

Dear student

In view of the prevailing lockdown, we are inviting you to keep in touch with your studies. In this regard we are posting you – on a weekly basis - specific tasks that you have to work out without fail. Worked solutions for Paper 2 and exercises on grammar will be made available one week after the tasks are set. Make the most of your precious time.

Thanks.

Upper 6 General Paper

Week 1

Essay: How far do you agree that museums and art galleries should not charge entrance fees? (Nov 2014)

Agree

1. Museums preserve and display our artistic, social, scientific and political heritage. Everyone should have access to such cultural resources as part of active citizenship and because of the educational opportunities they offer to people of every age.
2. Free access means every child can benefit and is an investment for the future of both the education and creative sectors of the economy and therefore has long term benefits in securing prosperity for the whole society.
3. Many visitors may be deterred from visiting some countries if they think it will be very expensive to visit its great museums and galleries. Tourists do contribute hugely to government revenues through indirect taxes they pay and the jobs they generate.

Disagree

1. Not everyone wishes to visit museums, which are essentially a form of entertainment for the middle classes and tourists.
2. High visitor numbers are dependent on the excellence of the content and presentation of exhibits. Museums and galleries are usually low priorities when governments distribute funding, hence the collections will be less attractive and fewer visitors will go even if entrance is free.
3. Tourists will pay to see excellent and historic collections of art and artefacts, as evidenced by the visitor numbers at the Louvre and the Egyptian Museums.

Comprehension

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