



Many countries aim to improve their living standard by economic development, but some important social values are lost as a result.

Do you think the advantages of economic development outweigh the disadvantages?
(Reported 2017, Academic Test)

In many countries women no longer feel the need to get married. Some people believe that this is because women are able to earn their own income and therefore do not require the financial security that marriage can bring.

To what extent do you agree?

Most societies has its homeless people. Some people think that the best way to help them is to give them money.

To what extent do you agree?

More developing countries are given aid from international organisations to help them in their development plans. Some people argue that financial aid is important but others suggest that practical aid and advice are more important?

Discuss both views and give your opinion. (Reported 2017, Academic Test)

Globalisation has both advantages and disadvantages.

Discuss both and give your opinion.

In many countries, people are moving away from rural areas and towards urban areas.

Why do you think that is?

What problems can this cause?

With the development of modern society is the loss of traditional ways of life.

Is it important to keep our traditional ways of life?

How can this be achieved?

Every culture, throughout time, has recorded its history in one way or another.

In what ways can history be passed on to the next generation?

Why is history important to society?

All societies have their own music and art.

In what way are music and art important for society and for the individual?

The population of most cities is growing as people move to cities to find work and new opportunities.

What problems does overpopulation in cities cause?

How can these problems be solved?

In many cities there is a lack of space to develop and as a result, in order to modernise, old buildings are demolished and replaced with new buildings.

What are the disadvantages of knocking down old buildings?

Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

Some people think that a life is good for people while others believe that constant change can be too demanding on people.

Discuss both sides and give your opinion.

It is sometimes thought that people who travel outside of their own country are more tolerant and understanding of others.

To what extent do you agree?

