

Life Upper Intermediate Writing worksheet

Answer key

Units 3 & 4 Writing an opinion essay

1 Students' own answers

2 Yes

Reasons: people get a better understanding of history and culture when they see the artefacts in a museum rather than online; free-entry to museums would encourage more people to visit allowing everyone, not just the well-off, to learn about culture and history.

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Instruction words	Topic words	Restricting words
<i>Discuss giving reasons</i>	<i>... your view on young children studying art in primary schools</i>	<i>... in your country</i>
<i>Discuss ...</i>	<i>... whether museums should entertain as well as educate</i>	<i>... young people</i>

4 1 e, 2 c, 3 a, 4 b, 5 d

5 1 in which, 2 As soon as, 3 so, 4 As a result, 5 where, 6 Until

6 Instruction: Discuss

Topic: preserving traditional art and developing modern art

Restricting words: in Cyprus

7 Possible answer

Introduction: What is the essay about?

- the preservation of traditional art and the development of modern art in Cyprus

What is my opinion?

- we need to preserve traditional art and develop modern art

Body paragraph 1 What reasons support my opinion?

- preserving traditional art is vital to help understand Cyprus' history
- if we don't preserve traditional art, the techniques will be lost

Body paragraph 2 What contrasting opinions are there? What is my response to these?

- more interest in how technology can be used to create art rather than understanding traditional art techniques

Conclusion: How can I summarise my opinion and reasons?

- artists should not be limited to a few techniques – to encourage art we need understand and use a variety of techniques – both old and new

8 Introduction: *It is believed by ..., Some people think (that) ..., Many people believe (that) ..., I agree ...*

Supporting your opinion: *Firstly, ... Secondly, For example, ..., This means ...*

Contrasting opinions: *On the other hand, ... This may be true, but my view is that ...*

Conclusion: *In conclusion, it is clear to me that ...,*

9 Model answer

Some people believe we should not spend much time or money on preserving art from the past and that we should develop modern art. I do not agree with this statement. In this essay, I will discuss reasons to support my opinion.

Firstly, preserving art from the past helps us understand Cypriot history. For example, traditional forms of folk art such as pottery and wood carving informs us about people's past trades.

Another important point is that without the preservation of these art forms, certain techniques will be lost. As a result, artists interested in traditional art will be unable to learn these techniques.

Although it could be argued that because artists prefer using technology in art now, this is where time and money should be spent, I think it is better to offer artists variety. As soon as people have choice, there are more possibilities, such as art that combines old and new techniques.

To summarise, while modern art should be encouraged, I believe that preserving traditional art allows artists space where new art can be created. (178 words)

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