

**Planning FCE Writing Part One essay tasks
with FCE Writing Part One essay tasks on the mind
Complete First Unit 9**

Work in pairs or small groups. For each question below, underline the important words, then for each try to agree on whether it is better to:

- look at both sides
- choose one side straightaway
- choose the other side straightaway.

Then decide on what your third subtopic will be and what the best paragraph structure will probably be cover all everything that you decided. You can brainstorm ideas if you need to, but it is usually fairly easy to plan the task without any brainstorming. You can skip difficult questions and come back to them later if you like, but you eventually need to plan all of the essays.

When your teacher stops you, share one plan you agreed on and see what the class thinks.

Ask about any tasks which were difficult to plan, etc.

Discuss the questions in the essay tasks, this time just giving your opinion as if they were speaking questions (but staying on topic and covering all three points, including the extra one you agreed on before).

Some people say being worried what other people think about you mainly has a bad effect on people's lives. Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. happiness
 2. behaviour
 3. ... (your own idea)
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Should you point out other people's faults?

Write about:

1. the best way of giving feedback
 2. people's willingness to change
 3. ... (your own idea)
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Which is more important to young people – being admired or having lots of time to do things that they like doing?

Notes

Write about:

1. their stage of life
 2. modern society
 3. (your own idea)
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Divorce is becoming more and more common in many countries. Do you think this problem can be solved?

Notes

Write about:

1. reasons for divorce
 2. what governments can do
 3. (your own idea)
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Is it better to teach students to follow their own hearts or to try to fit in with their peers?

Notes

Write about:

1. their future lives
2. the role of schools in students' lives
3. (your own idea)

Some people think that children who prefer their own company should be forced to mix with other kids. Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. their future lives
 2. people's willingness to change
 3. (your own idea)
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Governments should aim for people's happiness rather than on economic growth. Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. what makes people happy
 2. measuring happiness
 3. (your own idea)
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Some people say that having something to really concentrate on is the best way to achieve happiness. Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. work
 2. leisure
 3. ... (your own idea)
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Some people say the secret of a good relationship is having things in common. Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. spending time together
2. disagreements
3. ... (your own idea)