

IELTS WRITING TASK 2

Q-The position of women in society has changed markedly in the last twenty years. Many of the problems young people now experience, such as juvenile delinquency, arise because many married women now work and are not at home to care for their children. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Model answer:

It is undeniable that the status of women in society has shifted dramatically in the last two decades. Nonetheless, I do not believe that this is a direct cause of the significant increase in juvenile-related problems during this period.

It is now widely accepted that young women should seek employment after graduating from high school; relying solely on their parents' financial support is no longer an option in many families. Similarly, once married, most women continue to work because the financial pressures of establishing a home and a reasonable standard of living often necessitate two incomes.

It was common for women to give up work after having children and devote their time caring for their children twenty years ago. However, this is no longer the standard practice. The availability of professionally run child care facilities and day nurseries has relieved mothers of much of the responsibility for child-rearing. These facilities, however, come at a cost and can often only be afforded with two salaries coming into a family.

I do not believe that the increased number of working mothers has resulted in children being raised less well than in the past. Indeed, it could be argued that allowing mothers to work and earn extra money will enable children to be better provided for than if they were only offered once. More money is available for luxuries and vacations, and more secure family life is possible. Of course, there are limits to how much time should be spent away from home, and the ideal scenario would be for one of the parents (often the wife) to work part-time and thus be available for their children before and after school. It is critical to strike the proper balance between family and work life.

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