

英検 1 級 (22 January 2023)

Essay Question

Agree or Disagree: Industrialization has had an overall beneficial effect on humankind.

Sample Essay (a):

The changes brought about by industrialization have had long-lasting profound effects on the entire world. From improved social mobility, strengthening of international relations, and advancements in science and technology, the overall benefits of industrialization are clear.

With the advance of industrial machines, the production of everyday items became substantially cheaper, allowing many goods previously considered limited to the upper class to become more affordable and accessible to ordinary people. This, coupled with higher wages from specialized factory work, helped lift poorer people out of poverty and facilitate greater upward social mobility.

Additionally, industrialization helped foster the international world we live in today. Advances in industry and manufacturing formed the cornerstone of the ensuing explosion of trade, especially in foreign markets. This, in turn, encourages a focus on diplomacy, paving the way for greater international cohesion as more people began to move between cities and countries.

The effect of industrialization on science and technology is also significant. Early industrialization was defined by game-changing inventions, without which many modern technologies that we rely on would not exist. Moreover, the influence of these inventions will continue to sharpen our future positively as cutting-edge technology is employed to tackle emerging problems and improve society.

As explained above, industrialization transformed the world, as its overall impact on people's lives, global culture, and the fields of science and technology is immeasurable. Thanks to industrialization, humankind is living in arguably the most prosperous era in history.

Sample Essay (b):

The changes brought about by industrialization have had long-lasting profound effects on the entire world. From improved social mobility, strengthening of international relations, and advancements in science and technology, the overall benefits of industrialization are clear. Let me elaborate on these cases.

With the advance of industrial machines, the production of everyday items became substantially cheaper, allowing many goods previously considered limited to wealthy consumers the upper class to become more affordable and accessible to ordinary people. This, coupled with higher wages from machine-operated specialized factory work, has facilitated helped lift poorer people out of poverty and facilitate greater upward social mobility by lifting many in the poor segment of society out of poverty.

Additionally, industrialization helped improve the materialist foundation of our security foster the international world we live in today. Advances in industry and manufacturing formed the cornerstone of the ensuing explosion of trade, by linking markets across the national borders

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Commented [A2]: This seems to be a wishful thinking. Industrialization created much of environmental destruction. Similarly international trade has often complicated diplomatic relations and created trade wars between countries.

Commented [A3]: This is an unclear argument. It was the lifting of protectionist policies among major traders rather than their industrialization that increased trade flows.

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Sample Essay (c):

Yes, I agree. From improved social mobility, strengthening of international relations, and advancements in science and technology, the overall benefits of industrialization are clear. Let me elaborate on these cases.

Commented [A4]: I made the position of the author clear.

With the advance of industrial machines, the production of everyday items became substantially cheaper, allowing many goods previously considered limited to wealthy consumers to become more affordable and accessible to ordinary people. This, coupled with higher wages from machine-operated factory work, has facilitated greater upward social mobility by lifting many in the poor segment of society out of poverty.

Additionally, industrialization helped improve the materialist foundation of our security. Advances in industry and manufacturing formed the cornerstone of the ensuing explosion of trade, by linking markets across the national borders markets. This, in turn, encourages a focus on diplomacy, paving the way for greater international cohesion as more people are physically more mobile domestically and internationally.

Commented [A5]: I still think that the second reason (of this paragraph) is rather weak.

The effect of industrialization on science and technology is also significant. Early industrialization was defined by game-changing inventions, without which many technical tools and instruments we use would not exist. Moreover, the influence of these inventions will continue to sharpen our future positively as cutting-edge technology is employed to tackle emerging problems and improve society.

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