

IELTS Writing Task 2 Lesson #16

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

The increase in the use of mobile phones in recent years has transformed the way we communicate, live, and do business. Mobile phones can also, however, be the cause of social or medical problems. What are some of the problems caused by mobile phone usage?

Do you think the advantage of mobile phones outweigh the disadvantages?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

SAMPLE ANSWER

Over the past decade, the popularity of mobile phones has increased exponentially, changing many aspects of the way people live. Most people agree that the majority of these changes are positive, but there are also negative aspects to the overuse of mobile phones. In my opinion, the advantages of mobile phones outweigh the disadvantages.

Mobile phones have become very widely used and have impacted the average person's lifestyle in many positive ways. Mobile phones make it easy for parents to keep in touch with their children. Also, many people today have mobile phones which access the Internet, so they can not only communicate with their mobile phones, but also send e-mails, and conduct business via their phones. This is extremely advantageous as it means that people do not have to be confined to their homes or offices in order to get in touch with friends, family, or business associates; communication can take place anywhere and at any time.

The prolific use of mobile phones can also have negative impacts on individuals and society, however. For example, if children are given mobile phones to use when they are unsupervised, they may access inappropriate content on the Internet. In addition, some people who rely too heavily on Internet-equipped mobile phones might become more isolated than an individual who must rely on social interactions for their entertainment. Some studies have also shown that overuse of mobile phones can pose health risks like cancer, although additional research needs to be conducted to prove this theory. If people are aware of these downsides to mobile phone use, I believe they can take steps to prevent most social and medical problems from occurring.

In conclusion, in my opinion, mobile phones' advantages far outweigh their disadvantages.