WRITNG TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people prefer to spend their lives doing the same things and avoiding change. Others, however, think that change is always a good thing. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

You should write at least 250 words.

SAMPLE1.

Over the last half century the pace of change in the life of human beings has increased beyond our wildest expectations. This has been driven by technological and scientific breakthroughs that are changing the whole way we view the world on an almost daily basis. This means that change is not always a personal option, but an inescapable fact of life, and we need to constantly adapt to keep pace with it.

Those people who believe they have achieved some security by doing the same, familiar things are living in denial. Even when people believe they are resisting change themselves, they cannot stop the world around them from changing. Sooner or later they will find that the familiar jobs no longer exist, or that the ‘safe’ patterns of behaviour are no longer appropriate.

However, reaching the conclusion that change is inevitable is not the same as assuming that ‘change is always for the better’. Unfortunately, it is not always the case that new things are promoted because they have good impacts for the majority of people. A lot of innovations are made with the aim of making money for a few. This is because it is the rich and powerful people in our society who are able to impose changes (such as in working conditions or property developments) that are in their own interests.

In conclusion, I would say that change can be stimulating and energising for individuals when they pursue it themselves, but that all change, including that which is imposed on people, does not necessarily have good outcomes.
While some people enjoy rather stable life such as living in the same place and working for the same company for the whole life, others want to explore the world around them as much as possible, stretching themselves to the limit. It mostly depends on personal preference which life style one adopts; however, in certain situations, changes are unavoidable.

Sticking with our habits and what we know has some advantages. First of all, we can be sure what the result will be. For instance, rather than going to a new restaurant to try new dishes, we might want to go to McDonald, where we are certain what types of food it offers. A new restaurant can bring us good or bad surprise, and risk-adverse people just do not enjoy that. Second, if we acted in a certain way and we got a good result, why do we not continue doing so in the future? When we have already been happy with our lives, why should we need to change?

Contrary to the first point of view, for some people, one and probably the main purpose of life is to explore the world. Life is just a flash of light, and we use our time to learn, to observe, experience the world around us. However, not every change is good. For instance, quitting a job in the time of global financial crisis and finding a new job could be unwise. Nonetheless, it is true to say that all wonderful achievements of human have been a result of people stepping away from the old path, seeking for better life and solutions.

In conclusion, living which way is rather a personal choice. Nevertheless, it is impractical to ignore the surrounding circumstances and follow habits at all costs; similarly, it is not smart to exchange precious things that we have for an uncertain future.
Change is a central concept in modern life. Some people make changes in their life frequently while others try to avoid them whenever possible. Both positions will be analyses before a conclusion is reached on how to deal with change in one’s life.

On the one hand, change can enrich and improve our lifes and enable progress and innovation. It is evident that people who make changes in their life gain a broader range of experiences. For example a person that hold different positions over their work life will have a broader perspective than an employee staying in the same position for a long time. Without change innovations and invention can not happen. Many inventions originate from a single persons will to change something. Change can improve people’s life by enabling them to start a new job or relationship if they were unsatisfied with their situation.

On the other hand, many undertakings in life require some stability and persistence to be a success. Some ventures, like mastering a field or building a relationship may need patience and persistence rather than giving up easily and opting for a change. For example, having a family requires a stable environment. In some situations it can be worth avoiding changes in favour of stability or security. Finally, new is not always better. In many cases people are too excites about the novelty of something to consider the side effects of a potential change.

All in all, change always implies a chance and a risk. No progress can be made without change but it is worth considering the side effects of change. Stability and safety may sometimes outweigh the chances and experiences gained by making changes.