

IELTS WRITING TASK 2

Q-It is often said that the subjects taught in schools are too academic in orientation. It would be more beneficial for children to learn about practical matters such as home management, work, and interpersonal skills.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Model answer:

A common criticism is that the subjects taught in schools are overly academic and do little to prepare students for the real-life tasks they will face after graduation. Moreover, they argue that academic subjects are rooted in the past and do not aid in the resolution of contemporary issues.

I'm afraid I have to disagree with this viewpoint for three reasons.

My first reason is that it is the responsibility of parents, not teachers, to prepare their children for life's practical challenges. The home, not the classroom, is the best place to learn about household management and interpersonal skills. Work abilities and attitudes are best discovered "on the job" and under supervision.

My second justification is that academic subjects have stood the test of time. They represent our forefathers' accumulated wisdom through the ages. Far from being impractical, they provide us with the knowledge and confidence to make sound judgments about any problems that may arise. Furthermore, academic subjects are appropriate for training us in mental discipline, whereas practical issues are lacking in this regard.

My third reason stems from the adage, "Man does not live by bread alone." Schooldays devoted solely to instruction in mundane, practical subjects would be incredibly dull! On the other hand, lessons from the world's best literature and epoch-making scientific and geographical discoveries of the past enrich our lives and make us feel like we are part of the great human family.

Overall, academic subjects are taught in schools in an appropriate manner. However, I was adamant that practical concerns had no place in the classroom. The curriculum, on the other hand, should be more academic!

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