WRITNG TASK 2

should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:
Going overseas for university study is an exciting prospect for many people. But while it may offer some advantages, it is probably better to stay home because of the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying in a different culture. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement and give your opinion.

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

You should write at least 250 words.

SAMPLE 01.

Traveling abroad provides various opportunities. Students, however, may get concerned about whether they should study abroad or not. It is commonly believed that students with overseas education tend to get the edge over other students. On the other hand, there are problems that international students could encounter and therefore should be taken into consideration. Both sides of the argument will be critiqued before a well-reasoned conclusion is formed.

People who have earned a degree outside the country are seen as more successful than those who got their degree locally. For example, in the Philippines, particularly in my hometown, a majority of my former classmates who chose to continue their studies abroad have acquired better jobs than the ones confined to the local universities. Additionally, an education accomplished abroad is preferred by most employers. Thus, it is clear why many prefer to travel abroad for education.

However, some believe that studying abroad could lead to quite a few problems and hindrances. As an example, students need a great deal of funding in order to pursue a degree overseas. The cost of a whole year education in the country could be equated to just a month of studying abroad. In fact, local universities are also able to produce top quality graduates able to compete with international students even if the expenses differ by large. Another problem is the need to adjust to other cultures which may vary differently from the one of the student's country. This may either lead to a culture shock or give the student difficulty in adjusting to the new environment. Because of this it is easy to understand why some people prefer to study in a local University.

After analyzing both sides of the debate, it is difficult not to side with the more practical approach of local education because local universities are able to compete with the international graduates.
SAMPLE 02.

In today's society, studying in overseas university is the norm for many students. However, besides the benefits and the good experiences they earn, some considerable drawbacks might arise and prevent students from the opportunity not everyone can obtain.

It is true that study abroad provides higher qualifications and therefore people who earn the degrees are believed to be more successful in life than those who study locally. With international certifications, people have more opportunities to be recruited in the current competitive job markets, even in foreign companies wherein high paid salaries are expected. Moreover, living by one's own in a strange new place without anyone to take care of is another good reason for studying overseas. Essential work like cooking, cleaning the room, traveling alone are unavoidable. As a result, students grow more mature and build up their independence.

In spite of the benefits, there are hindrances on the way of pursuing dreams of many people. One of the most typical problems is the difference between cultures in that students have difficulties in adapting to the new environment. Hence, it causes homesick or even discrimination at university life since students are stuck in their formal behaviors and lifestyles. In addition, real-life native language using is instead of being said to be one of the advantages which it is in contrast one major issue that a number of students are aware of. What people have known and learned about languages in books is not always the same as what locals actually use in daily life. This causes misunderstanding and obstruction of forming social life, which is indeed significant for overseas students.

In short, although there are struggles and difficulties, it is undeniable that studying abroad offers different perspectives of the world. To my opinion, going overseas for university study should be encouraged because it is a way to help develop a country with high educated students.