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A Special Person

The last few decades have witnessed a wide variety of well-known entrepreneurs who have greatly affected our life. One of the best has been Elon Musk who has founded several successful companies. **In this essay, I will give more details about this person, his entrepreneurial characteristics and some of his businesses.**

Musk's entrepreneurial journey started when he dropped out of his Ph.D. program to found his first company, Zip2, an online enterprise that provided users with businesses they needed along with their locations. This website was eventually sold for over 300 million dollars.

Like any other entrepreneurs, there are many characteristics behind Musk's success. Firstly, he has had an ability to identify opportunities in the market and then develop innovative solutions to address them. Moreover, he has been an effective communicator and leader. That is, he has got the ability to inspire and motivate his team.

In addition, all his businesses are environmentally friendly. For example, Tesla produces electric cars which have reduced the amount of carbon emissions released into the air. SpaceX has also focussed on reducing the environmental impact of launching rockets and spaceships for space exploration.

In a word, Elon Musk is an excellent role model of a genius entrepreneur. Although he has achieved a lot of success due to his unique skills, he cares for the environment. From my own perspective, I think Musk is the best model for other entrepreneurs who are looking to create businesses that are profitable and environmentally friendly.

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Automated/Driverless/Self-driving Cars

Write about the **Advantages and Disadvantages of Driverless Cars**.

You should cover the following points:

- the positives of these cars
- the challenges associated with this technology
- the future of such vehicles

Plan

- Driverless cars are becoming popular.
- They have got a lot of advantages.
- They can reduce accidents.
- They can help solve traffic jams.
- There are some challenges associated with these cars.
- They have made unemployment worse in the transport sector.
- They cannot work in bad conditions.
- The future of such vehicles seems promising

There has recently been a growing public interest in driverless cars. Despite the challenges, this technology is truly becoming a part of our lives. While this type of vehicles can provide more convenient and safer transport services, especially for the elderly and disabled, there may be some issues associated with this technology. In this essay, I will shed more light on the pros and cons of this innovation.

To begin with, self-driving cars are expected to offer us a lot of benefits. Firstly, and most importantly, they are equipped with high-tech cameras and sensors which make them more able than humans in determining the surrounding people and objects. As a result, accidents that are often caused by human errors will be drastically decreased. In addition, the computer controlling the car can choose the safest and fastest routes. This means they can help eliminate traffic jams and save the environment. Finally, since computers can calculate everything accurately, passengers' time can be greatly reduced as higher speed limits can be considered.

However, autonomous cars are still facing some challenges. For instance, many drivers are increasingly losing their jobs as computers are taking over the driving responsibilities. Consequently, this sector may suffer from higher unemployment rate. Finally, these cars are not able to operate at a high level of safety in bad weather conditions such as heavy rain, fog, and wind.

In a nutshell, even though self-driving cars have many important advantages, more research is needed to make sure they are mature enough to be approved on our streets. Personally, with current concerns about fatal accidents and environmental damage human carelessness is causing, I believe the future of automated cars seems to be promising.

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Electric Cars

Write about the "Electric Cars".
You should make a plan and cover the following points:
- the positives of electric cars
- the challenges that this technology may face
- the future of such cars

Plan

- Electric cars have become popular.
- They have many positives.
- They can reduce air and noise pollution.
- They use clean energy.
- There are some challenges to be overcome.
- charging problems
- not reliable
- Batteries are harmful.
- The future of such cars is promising.

Nowadays, many people would prefer to buy eco-friendly cars, especially the electric ones. These people believe that this type of vehicles is the best solution to reduce air and noise pollution. *In my opinion*, I completely agree with this. *In this essay*, I will discuss some of the positives and some negatives that need to be overcome.

On the one hand, electric ***cars*** have **many advantages**. **Firstly, and most importantly**, **they** are eco-friendly because they do not release harmful, toxic gases into the air. So, they can significantly reduce air pollution which has led to global warming. **Another benefit of** this innovation is that they are quieter than the traditional petrol ***ones***. **What I mean is that** their engines do not cause annoyance. **Moreover**, they use clean, sustainable **energy which** does not harm the environment. **In this way**, users of such cars can preserve our natural resources and decrease the environmental hazards.

On the other hand, using these cars **may** have some problems. **For example**, there are not enough fuelling stations available, especially in remote areas. This means that they may not be reliable as they might run out of power during long journeys. **Furthermore**, it **often** takes too much time to recharge compared to traditional cars. **Also**, their batteries, which are made of dangerous substances, may take years to break down into small pieces and disappear after they are finished.

All things considered, both electric **cars** and petrol **ones** have their pros and cons. Although electric cars are more eco-friendly, they are not easily charged, and may not be reliable enough. **Given the current environmental concerns, I believe the future of such a technology seems promising.**

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Many new devices and gadgets are invented every year. Some are useful or become very popular, while others aren't. If you could choose something to be invented, what would it be?

My Favourite Invention

Nowadays, more and more green cars, especially the electric ones, have been invented. I believe that such **eco-friendly** cars are the best solution to reduce **air** and **noise pollution**. **In my opinion, it would be a good idea if a bigger solar car with a more efficient battery was invented**. **In this essay**, I will explain why I have chosen **such an invention**.

Let's start by looking at why I have chosen this specific **transport means**. Firstly, **this car** will be more eco-friendly because it will not release toxic gases or harmful smoke. In addition, it will not be so noisy like the petrol **ones**. Moreover, **it** will use clean solar energy from the sun which is sustainable and does not harm our precious environment.

Furthermore, if **it** could be a flying car, this would help to solve the problem of traffic jams. What I mean is that we are suffering from roads which are packed (crowded) with vehicles and people. In this way, **this car** will reduce this serious problem as **it** will not use busy roads, particularly at rush hours. Finally, if **this invention is equipped** with a long-life battery, **it** would last for longer periods of time without a need to be recharged.

To put it in a nutshell, inventing a big solar car, which has a long-lasting battery, will help both humans and the environment. It will reduce noise and air pollution, in addition to being more comfortable and faster. **I think, we should encourage the use of more solar cars if we really care about our environment.**

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Smart Homes

Write about "Smart Homes". *Include a plan, and cover the following points:*
- how smart houses look like
- the advantages of smart homes
- the challenges that may be associated with such homes

Plan
- More and more houses are becoming smart.
- Smart homes are better than traditional ones.
- more convenient
- Everything can be remotely controlled.
- They are energy efficient.
- There are some issues.
- They are too expensive.
- The positives are more than the negatives.

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Nowadays, especially with the rapid improvements in technology, everything **is transforming** to be smart, and ***homes*** are no exception. The **idea** of having a smart home **has** increasing**ly become** an attractive **one**. Like many people, I believe this type of **homes** is better than traditional **ones**. **In this essay**, I will delve deeper into some reasons that support my view and look at some challenges *to be overcome*.

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Let's begin by looking at the advantages of **modern smart homes**. **Firstly**, **and most importantly**, **they** are ***more convenient*** as everything inside your home ***can be controlled*** at the touch of a button. **What I mean is**, you can use **either** a mobile phone **or** any other device to **get** everything **done** remotely. **For example**, you can adjust ventilation, air conditioning, heating, security … etc. while you are outside. You can **also** use an internet application to control all the household devices and appliances such as stoves and refrigerators.

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Another essential benefit of having a smart home is that it is **energy efficient**. While there ***have been*** increasing worries about excessive energy consumption with traditional **homes**, smart **ones** **have** **been** considerably **decreasing** energy wastage. **In other words**, everything in a smart home can be switched off immediately after being used. **For instance**, you can manage your home lighting which often consumes a lot of energy.

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Turning to the other side of the argument, some might argue that owning such homes might have some drawbacks as well. **For example**, they are **too** expensive for many people **to** install a smart system in their homes. **In other words**, only the rich can afford the costs of installing and maintaining this system. **A typical example of this can be** buying devices and appliances, which can be connected together, and keeping up to date with rapidly increasing technology.

To put it in a nutshell, smart homes have their pros and cons. While they may be more convenient and energy efficient, they usually cost a lot of money. **As I see it, I do believe that the positives of such homes far outweigh any potential negatives because the smarter the home, the more comfortable it would be.**

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Write 200 words in paragraphs. Write about **social media**. Include information about:
- the advantages and disadvantages of social media
- your opinion on the safety of social media
- how your week might have been different if there were no social media

Plan

- Social media has got both pros and cons.
- There are some advantages of using social media.
- more meaningful conversations
- expressing yourself and sharing talents
- There might be some disadvantage of social media.
- identity theft
- cyberbullying
- privacy breaches
- Spending a week without social media may bring about some benefits.
- more real-life communications
- more face-to-face communication
- The positives outweigh the potential negatives.

Social media have been rising to prominence as an integral part of your daily life. Although they have improved the way you communicate and share information, you have to be careful enough to ensure your online safety. As I see it, this digital innovation has more benefits than drawbacks. In this essay, I will give more details about this innovation.

To begin with, social media have provided you with numerous benefits. For example, they have enabled you to engage in meaningful conversations and exchange experiences with people from diverse backgrounds seamlessly. What I mean is that these creative platforms, like Twitter and Facebook, have provided opportunities to express yourself and share your talents.

However, these vital digital tools can present some serious challenges. For instance, if you are not extremely cautious, you can face problems such as identity theft, cyberbullying and privacy breaches.

Have you ever imagined your week without social media? While the absence of social media might initially seem difficult, this could lead to a deeper sense of connection and presence in the real world. In other words, you could engage in more face-to-face interactions.

To sum up, social media can present both challenges and opportunities. Despite the potential challenges associated with these platforms, including safety, they have made our connection easier, faster, cheaper and more convenient. Personally, I think as long as moderation is exercised, social media should not cause any harm to a wise user.

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Using Social Media (Advantages and Disadvantages)

Nowadays, the use of modern technology, especially ***social media***, to communicate has increasingly risen to prominence. This widespread use has had a profound effect on communication. In this essay, I will shed more light on their advantages and disadvantages.

Let us begin by looking at the benefits of using these websites. Firstly, while the ways in which we connected and how many people we reached were limited in the past, the latest technology has provided endless ways to connect. As a result, we are more connected than ever. In other words, we can speak with friends and family who are living far away at any time, using an increasing number of tools bridging distances.

On the other hand, some people may argue that there are some challenges to be overcome. For instance, modern communication means, including social media, have lessened the quality of connection. What I mean is, our communication has become less meaningful as our social skills are challenged to the point that many, especially teenagers, may struggle to interact in traditional, in person conversations. Consequently, they do not usually communicate with people around them in the real world. In this way, they have negatively affected real communication.

To put it in a nutshell, modern technology, especially social networks, have their positives, like improving communication, extending the range of people we can reach and so on. However, there is the downside of challenging our ability to make meaningful connections. **In my opinion, as long as moderation is exercised to balance between both virtual and face-to-face communication, modern technology should not cause any harm to a wise user. (Personally, I think the positives of social media are more than the negatives.) (In my view, the benefits of social media far outweigh any potential challenges.)**

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EMSAT Writing Topics

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Technology – (Virtual Reality)

Write an essay on the technology of "Virtual Reality".

Virtual Reality (VR) has become so popular over the last few decades. While the chance to experience a simulated environment seems an attractive one, there may be some challenges. I think this is an innovative technology that has opened up a new exploration window. In this essay, I will delve into some more details.

Let's begin by looking at the advantages of VR in some areas. One of the most important pros of VR is its educational value. In other words, it can provide learners with interactive lessons, which can enhance students' understanding. For example, healthcare students can practice a lot of skills such as performing surgeries in a risk-free virtual environment.

On the other hand, VR might have some challenges too. Firstly, it usually costs a lot of money to create, buy and maintain. Moreover, it may cause some physical problems such as eye strain. Furthermore, it might negatively affect real-world social skills.

However, the future of VR is promising as continuous advancements are trying to overcome current limitations. It is hoped that such technology can be used to raise people's environmental awareness.

In a word, Virtual Reality stands at the forefront of technological innovations. Although there might be some challenges like the high cost and disconnection with the real world, I believe its value in education, healthcare and other areas cannot be ignored.

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A Cultural Custom/Tradition (Marriage)

There is no doubt that weddings have always been an essential part of UAE culture, reflecting values of family, tradition, and unity. In the past, these celebrations were simple, yet meaningful, emphasizing community involvement and cultural rituals. Today, however, modern weddings in the UAE often feature luxurious settings, influenced by global trends. In this essay, I will compare between weddings in the UAE in the past and modern ones.

On the one hand, traditional UAE weddings in the past were community-centered and simple. Families, neighbors, and friends actively participated in the preparations. In addition, gatherings would often take place at the family's home or in a communal outdoor area. The bride's family and groom's family shared responsibilities, which reinforced strong social bonds. Dowries typically included gifts or practical items, and weddings were generally affordable for families from all backgrounds.

On the other hand, today's weddings in the UAE tend to be lavish and private. They are often held in luxurious venues like hotels or grand halls. Preparations are usually handled by professional event planners, who organize decorations, and guest arrangements. Dowries have increased significantly in cost, reflecting modern expectations of wealth and social status. These wedding celebrations often cost a lot of money.

To put it in a nutshell, the UAE weddings have evolved from simple, community-focused events to extravagant celebrations. While traditional weddings reflected unity and simplicity, modern ones often prioritize luxury. In my opinion, I believe both styles offer unique values and should be appreciated, but a balance between tradition and modernity could offer an ideal wedding experience.

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