



OVERALL BAND SCORE **7.5** **7+8+8+8**

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WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

In some countries, more young adults continue to live with their parents even after they have completed education and found jobs.

Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

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

Write at least 250 words.

**Original answer -**

In many countries these days, staying with parents is becoming increasingly common among young people even when they have finished education and are no longer jobless. In my opinion, although in some cases, this trend could lead to several inconveniences for both parties, the merits are still much greater.

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Nevertheless, I am convinced that the above-mentioned disadvantages pale in comparison with the upsides of choosing to live with parents, as this means old people can be looked after frequently, and the housing prices would also be stabilized. With regard to the former, paradoxically, many stay with their parents not because they are unable to buy or rent a house, but rather to take care of their loved ones, especially those with serious chronic diseases. As for the housing price, there are many big cities in which accommodation infrastructure is under a lot of pressure, resulting in a sharp increase in house prices. Therefore, not buying new houses equates with not further exacerbating such a problem.

In conclusion, I believe that although one's privacy might be invaded and young adults can face prejudice due to their choice of not leaving their parents, these problems can be solved by establishing private rooms or the whole family moving to a bigger place. Moreover, the disadvantages are easily overshadowed by the fact that the aged will be taken care of, and housing prices will be controlled.



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TR – Task Response nb – GRA and LR errors have not been corrected

Band score 7

You have addressed all parts of the question.

- addresses all parts of the task

Band score 7 TR

You have a clear position throughout.

- presents a clear position throughout the response

Band score 7 TR

The arguments are ok and suitably extended, but sometimes they are weak.

- presents, extends and supports main ideas, but there may be a tendency to overgeneralise and/or supporting ideas may lack focus

Band score 7 TR

There's a reason people look down upon adult children living at home, and it's because they are supposed to be supporting themselves and having families of their own. This is what has happened for countless generations and for a man, living at home is not a sign to a potential partner that he'll be able to support a family. To describe this as a misconception is strange. You could also mention that the older the offspring, the more serious the problem, and that it's much more acceptable for a girl/woman than for a man.



Your ideas about elderly sick parents is ok but clearly it's the exception rather than the rule. It's more likely to happen to people in their 40s than their 20s, in which case the elderly may move in with their children.

The idea about keeping house prices down is weak. A stronger idea would be that living at home would enable the offspring to save money in order to buy a property of his own eventually. Another disadvantage is that being dependent on your parents for your meals does not encourage independence.

I gave you 7 instead of 8 because some ideas are weak or overgeneralised.

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Commented [TG2]: Good main idea

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Commented [TG4]: Both options involve significant costs which many couldn't afford

Commented [TG5]: Relevant supporting idea, but it might be worth pointing out that the older you are, the greater the stigma. Recent graduates probably don't experience this. Also, perhaps a son living at home in his late 20s deserves to be looked down upon

Commented [TG6]: Good main idea



many stay with their parents not because they are unable to buy or rent a house, but rather to take care of their loved ones, especially those with serious chronic diseases. As for the housing price, there are many big cities in which accommodation infrastructure is under a lot of pressure, resulting in a sharp increase in house prices. Therefore, not buying new houses equates with not further exacerbating such a problem.

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Commented [TG8]: Relevant supporting idea, but how many people choose to not buy or rent as an act of altruism?

Commented [TG9]: Good conclusion, consistent with the main ideas



C&C - Cohesion and Coherence nb GRA and LR errors have not been corrected

Band score 8

The organisation is good, with clear progression throughout.

- sequences information and ideas
- logically

Band score 8 C&C

The use of cohesive devices and referencing is accurate throughout.

- manages all aspects of cohesion well

Band score 8 C&C

- uses paragraphing sufficiently and appropriately

Band score 8 C&C

Don't mix *one* and *they/their/them* in one sentence. It's probably better to avoid using one if it means using more it more than twice in a sentence.

PARAGRAPHING FOR TASK 2

I recommend you write 4 paragraphs as follows:

- Write an introduction, that explains **what the question is**. After reading the introduction, the reader should have a good idea what the essay is about, and **what your position (opinion) is**. It should be possible to write an introduction in under 50 words. It is not necessary to write a long background statement.
- Write 2 main body paragraphs. This should allow you to expand on the ideas sufficiently to persuade the examiner that you've fully supported the main ideas. If you write 3 main bodies, it is more difficult to expand and support them sufficiently to get a high score.
- If it's a two-part question, answer the questions in the order they're given and **write one paragraph per question**.



- The main body paragraphs should be **100-120 words**, and each paragraph should have a **clear topic sentence** and 2 or more supporting ideas which support the topic sentence with **reasons, evidence, and examples**. Do not waste time with lots of background information.
- The topic sentences should **directly address** the question.
- The conclusion should be consistent with the introduction and the main ideas, and it should not introduce new ideas. **It should directly answer the question. Do not leave the examiner in any doubt about whether you've answered the question.**
- If you write a third paragraph in a *discuss both sides* question to clarify your position, make sure that give a good reason to reject one of the sides. If you just restated the original ideas about one side, the examiner may decide you have covered one side more than the other.
- It is also ok to write a third body paragraph in a *to what extent* question if you have main ideas which both agree and disagree with the proposition. Avoid short paragraphs, with under 70 words, as it may be difficult to show a *clear central topic* in a short paragraph.

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the family can just simply rent a more spacious house. Another drawback of this trend is that, in many countries, people tend to have a misconception that if **one** cannot move out when **they** reach adulthood, **he** cannot fend for himself and is a financial burden. This, to a certain extent, puts many adults under the pressure of being constantly looked down on.

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Commented [TG16]: The pronouns are inconsistent here. better: *that if they cannot move out when they reach adulthood, they [...]*

Commented [TG17]: Good topic sentence

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Commented [TG19]: good

Commented [TG20]: good

**LR- - Lexical resource nb Some GRA errors have not been corrected.****Band score 8**

Vocabulary is used accurately with sufficient flexibility to show precise meaning, and with only minor inaccuracies, which is good for a band score 8

- uses a wide range of vocabulary fluently and flexibly to convey precise meanings

Band score 8 LR

- skilfully uses uncommon lexical items but there may be occasional inaccuracies in word choice and collocation

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- produces rare errors in spelling and/or word formation

Band score 8 LR

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GRA - Grammatical range and accuracy **nb Some LR errors have not been corrected**

Band score 8

Grammar is used accurately with relatively few errors and a wide range of structures,

It is close to a 9 for GRA.

- makes only very occasional errors or inappropriacies

Band score 8 GRA

- uses a wide range of structures

Band score 8 GRA

- the majority of sentences are error-free

Band score 8 GRA

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Model answer –

None available for the question you did