

Question

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Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Answer

Some people argue that when ~~having~~ ~~experiencing~~ negative situations, ~~changing~~ ~~people should try to change~~ these situations is preferable, whereas others oppose to this attitude. In this essay, both ~~view point~~ ~~viewpoints~~ will be ~~discussed~~.

First and foremost, people can develop their skills by trying to improve ~~the~~ ~~bad~~ situations, which also ~~brings about~~ ~~provides~~ benefit to society. Actually, there are many people who have become wealthy from poor financial conditions by developing their skills. For example, Steve Jobs, a founder of Apple Computers, started his career from selling less profitable software and became one of the ~~world's~~ top ~~businessman~~ ~~businessmen~~ by cultivating his ability with an aim to ~~improve~~ ~~improving~~ his financial status. It is an undeniable fact that his effort contributed to society with many inventions. As his achievements illustrate, attempting to change ~~the~~ ~~undesirable situations~~ contributes to developing skills and what is more it ~~has~~ ~~can~~ ~~have~~ positive impacts on society.

However, changing ~~the~~ ~~a~~ situation occasionally needs painstaking effort. ~~Some~~ people, being too keen to improve ~~their~~ situation, suffer from mental illness. For instance, when a ~~business~~ ~~person~~ ~~businessperson~~ tries to improve their sales by changing ~~the~~ conventional methods, they have to convince managers and unwilling colleagues who have ~~get~~ ~~gotten~~ used to the existing method ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~expected~~ ~~result~~. They also have to overcome ~~the~~ ~~fears~~ ~~of~~ ~~being~~ ~~in~~ ~~fail~~ ~~their~~ ~~fear~~ ~~of~~ ~~failure~~. It demands strong will and mind without which people ~~can~~ ~~not~~ ~~cannot~~ accomplish their goal.

In conclusion, as mentioned above, people can develop their skills in the process of improving ~~the~~ ~~a~~ situation and also can contribute to society. However, considering that it is often so demanding that their health is affected, I personally believe ~~try~~ ~~that~~ ~~trying~~ to improve ~~the~~ ~~a~~ situation is not always ~~respectful~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ option.

Commented [DW1]: Who is doing these verbs?

Commented [DW2]: Where's your opinion? You were explicitly asked to give it.

Commented [DW3]: Which ones?

Commented [DW4]: Possessive form.

Commented [DW5]: "one of" is a clue that this should be plural.

Commented [DW6]: Which one?

Commented [DW7]: I'm not 100% sure how this responds to the question. It seems a bit detached.

Commented [DW8]: Present perfect requires the past participle form.

Commented [DW9]: This is one word.

Commented [DW10]: Why "the"? What one situation are you referring to here?

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Answer

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First and foremost, people can develop their skills by trying to improve bad situations, which also provides benefit to society. Actually, there are many people who have become wealthy from poor financial conditions by developing their skills. For example, Steve Jobs, a founder of Apple Computers, started his career from selling less profitable software and became one of the world's top businessmen by cultivating his ability with an aim to improving his financial status. It is an undeniable fact that his effort contributed to society with many inventions. As his achievements illustrate, attempting to change undesirable situations contributes to developing skills and what is more it can have positive impacts on society.

However, changing a situation occasionally needs painstaking effort. Some people, being too keen to improve their situation, suffer from mental illness. For instance, when a businessperson tries to improve their sales by changing conventional methods, they have to convince managers and unwilling colleagues who have gotten used to the existing method. They also have to overcome their fear of failure. It demands strong will and mind without which people cannot accomplish their goal.

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Notes

Task Achievement

According to the IELTS band descriptors, in order to score a band 7, you need to:

- present a clear position throughout the response

This means that the reader should be aware of your opinion from the start to the end of the essay. However, you did not mention your opinion in the introduction. This is a common mistake. You cannot omit this or simply say something vague. You must give your opinion in the [essay outline](#).

Coherence and Cohesion

Your referencing was not always clear. This partly due to grammar because you kept saying “the situation.” You can’t just mention a bad situation once and keep referring back all through the essay, hoping that the reader will know what you mean.

Lexical Resource

The word “cannot” should always be written as one word. We should not make it into two words: “can not.” You can read about that common mistake in [this mini-lesson](#).

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

One of the most important and basic parts of language is being able to say whether there are one or two of something. For example, we say:

- One table
- Two tables

We also need to keep an eye open for signs that there are more than one of something, and for that we look to words like “many” or “some”:

- Some tables
- Many tables
- Several tables

You have made some mistakes with this, including this one: “one of the world’s top businessmen.” The phrase “one of” should have been a clue that plural form was needed here.

Your use of articles caused some problems here. Remember that when you say “the,” you are referring to a definite thing. It is either:

1. Something known to everybody (i.e. the moon, the sun, the sea)
2. Or something that the reader already knows it (i.e. you mentioned it already in a previous sentence)

You can learn more about article use [here](#).

Estimated Band Score

Section	Grade
Task Achievement	6
Coherence and Cohesion	7
Lexical Resource	6
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	6
Total	6

Sample Band 9 Answer

It could be said that there are two types of people in this world: those who accept their lot in life, and those who strive to do better. This essay will look at both sides but argue that it is best to fix problems and reach for a better situation.

Those who think that it is better to accept hardship believe that it is futile trying to change things that cannot be changed, and that trying to make everything perfect is in fact the cause of much suffering. These people include Buddhists, who believe that desire is the root of suffering the world, and that when people accept the impermanence of life, they can finally find peace. Indeed, it does seem like some of the happiest people are those who learn to love what they have in life.

On the other hand, if you are unhappy with something, it does make sense to try and change it. If you have a bad job, you should try to find a better one, and if there is something wrong with your home, you should attempt to fix it, rather than get used to it. For many situations, it is undeniably better to do something about a problem than to simply accept it. This acceptance can even cause illness or death, if the matter is something serious such as replacing or repairing a troublesome vehicle.

In conclusion, there are arguments in favour of both positions, but while it is important to learn to be happy with what you have in life, it is usually best to attempt to fix a problem or change your life for the better.

Extra Materials

The resources on this page are provided to everyone that uses my writing correction service. These are some things that I think will be useful to most of you.

List of Questions

If you are looking to do more IELTS practice, you can find a large list of questions [here](#). There are many fake questions online but these ones are realistic. [Why are fake questions bad?](#)

A Beginner's Guide

I have written a guide to IELTS for people who are unfamiliar with the test or who struggle to score more than band 6. [This guide](#) will help you find many useful resources.

The Right Number of Words

How many words should you write for IELTS? What is the ideal word count? Find out [here](#).

Mastering Structure

Structuring an IELTS essay can seem like a challenge at first. You should look at [this guide](#) for task 2 and [this](#) for task 1. If you want a more in-depth guide to Coherence and Cohesion, read [this](#).

Academic Training Task 1

I write many articles about IELTS writing task 1 on my website. You might find these guides useful: [bar charts](#), [process diagrams](#), [line graphs](#), [maps](#).

Grammar

I find that most people struggle with English grammar when training for IELTS. I have many grammar guides available on my website, such as these ones:

- [Prepositions](#)
- [Commas](#)
- [Sentence types](#)
- [Conditionals](#)

If you need extra help with grammar, I find [this website](#) to be quite useful. You can also try the [BBC grammar page](#).

Avoiding Repetition

We all know that repetition is not good, but how can you avoid it? Find out in [this guide](#).

Books & Courses

Finally, if you are looking for more IELTS material, you might like the 4 books that I have written. They are available for sale [here](#). I also have a free grammar course on my website [here](#).

Checklist

Task 1	Task 2
Is it at least 150 words?	Is it at least 250 words?
Have you written 2-5 paragraphs?	Have you written 4-5 paragraphs?
Check for spelling errors.	Check for spelling errors.
Is it in the correct register?	Make sure it is formal.
Look for common grammar errors.	Look for common grammar errors.
Cohesive devices not under/over-used.	Cohesive devices not under/over-used.
Have you fully described the data?	Have you fully answered the question?