

Writing Practice Test 1

WRITING TASK 1

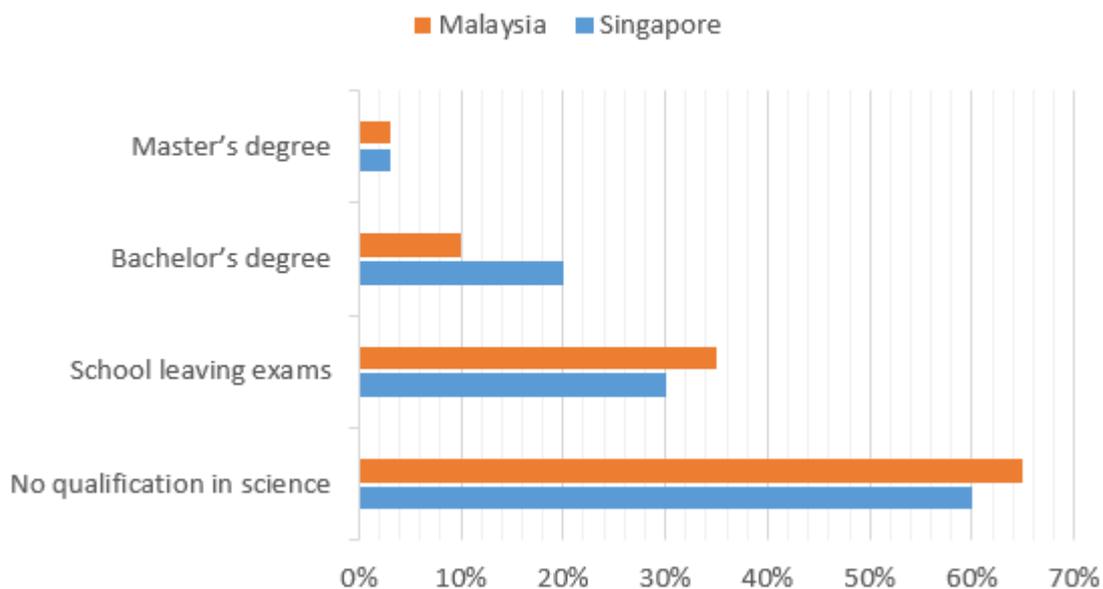
You should spend about **20** minutes on this task.

The chart below gives information about science qualifications held by people in two countries.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

You should write at least **150** words.

Science qualification in two countries



WRITING TASK 2

You should spend about **40** minutes on this task.

These days people in some country are living in a "throw-away" society which mean people use things in a short time then throw them away.

What are its causes and what are its problems? What could be done to address this issue?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least **250** words.



SAMPLE WRITING TASK 1

The bar chart illustrates the percentage of people who hold a science qualification in Singapore and Malaysia. A prominent feature is that a significantly low percentage of people hold science qualifications, that is Master's and Bachelor's degrees in science from university level studies in both countries. Less than 5% of people hold a qualification in science at Master's degree level in both Singapore and Malaysia.

There is a significant difference in the percentage of people holding science qualifications at Bachelor level between the two countries; while this number is 20% in Singapore, in Malaysia it is a mere 10%. The percentage of people with school leaving exams in science is slightly higher in Malaysia than in Singapore. 35% of people in Malaysia have a science qualification at this level, whereas the number in Singapore is 5% lower. Finally, more than half the people in both countries hold no science qualification at all.

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SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

Sample answer 1

Nowadays, we have adopted the throw-away lifestyle and over-consumption and excessive production of short-lived or disposable items is a global phenomenon which is making the condition even worse. Consumerism, rapid advancement of technology, changing lifestyle and globalisation are some of the main reasons which are contributing to this phenomenon even more. The effect of this trend is so extraordinary and deep that it will someday challenge our own existence and implementation of effective measures should be immediately taken.

Consumerism is a social and economic ideology that encourages people to acquire more products and services in an ever-increasing amount. Our materialistic lifestyle fuels this habit and we change our cell phones, cars and other household equipment more frequently than ever. Advertising plays a major role in creating a consumerist society and we are never contented with the things we have and want to acquire more than we need. Shopping is no longer a necessity and has turned out to be an activity for many. Thus we are producing an overwhelming amount of wastages and a little effort has been in place to recycle many of our used items. The rapid advancement of technology often forces us to buy latest products as new products have better features than the one we own. The rise of the middle-income people globally and their desire to mimic rich people and adopt a technology centric lifestyle also the reasons for the increasing waste productions as a result of our throw-away lifestyle. Our traditional lifestyle and skills are almost gone and

we want to buy everything rather than creating them. For instance, the number of people who rely on canned and packet food rather than cooking at home is a great example that shows the paradigm shift towards a busy and ready-made social lifestyle. Finally, the globalisation has immensely contributed towards our inclination to a throw-away society we are living in.

The problems that the throw-away society and consumerism tendency create are overwhelming. This is a degradation of human moral as a massive number of poor people are starving, on one hand, million tonnes of foods are being wasted in few countries on the other hand. The toxic waste and chemical garbage are polluting our environment while we are remaining busy to buy more electronic products. The global warming, temperature rise, extinction of many species are just the beginning and if we fail to take effective measures to stop this heinous trend, we will be destroying our future.

There are many steps that should be immediately in place to address this issue. Non-recyclable packets, bags and goods should be restricted as much as possible. The environment friendly goods should be manufactured and used by people and elements like plastic bags should be totally banned. Every household wastes should be classified as recyclable and non-recyclable and recyclable waste should be used to produce new products rather than throwing them away. The government, as well as individuals' cumulative efforts to reduce the wastage production and to save the environment, should be in place.

To conclude, no doubt our ignorance and desire to have more have contributed towards the creation of a throwaway society. Advancement of technology, globalisation, social and economic structure have all fueled this trend even faster. But the time has come for us to step forward and think about the future of the mother planet and take steps to revert the damage.

SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

Sample answer 2

Due to rapid technology revolution many latest technology equipments products are delivered in the market. This motivates people to buy new equipments and throw away their old ones or replace old with new one. Let us see briefly about both merits and demerits of this situation.

Scientific research help to find new discoveries and advancement of technology result in easily operated and additional featured equipments and other goods are increased in the market. For example, due to advancement in washing machine it washes the clothes and

automatically delivered to heater kit and switch off after heater is completed. This saves people time and removes extra burden to monitor the washing machine.

On the other hand, due to attraction of the latest equipment people are spending more money to buy latest equipment and finding reason to place their old machines in garbage. For example, people are avoiding using slight scratch in their refrigerator and buy new fridge and old ones are thrown out from their home. It is wastage of money. Due to this environment is affected by garbage which contains old equipments and machines. People are affected by technology related diseases. For example, people addicted to mobile phones and computers. Due to radiation from mobile phones may cause blurring vision, headaches and even cancer too.

To conclude, buying latest equipment and replace old goods is the latest trend and most people are following this trend. It has both advantages and disadvantages. I feel that if until necessary they must not buy latest goods and it is waste of money.