

Master IELTS Writing Task 2

Model answer – WHERE PEOPLE LIVE Problems + Solutions



FORMER IELTS EXAMINERS

Prepare for {**IELTS**}

ESSAY QUESTION

PROBLEMS + SOLUTIONS

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience. Write at least 250 words

We often use the **present perfect** when referring to an incomplete or unfinished time period which started in the past

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few decades, the amount of noise in urban areas **has become** a serious issue which negatively affects residents' quality of life. This essay will examine reasons for this unwelcome development, and put forward suggestions for dealing with it.

Residents are people who live in a particular place/area

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few decades, the amount of noise in urban areas has become a serious issue which negatively affects **residents'** quality of life. This essay will examine reasons for this unwelcome development, and put forward suggestions for dealing with it.

quality of life =
the level of
enjoyment,
happiness,
comfort or health
which a person
has in their life

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few decades, the amount of noise in urban areas has become a serious issue which negatively affects residents' **quality of life**. This essay will examine reasons for this unwelcome development, and put forward suggestions for dealing with it.

to **put forward** =
to state an idea or
opinion so that
other people can
consider it

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few decades, the amount of noise in urban areas has become a serious issue which negatively affects residents' quality of life. This essay will examine reasons for this unwelcome development, and **put forward suggestions** for dealing with it.

excessive = too
much

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of **excessive** noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us have become selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

Built-up areas
contain lots of
buildings, so are
usually in cities

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in **built-up areas** is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us have become selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

A **contributory factor** is often one of several things which causes something to happen or influences a result

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a **contributory factor**. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us have become selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

If you **disturb** other people, you interrupt what they are doing or do something to stop them from concentrating on what they are doing

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, **disturbing** those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us have become selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

to **blast out** loud
music = to play
music very loudly,
in a way which
probably
disturbs/annoys
other people

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to **blast out loud music** to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us have become selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

to **attract**
somebody's
attention = to do
something which
makes another
person notice you

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to **attract the attention of potential customers**. Finally, it seems that many of us have become selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

We use the **present perfect** to describe past actions and events with a result in the present

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us **have become** selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

If a person is **selfish and inconsiderate**, they put their own needs first and never consider the needs of other people

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 1

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us have become **selfish and inconsiderate**. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

We can start a sentence with **with** and a noun phrase as an alternative to an **if-clause**

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

Willpower is the ability/strength to control your own thoughts and actions

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient **willpower**, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

to **tackle** = to try
and deal with a
problem or
difficult situation

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could **tackle the problem**. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

Governments **pass laws** when they bring in or introduce new rules/legislation which people have to follow/obey

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, **laws** ought to be **passed** banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

Using **modals**
(with active and
passive verbs) can
make your writing
seem formal

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws **ought to be passed** banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities **might** also **work** with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners **could be fined** if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign **may make** members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

Car manufacturers are companies which produce/make cars/vehicles, usually in large factories and using machines

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with **car manufacturers** to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

to **fine** = to make somebody pay money as a punishment for not obeying rules or laws

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be **fin**ed if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

An **awareness-raising campaign** = a group of organised activities with the aim of making the public understand an important issue

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, **an awareness-raising campaign** may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

Members of the public are ordinary/normal people

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make **members of the public** realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

If something has a **detrimental effect**, its result is negative, and it may cause harm/damage

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

MAIN PARAGRAPH 2

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a **detrimental effect** on others.

to **mar** = to spoil something, making it less enjoyable, less good or less pleasant

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution **mars** the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.

Using **modals** with passive forms can make your writing seem more formal

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and **must be taken** seriously by those in power. Effective policies **could** and **should be implemented** to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.

If you **take** something **seriously**, you accept/realise that it is important and that you need to pay attention to it

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be **taken seriously** by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.

If a government or other organisation **implements policies**, it puts plans into action after officially agreeing that they are a good idea

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective **policies** could and should be **implemented** to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.

to **minimise** = to make something smaller; to reduce something to its smallest possible amount

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to **minimise** the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.

a **fervent hope** = a very strong wish that something will happen; a feeling of wanting something very much

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my **fervent hope** that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.

If a government **brings in legislation**, it passes new laws (usually through parliament)

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will **bring in legislation** in order to improve the lives of all those affected.

We can use **in order to** to refer to an aim or purpose. Using this phrase lets us link ideas and write cohesively

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that **politicians will bring in legislation in order to** improve the lives of all those affected.

We can use **in order to** to refer to an aim or purpose. Using this phrase lets us link ideas and write cohesively

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that **politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.**

We can use **those** with a past or present participle to refer to a specific group of people

Large cities tend to be extremely noisy. This noise can make life difficult for those living there. What are the causes of noise pollution in cities and what could be done to reduce this problem?

CONCLUSION

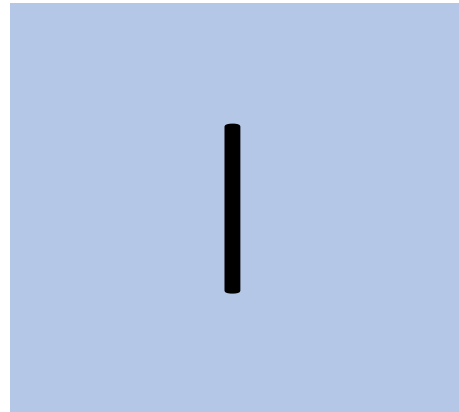
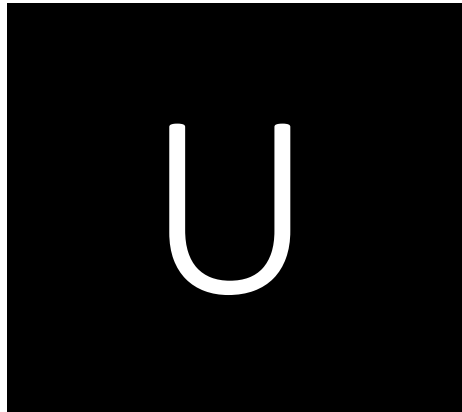
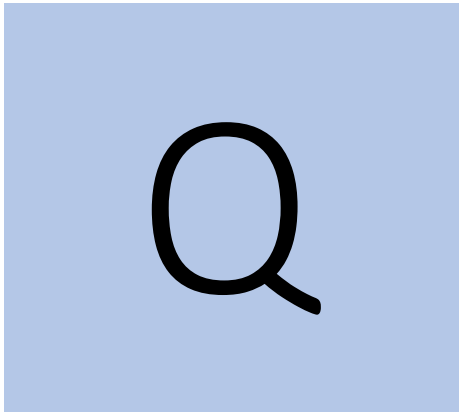
Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all **those affected**.

Over the past few decades, the amount of noise in urban areas has become a serious issue which negatively affects residents' quality of life. This essay will examine reasons for this unwelcome development, and put forward suggestions for dealing with it.

There are several causes of excessive noise. Firstly, the massive rise in the amount of traffic in built-up areas is undoubtedly a contributory factor. Private cars and motorbikes as well as trucks, lorries and buses drive through city streets at all hours, disturbing those with homes in the area. In addition, there is a modern trend for shops and restaurants to blast out loud music to attract the attention of potential customers. Finally, it seems that many of us have become selfish and inconsiderate. We think nothing of shouting loudly in public places or playing our music at full volume.

With sufficient willpower, governments could tackle the problem. Firstly, laws ought to be passed banning noisier vehicles from certain areas at certain times, or lowering the speed limit to cut the decibel level of vehicles. The authorities might also work with car manufacturers to find ways of reducing the noise vehicles make. Similarly, retailers and restaurant owners could be fined if they play music which is unnecessarily loud. Finally, an awareness-raising campaign may make members of the public realise that the noise they make has a detrimental effect on others.

Noise pollution mars the lives of millions and must be taken seriously by those in power. Effective policies could and should be implemented to minimise the scale of the issue. It is my fervent hope that politicians will bring in legislation in order to improve the lives of all those affected.



Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The level of enjoyment, happiness, comfort or health which a person has is called the...

A

work-life balance

B

life expectancy

C

quality of life

D

standard of living

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The level of enjoyment, happiness, comfort or health which a person has is called the...

A

work-life balance

B

life expectancy

C

quality of life

D

standard of living

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

I believe that the government should bring in _____. Changing the law is the only way to deal with this issue.

A

lawfulness

B

legislation

C

legal

D

legitimization

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

I believe that the government should bring in _____. Changing the law is the only way to deal with this issue.

A

lawfulness

B

legislation

C

legal

D

legitimization

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

This essay will examine reasons for this unwelcome development, and put _____ suggestions for dealing with it.

A

up

B

forth

C

through

D

forward

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

This essay will examine reasons for this unwelcome development, and put _____ suggestions for dealing with it.

A

up

B

forth

C

through

D

forward

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Stores often play very loud music in an attempt to _____ the attention of potential customers.

A

attract

B

attempt

C

attain

D

achieve

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Stores often play very loud music in an attempt to _____ the attention of potential customers.

A

attract

B

attempt

C

attain

D

achieve

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

If you have enough _____ and determination, you can achieve almost anything.

A

willpower

B

willingness

C

wills

D

willfulness

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

If you have enough _____ and determination, you can achieve almost anything.

A

willpower

B

willingness

C

wills

D

willfulness

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Noise pollution ____ the lives of millions of people living in cities.

A

marks

B

maims

C

mars

D

moans

Prepare for {IELTS}

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Noise pollution ____ the lives of millions of people living in cities.

A

marks

B

maims

C

mars

D

moans

Prepare for {IELTS}

Master IELTS Writing Task 2

Thanks for watching!



FORMER IELTS EXAMINERS

Prepare for {IELTS}