# **Master IELTS Writing Task 2**

# Model answer – ART AND CULTURE Opinion



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**ESSAY QUESTION** 

**OPINION** 

These days, more and more schools focus on science and social science subjects and choose not to teach children to sing, paint, sculpt, write creatively or dance. Should school-children study the arts?

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

The phrase academic institutions refers to schools, universities and other places where education takes place

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# **INTRODUCTION**

thorough =
detailed and
careful; including
everything
necessary

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The curriculum is a list of the subjects studied at a school, and information about exactly what each subject includes

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If something is crammed, it is filled so that it is completely full or even too full

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If your decision or opinion is misguided, it is wrong because it is based on bad judgement or wrong information

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showing your
personality,
feelings or
thoughts, often
through art

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If you have to repeat a word, try to use a different form

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desperately =
extremely; very
much

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We can make essays cohesive by using this to refer back to an earlier idea

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We can represent our ideas with examples, to show the examiner we have a wide vocabulary

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We can use although or even though in sentences which express concession

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Although or even though can be followed by a subordinate clause...

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...and by a main clause which completes the complex sentence These days, more and more schools focus on science and social science subjects and choose not to teach children to sing, paint, sculpt, write creatively or dance. Should school-children study the arts?

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to interpret = to express/show your ideas about the meaning of something These days, more and more schools focus on science and social science subjects and choose not to teach children to sing, paint, sculpt, write creatively or dance. Should school-children study the arts?

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Connecting one main paragraph to the ideas in the previous paragraph is a good way of making your essay cohesive and coherent

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# **MAIN PARAGRAPH 2**

A notion is a belief or idea

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Connected to this point is the notion of balance. A person who understands everything from a scientific perspective can hardly be described as well-rounded and mature. Indeed, studies suggest that the best researchers and chief executives tend to love creative activities such as singing or sculpting. It therefore seems that studying the arts has major intellectual benefits for those who wish to be scientists or business leaders.

Using relative pronouns and relative clauses makes your grammar more complex

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We can combine modal verbs with passive forms to help make our style formal

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We can use such as to add examples which strengthen our point and show our strong vocabulary

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We can use those with a relative pronoun/clause to refer to groups of people in detail

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If something is overlooked, people often fail to notice or consider it

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We can use these with a noun to refer to something in an earlier sentence or paragraph, or to refer to something in the title

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If you adore something, you love it a lot

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Finally, one often overlooked point is that children enjoy the arts. Young learners have fun developing these skills. They adore both the practical aspects of painting or singing and the more technical or theoretical elements. When academic study can be so tedious and seemingly pointless, it is essential to offer pupils something which they can be enthusiastic about.

We can often include opposites to show how strong our vocabulary is...

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Technical relates to knowledge of machines or methods used in science or industry These days, more and more schools focus on science and social science subjects and choose not to teach children to sing, paint, sculpt, write creatively or dance. Should school-children study the arts?

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than to what
happens in the
real world

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aspects = parts;
elements

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Try to avoid repeating important words, especially in the same sentence

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pointless = having
no purpose or
reason; being a
waste of
time/energy

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The structure it +
to be + adjective +
infinite is very
useful

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upbringing = the
way you are
treated and
educated when
young, especially
by your family

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wholeheartedly = strongly and completely

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Many verbs can be followed by a that-clause. Using these clauses can make your sentences complex

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The verb ought to can be used to make suggestions and show that we think something is a good idea

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A timetable is a detailed plan which shows the times and locations of a pupil's lessons

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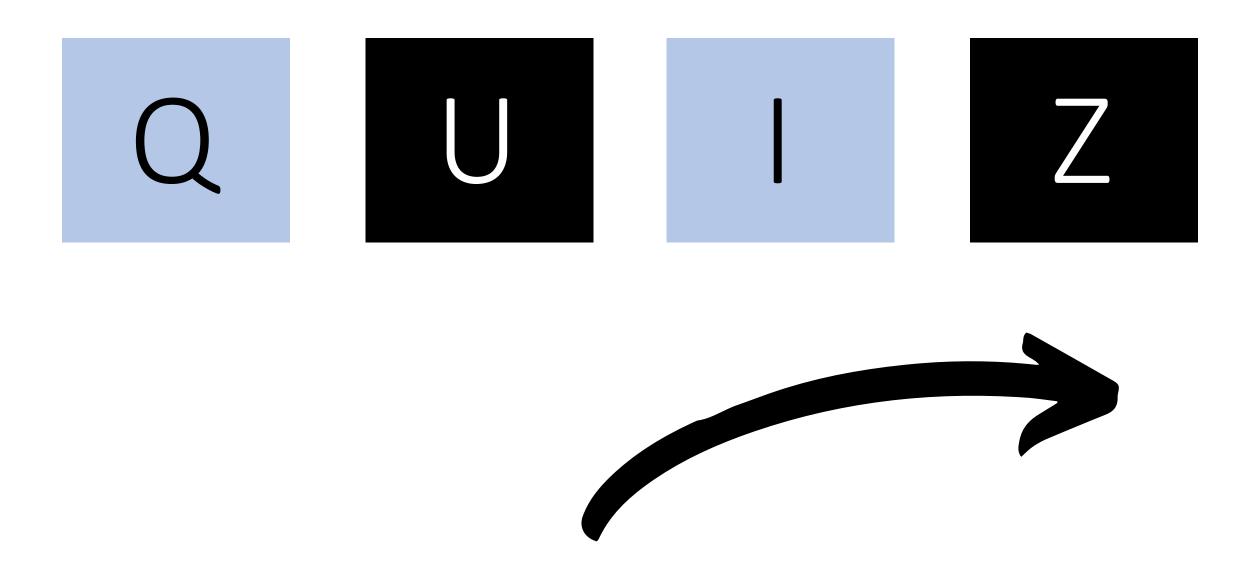
In the past, schools and academic institutions tended to focus on giving their students a complete and thorough education. These days, the curriculum is invariably crammed with academic subjects, and lessons in the arts have often disappeared altogether. The decision to prioritise science and social science over the arts is deeply troubling and misguided.

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A undertake

**B** overestimate

**C** overcome

overlook

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Overlook

I hated school. My teachers were boring and my classes were \_\_\_\_\_. I spent most of the time asleep.

A superfluous

**B** exhilarating

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The \_\_\_\_ should not be crammed with academic subjects. There should be space for children to use their imagination.

A whiteboard

B curriculum

**C** schedule

classroom

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B curriculum

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Classroom

I \_\_\_\_\_ believe that teaching students to be creative is necessary.

- A strong-headedly
- **B** clear-eyed

wholeheartedly

broad-shouldered

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- C wholeheartedly
- **D** broad-shouldered

We need to deal with this question from a scientific \_\_\_\_\_.

A perspective

**B** look-out

**C** side

viewpoint

We need to deal with this question from a scientific \_\_\_\_\_.

A perspective

**B** look-out

**C** side

viewpoint

The decision to prioritise science and social science over the arts is deeply troubling and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Misogynistic** 

**B** misguided

**C** misplaced

D misunderstanding

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