



Writing for Academic Purposes

General information – read carefully:

- The WAP exam contains three texts with 5 questions.
- All the questions are written in English, and the answer must be written in English.
- You should not copy parts of the texts in your answers.
- The use of dictionaries or any kind of support materials is not allowed.
- You have 1 hour and 30 minutes (90 minutes) to do the test.

The Positive Effect of Recycling

Waste is disposed of in the **landfills** which causes a number of environmental problems. Not everything that is dumped in landfills is biodegradable. Even waste that takes a long time to decompose will cause environmental problems as it can emit gases or by products that are really harmful to the environment and the people working around landfills.

Recycling materials requires energy, however, it is a lot less compared to what is required to manufacture new products altogether. Making recycled plastic

products requires less energy and resources as compared to making new plastic products for example. When you dump waste in landfills, it will start emitting gases when it begins to

rot. These gases pollute the environment and attract insects, flies and bugs. When you recycle the waste instead of sending it to the landfills, you are directly reducing the pollution that occurs as a result of landfill. Further, recycling various products leads to less carbon emissions, reducing the carbon footprint that product.

Recycling also creates several job opportunities in any community. A number of people can find jobs in the recycling sector, and in places where recycled products and recycling-related materials are produced. This sector is ripe with work opportunities for middle-class people and those with limited education. Jobs in recycling are also known as green jobs due to the positive impact they have on the environment. Green jobs are essential for our economy and have an equally significant hand in making our planet a better place to live on. When you buy recycled products, you are helping all those manufacturers who recycle various materials. Every time you throw something out, be sure to check if it can be recycled or not.



Glossary

Landfill: a place where rubbish and other unwanted materials are buried

To rot: to become bad and soft because of being dead or old

Part 1 - Longer Answers

In this part of the test you will read a text and must answer (in English) two questions related to the text.

1) Write an e-mail to a friend who buys new products for his/her company every year and discards the old ones in a landfill. Tell him/her about the article you read.

Do not copy parts of the text on your answer. You should write at least 80 words or 500 characters.

2) "Not everybody can recycle materials every time, some people do not have time for this and others cannot use reusable things at home or at work". Do you agree or disagree with the statement?

Do not copy parts of the text on your answer. You should write at least 80 words or 500 characters.

Part 2 - Shorter Answers

In this part of the test you will read two short texts related to the same topic, but with complementing or opposing views. You must answer (in English) two questions related to the texts.

Text A

Racism is the belief that characteristics and abilities can be attributed to people simply on the basis of their race and that some racial groups are superior to others. Sociologists, in general, recognize "race" as a social construct. This means that, though the concepts of race and racism are based in observable biological characteristics, any conclusions drawn about race on the basis of those observations are heavily influenced by cultural ideologies. Racism, as an ideology, exists in a society at both the individual and the institutional level.

Text B

Racism and discrimination have been used as powerful weapons encouraging fear or hatred of others in times of conflict and war, and even during economic downturns. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the United Nations in 1948 and recognizes that if people are to be treated with dignity, they require economic rights, social rights including education. It further states that everyone is entitled to these rights "without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status."

3) According to the texts, the idea of racism is based on biological or cultural characteristics? Explain.

Do not copy parts of the text. Your answer must contain at least 50 words or 300 characters.

4) According to the texts, are there international laws against racism? Do you think they are effective?

Do not copy parts of the text. Your answer must contain at least 50 words or 300 characters.

Part 3 – Essay

In this part of the test you must write an essay according to the topic provided.

Nowadays, actors and professional athletes get very big salaries, while teachers, policemen, doctors, and other important professionals don't. What is your opinion about this fact? Explain your arguments. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.

Your essay should have at least 900 characters or 150 words.

