

Text production / Writing skills

Topic 1: Global Economy

Task: Combine or expand the following ideas into complex sentences using connectors such as *because, although, whereas, in order to, therefore, since, as a result, even though, while, despite*.

1. Many companies move production to developing countries. They want to reduce labour costs.
2. Global trade creates new markets. It also increases competition between businesses.
3. Workers in low-income countries often earn very little. Their working hours are very long.
4. Some governments support free trade agreements. Others protect their national industries.
5. Digitalisation allows small firms to sell products worldwide. It also forces them to adapt to new technologies.
6. Although globalization increases wealth, not everyone benefits equally.
7. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted supply chains. As a result, many companies changed their sourcing strategies.
8. Developing countries depend on raw material exports. Therefore, they are vulnerable to price fluctuations.
9. Economic growth can improve living standards. It can also lead to overconsumption and waste.
10. International cooperation is essential. No country can solve global financial problems alone.

(Optional challenge: write a cohesive paragraph using at least five of these ideas.)

Topic 2: Society and Social Change

Task: Use connectors like *while, although, because, as, since, therefore, in contrast, due to, whereas, even though* to combine or expand these ideas.

1. People live longer today. Health care and nutrition have improved.
2. Technology makes communication faster. It can also create stress and information overload.
3. Many young people move to cities. They look for better job opportunities.
4. Traditional communities are changing. Family structures are becoming smaller.
5. While social media connects people globally, it can also spread misinformation.
6. Education is more accessible online. However, not everyone has a stable internet connection.
7. Gender roles have become more flexible. Despite this, inequality still exists in many workplaces.
8. The ageing population challenges pension systems. Governments must adapt their social policies.
9. Because of global mobility, societies are becoming more multicultural.
10. Social change often creates conflicts. It also opens new possibilities for innovation and cooperation.

Topic 3: Environment and Sustainability

Task: Combine or expand the following ideas using connectors such as *because, although, despite, whereas, as a result, since, in order to, therefore, even though, provided that*.

1. Many people use their cars for short distances. This increases CO₂ emissions.
2. Renewable energy is becoming cheaper. Fossil fuels are still used in many industries.
3. Although recycling rates are rising, a lot of plastic still ends up in the ocean.

4. Governments support green technologies. They want to create sustainable jobs.
5. Deforestation continues. As a result, many animal species lose their habitats.
6. Consumers can influence companies. They can choose environmentally friendly products.
7. Climate change causes extreme weather events. Therefore, adaptation strategies are necessary.
8. Urban gardening projects reduce food waste. They also strengthen local communities.
9. While some people deny climate change, most scientists agree that it is man-made.
10. Sustainability requires global cooperation. Otherwise, local efforts will not be enough.