

## IELTS WRITING TASK 2 SAMPLE 034

### WRITING TASK 2

should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**People's character is influenced by environment rather than genetics. Do you agree or disagree?**

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.

Numerous scientists claim that both genes and the environment play a significant role in shaping one's character. Research conducted by leading scientific institutions has shown that while some character traits are inherited, most are acquired through experience during lifetime. Let us consider cases which clearly demonstrate strong links between the environment and a person's character.

Everyone has their own unique DNA, except for identical twins, who share the same DNA. Many studies have been done involving hundreds of identical twins who were raised apart, in very different environments. These observations showed that twins really do share some traits such as a preference for the same colors or smells, books and films. However, their essential characters quite differ from each other. As explained by most psychologists, it was a result of the influence from their environments. For example, one of the twins was brought up in the countryside, and the other was in the city. The rural twin is unflappable, taciturn, withdrawn, and hard working. The urban twin is quite the opposite. He may be described as talkative, open and temperamental.

That's why there is no doubt that the influence of the environment and nurture is more obvious and convincing than genes. For example, parents try to rent or buy homes in wholesome areas far from crime-ridden ones in the hope that their children will not be amid bad influences.

By and large, people are profoundly influenced by their parents, co-workers, friends, teachers, peers as well as media. These are important factors of life that have a great influence on one's nature. Moreover, they may be responsible for forming the characters of those who communicate with them in everyday life.

All these arguments lead to the conclusion that the environment contributes more to shaping an individual's nature than genes. Indeed, the influence of nurture on one's past is so overwhelming and powerful. That is why criminologists state that criminals are often the result of bad parenting or bad nurturing.

## **SAMPLE 02.**

Whether the environment or genetics shapes the person's character remains a debate for long time. We acknowledge the influence of genetics in people's character; however I think the environment plays a greater role in building the character of people for many reasons:

First, although genetics determines the person's general appearance, it does not teach him/her how to live. To explain this point, the human baby has to learn a language to speak. This would starts by intentional observation of other people in the environment around him/her. As a result, the baby will learn the language of the parents.

Second, we have to admire that people tends to imitates others. Hence, people experience the culture and behaviour of the surrounding community. As a result, the person's values and honour would be a reflection of the environment that he/she was grown in.

Third, people have the capability to adapt to the environment they live in. For instance, if a person has travelled to a new environment, he/she has to make changes to be able to cope with the new life. As a result, the person has to learn the culture of the new community and should understand how to communicate with people of a different background.

To sum up, I think the environment has more effect on people's character than genetics. On the other hand, genetics had made the person able to understand the surrounding environment and grows his/her character out of it. I believe that there are many aspects in the human life that will remain vague.