

英検 1 級 (9 October 2022)

### Essay Question

**Agree or Disagree: Human society will always have a negative effect on the environment.**

#### Sample Essay (a):

Although it is undeniable that human societies currently inflict damage upon the environment worldwide, I disagree that this will be the case indefinitely. I believe green technologies, government policies, and societal attitudes will evolve to better accommodate environmental conservation.

Green technology has blossomed into a vibrant global industry, and revolutionary developments are being made on a regular basis. Over the coming decades, the negative effects resulting from drilling for oil or mining for coal can be negated as the fossil fuel industry is increasingly displaced by maturing green technology.

Additionally, more governments are codifying policies vital to the environment. Such efforts safeguard the habitats of wild species, particularly endangered ones, and highlight a growing trend toward conservation. This will help liberate these species from potential dangers posed by the expansion of urbanization.

Furthermore, societal attitudes toward nature are constantly changing for the better as humans are becoming ever more aware of their environmental footprints. Over the last century, consumerism has become a defining element of people's lives. However, this is gradually being supplanted by an increasingly popular lifestyle that champions minimalism and sustainability over excess and wastefulness. As this lifestyle spreads, the holistic effect of human activities on the environment will become more positive.

In summary, due to the collective effects of those working to develop new technologies, government policymakers, and the global populace as a whole, human societies will not always have a negative effect on the environment.

#### Sample Essay (b):

Although it is undeniable that human societies currently inflict damage upon the environment worldwide, I disagree that this will **remain to** be the case indefinitely. I believe green technologies, government policies, and societal attitudes will evolve to better accommodate environmental conservation.

Green technology has blossomed into a vibrant global industry, and **engendering revolutionary new** developments **are being made** on a regular basis. Over the coming decades, **such clean technology is likely to reduce** the negative effects **of the fossil fuel industry**, **resulting from** **via drilling for oil or mining for coal**, **can be negated** as the fossil fuel industry is increasingly displaced by maturing green technology.

Additionally, more governments are **upholding a code of conduct for corporate social responsibility covering a wide range of areas, including the protection** of **codifying policies vital to the**

**Commented [A1]:** Essay (a) contains many unnecessary words, of which the elimination will transform it to a succinct writing.

**Commented [A2]:** I fear this second reason is rather vague. If the essay places its emphasis on the broad government initiative to encourage corporate social responsibility, then the reference to endangered species may dilute the focus.

environment. Such efforts have highlighted a growing trend toward conservation, safeguarding the habitats of wild species, particularly endangered ones, and highlight a growing trend toward conservation. This will help liberate these species from potential dangers posed by the expansion of urbanization.

Furthermore, public attitude societal attitudes toward nature is are constantly changing by and large positively, for the better as humans are better informed becoming ever more aware of their environmental footprints. Over the last century, consumerism has become a defining element of people's lives. However, this is gradually being supplanted by an alternative, minimalist increasingly popular lifestyle that champions minimalism and sustainability over excess and wastefulness. As this lifestyle spreads, the holistic effect of human activities on the environment will become more positive.

In summary, due to the collective effects of those working to develop new technologies, government pro-environment policies, policymakers, and the growing tend of less-consumption-oriented behavior, global populace as a whole, human societies will not always have a negative effect on the environment.

#### Sample Essay (c):

Although human societies inflict severe damage upon the environment worldwide, I disagree that this will remain unchanged indefinitely. I believe green technologies, government policies, and our attitude will evolve to enhance the effectiveness of environmental conservation.

Green technology, which has blossomed into a vibrant global industry, has continued to engender new-developments on a regular basis. Over the coming decades, such clean technology is likely to further reduce our the fossil fuel industry with extensive extractive activities, such as drilling for oil or mining for coal.

Additionally, more governments are upholding a code of conduct for corporate social responsibility covering a wide range of areas, including the protection of the environment. Such efforts have underpinned a growing trend toward conservation. Indeed, the policy of safeguarding the habitats of wild species will help them from the potential dangers posed by the expansion of urbanization.

By and large, our attitude toward nature has moved in a positive direction, as we are now better informed of our environmental footprints. Over the last century, consumerism has become a defining element of our lives. However, this is gradually being supplanted by an alternative, minimalist lifestyle that champions sustainability over excess and wastefulness. As this lifestyle spreads, we will become more pro-environment.

In summary, due to the collective effects of those working to develop new technologies, government pro-environment policies, and the growing tend of less-consumption-oriented behavior, our society will not always have a negative effect on the environment.

Commented [A3]: The third reason is generally well taken. Some readers may question how pervasive the contemporary minimalist attitude is.

Commented [A4]: Essay © reflects the revision process shown in Essay (b) together with additional fine-tuning to improve the overall readability of the essay.