



What do the Writing Task 2 Questions Mean?

Many candidates don't really read questions carefully and, as a result, often write answers that don't directly answer the question. Sometimes, candidates can miss out an important part of the answer, which leads to a lower score.

Look at the following example questions (the statements, see 'Task 2: Understanding the Task' are not included here). Can you match them with the categories below?

Questions

To what extent do you agree with this statement?
Discuss.

What are the causes of pollution and suggest some possible solutions.

What are the qualities if a good teacher?

What are the arguments for free education for everyone and outline some ways in which this might be possible.

Do you agree or disagree with the statement?

What are the arguments for and against compulsory education to the age of 18?

Categories

- a) A question asking you to talk about both sides
- b) A question asking you to divide your answer into two parts
- c) A question asking you to make a list of relevant points

Check your ideas with the '[Answer Key](#)'.

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