare the advantages of living in university housing with the advantages of living in an apartment in the community. Where would you prefer to live? Give reasons for your preference.

Introduction: state that both options have good advantages

Body

Living in university dormitories

- Cheap
- High security (being protected by guards)
- Easy to learn from other students' learning experience

Living outside

- More freedom (coming back home anytime you like)
- Getting to know more different kinds of people, not only students
- Learning better lifeskills since life is more interesting

Conclusion: Summarise and give your opinion.

7. What is a very important skill a person should learn in order to be successful in the world today? Choose one skill and use specific reasons and examples to support your choice.

Choose one skill and write about why. A list of skills to choose:

- Teamwork skills (because people don't learn that at school; people have a lot of projects that need teamwork; ...)
- communication in English (people don't learn enough English at school; people work with more foreigners; more work materials are in English, ...)
- presentation skills and write about advantages (people don't learn enough at school; people need to make a lot of presentations at work)

8. We suffer traffic jams in big cities in Vietnam everyday. What are the causes? Write about the causes using specific facts and examples to support your argument.

- The number of personal vehicles increases too fast.
- The quantity and quality of roads are not improve well enough.
- Not very good public transport