

Mindset for IELTS Level 1 Skills Modules

Unit 7: Writing Exercise 10

WRITING TASK 1

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

In some countries it is traditional for men to work and women to stay at home to look after the family.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?

Give reasons for your answers and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

This model answer has been prepared by an examiner as a very good answer. However, please note that this is just one answer out of many possible approaches.

In many countries men earn money while women remain at home to raise the children. This situation has both benefits and drawbacks, and in this essay, I will look at both.

One of the main advantages of the man going to work and the woman taking care of the children is that when they are young, children benefit from spending time with their mothers, and grow up feeling looked after. For example, my mother regularly took us to the beach when we were younger and played games with us in the evenings. This made us feel happy and loved. Mothers who do not have to go out to work will have more time and energy to

devote to looking after the home and family, without the stress and pressure of having a job at the same time.

On the other hand, a disadvantage of the situation is that mothers might not get as many opportunities to work if they are always at home with their children. In my country, a lot of families need both parents to earn money because the cost of living is high. It is much easier to buy what your children need if there are two incomes. It would be good if mothers could stop work when their children are small but start work again when they are older. Furthermore, many women want to do more in life than just look after children, and once the children are older, they would prefer to have a job to do outside the home.

To summarise, although it is very good for young children to have the complete attention of a loving mother, there may be more disadvantages for the family because they will have less money to spend, and the mother may wish to have a career as well.

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