

WRITING TASK 2: CAUSE AND SOLUTION – GLOBAL WARMING

Global warming is one of the biggest threats to our environment.

What cause global warming?

What solutions are there to this problem?

Structure

Perhaps the easiest structure to use in this essay is exactly the same as the advantages/ disadvantages, with four paragraphs in total and two main body paragraphs with 3 causes in one and 3 solutions in the other. Remember to try and connect the causes and solutions if you can but if you cannot, at least using this structure will make it less obvious if they are not completely linked.

Plan

Introduction:

- 1 Describe situation (title in your own words)
- 2 Say there are some causes and some solutions to this issue
- 3 Say what you will do in this essay – discuss the causes and solutions

Main body 1: Causes

- 4 Topic sentence to say there are a number of causes of this issue
- 5 Linker word, introduce cause 1 – transport
- 6 Explain/ give example
- 7 Linker word, introduce cause 2 – fossil fuels
- 8 Explain/ give example
- 9 Linker word, introduce cause 3 – industry
- 10 Explain/ give example

Main body 2: Solutions

- 11 Topic sentence to say there are a number of solutions to this issue
- 12 Linker word, introduce solution 1 – public transport
- 13 Explain/ give example
- 14 Linker word, introduce solution 2 – natural energy sources
- 15 Explain/ give example
- 16 Linker word, introduce solution 3 – government restrictions

Conclusion:

- 17 Say there are causes and solutions to this issue
- 18 Make a statement about the future

(1) Scientists claim that the earth's temperature is rising, resulting in what is referred to as global warming, which poses a huge threat to our planet. (2) There are a number of man-made causes, which are said to add to this 'greenhouse effect', but there are also numerous actions humans could take in order to

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minimise the issue. (3) This essay will discuss just some of the causes and solutions to global warming.

(4) Unfortunately, according to scientists, there are many reasons for why temperatures are increasing. (5) Firstly, there are now too many cars on the roads. (6) They emit fumes and heat into the atmosphere. (7) Secondly, to produce energy fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas are burned. (8) This also releases gases into the air and raises the temperature. (9) Thirdly, there are masses of factories pumping out smoke and often poisonous gases. (10) With development comes more industry, particularly in countries like China.

(11) Despite the increase in causes of global warming, there are a number of ways people could help to lower the impact. (12) One solution might be to create more public transport links. (13) In this way, there would be fewer cars. (14) In addition, more alternative and natural energy sources should be used. (15) For instance, energy can be harnessed from the sun, wind and water without producing gases and heat. (16) Finally, governments should place laws and restrictions on companies. (17) Every company must seek to be as environmentally friendly as possible.

(18) In conclusion, causes of global warming are currently only increasing around the world and that the solutions suggested need to be put in place as soon as possible. (19) The long-term effects of global warming are as yet unknown but they are not predicted to be positive for mankind.

(285 words)

Vocabulary

Can you spot the vocabulary specifically related to the environment? This is the vocabulary that will give you higher marks in the 'Lexical Resource' section of the marking scheme because it shows you have knowledge of vocabulary related to the topic.

scientists (n) = people doing scientific research

claim (v) = argue, believe

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planet (n) = earth

man-made (adj) = created by people

greenhouse effect (n) = global warming, increase of earth's temperature

fumes (n) = smoke, gases

atmosphere (n) = air

fossil fuels (n) = the resources found deep in the earth that are burned for energy

factories (n) = where things are made

poisonous (adj) = dangerous, toxic

public transport (n) = can be used by everyone, E.g. buses, trains, trams

alternative (adj) = different

to be harnessed (v) = to be collected

environmentally friendly (adj) = considerate of the environment