

Part 1. Essay

Time: about 40 min

Number of words : 140-190

Type: Formal

Topic:

In your class you have been talking about life in the past. Now you have been asked to write an essay.

Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

"Life today is better than in the time of our grandparents. Do you agree?"

Notes:

Write about:

1. Medical care

2. Technology

3..... your own idea

- Read the topic carefully, read the notes and try to think how these things connect.
- Do the notes lead you to support that life in the past was better or worse? For example, is medical care better today than in the past? Technology? (Make a **clear decision**. You may feel that medical care is better but at the same time you believe that people had more natural remedies. It doesn't matter. Just stick to the idea that medical care is better)
- Decide what idea of your own you are going to add. If you believe that health care and technology are better nowadays, you could add an idea supporting the opposite point of view. For example free time, human relations, pollution, etc. were possibly better in the past.
- Decide how you are going to organize your essay.

Essay - Plan

Introduction:

- General statement
- Say your opinion clearly

2nd paragraph:

(why life is better now)

3rd paragraph:

(something that was better in the past)

Conclusion

Say your opinion again
Say something for the other point of view.

If we compare our life..... **In my opinion,**....

First of all ... (better medical care- a lot of scientific breakthroughs in medicine - **for example**...) **Secondly**, ...(technology has transformed our lives **for instance** better communications , entertainment)

On the other hand.... (a negative point: pollution **such as** ...)

To sum up, I believe...

- Remember: Do NOT use contractions!