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Writing Practice Test 4

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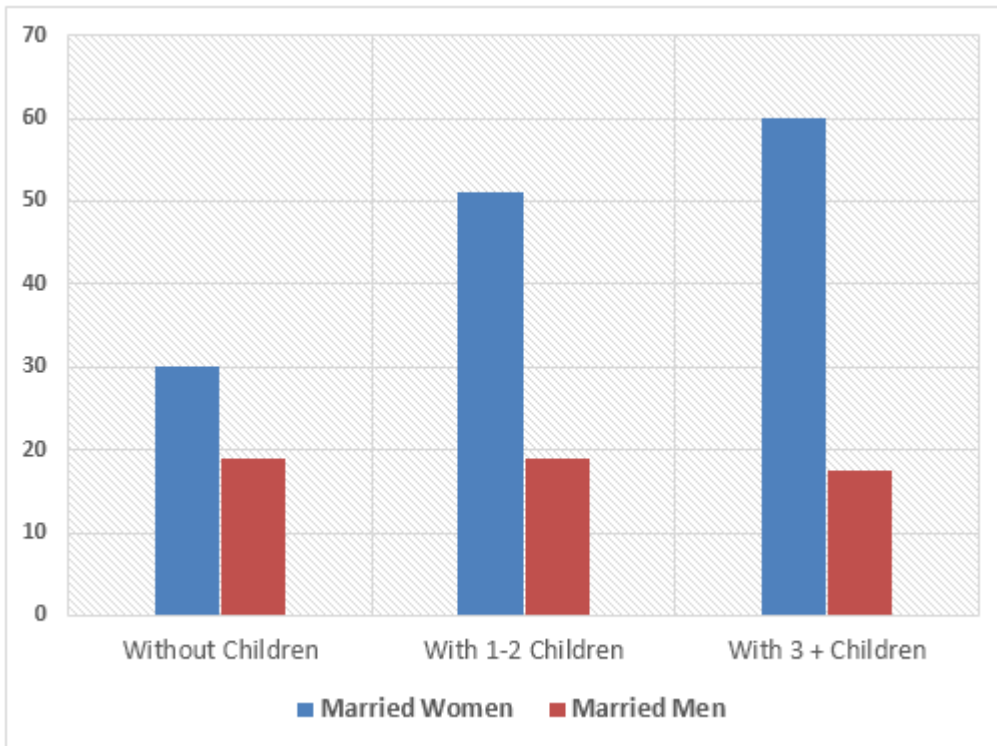
WRITING TASK 1

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

The diagram below shows the average hours of unpaid work per week done by people in different categories. (Unpaid work refers to such activities as childcare in the home, housework and gardening.)

Describe the information presented below, comparing results for men and women in the categories shown. Suggest reasons for what you see.

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



WRITING TASK 2

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

Some people think that there should be strict laws to control the amount of noise a person makes because of the disturbance it causes to people.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages.

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 graph shows data between married men and women of the number of hours spent per week on unpaid work. At first glance at the chart, it is noticeable that from all the three categories (without children, with 1-2 children and with 3 or more children), married women spend more hours involved in unpaid work such as housework, gardening and childcare than expected from men.

Married women with children spend more time than without children as the chart shows while having more than three children have invested around 60 hours of unpaid work. This is probably due to the extra load of housework and childcare that is evidently needed to run such a big family.

Furthermore, though there are visible variations of the number of hours of unpaid work carried out by married women, there is no significant variation among all three categories for married men in terms of work hours that are not paid (30 or fewer hours). In fact, it is observed that married men with three or more children spent slightly less number of unpaid work hours. This might be due to the high requirement of commitment needed for a paid job to meet financial requirements for a big family.

In conclusion, married women with three or more children spent the highest number of hours, yet married women from all categories spent a dramatically higher number of hours for unpaid work than married men.

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SAMPLE WRITING TASK 2

High levels of noise can be a cause of discomfort and so some people believe that there should be strict legislation regarding the level of noise a person can make. This essay discusses the merits and drawbacks of controlling the amount of noise a person makes.

There are several reasons why the government should strictly control the amount of noise a person produces. The main reason is that exposure to too much noise can be detrimental to people's health. For instance, loud noises cause headaches and anxiety, which can decrease the health levels of people, especially the elderly. Additionally, noise can disturb people's work or study. For example, when I was a university student I had difficulty concentrating while studying for exams because my neighbours often had loud parties.

However, there are some drawbacks to having strict laws against making noise. The main one is that people should have the right to make noise. More specifically people should be free to live their lives without the fear of violating laws. For instance, people should be allowed to have parties and celebrations without the need to look over their shoulder. Secondly, laws against noise may not be needed due to technology providing ways to deal with the problem of noise.

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For example, scientists have invented walls and windows that can block out the noise, and there are also headphones that can reduce noise.

In conclusion, the merits of controlling noise are that we can safeguard people's health against loud sounds, and enable people to fully concentrate on their work or study; while the drawbacks are that it may violate people's human rights and be unnecessary due to advances in technology. Overall, it seems that laws should only be applied in extreme circumstances.