WRITNG TASK 2

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

137. Should close relatives be involved in the education of children? 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.

Whether it is a good idea to involve relatives in the day-to-day education of children is debatable. Undoubtedly this educational model will not work for all families. Nevertheless, I believe it can be good ideas as it benefits all parties involved: children, parents and relatives.

Spending time with relatives can be a good replacement for paid child care and can teach a child to become more independent, to adapt to new situations and develop social skills. Relatives, like grandparents, may have more time and patience for children than their working parents. A child’s relationship with a relative is likely to be more personal than with a child care professional. Additionally, being away from home and with a relative can make a child more confident and independent and provide it with new ideas and role models. For a child this is also a way to acquire some social skills and learn to adapt to a new environment.

Parents may be grateful getting help with child care and sharing the responsibility of education with a like-minded and sometimes more experienced relative. Working parents may have little time to spend with their children and need to ensure they are in care of a trustworthy person. An experience relative can also be a good adviser for both, parents and children. Involving a relative in the education of one’s children can also strengthens the relationship between parents and the relative.

By getting involved in the education of a child relatives can gain a meaningful duty, experience with children and a closer relationship with the family. In particular, it can be a meaningful and fulfilling assignment for grandparents educating a grandchild. Their relationship with their grandchildren is likely to become closer by spending more time with them. Relatives with no children of their own can make valuable experiences educating children this way.

All things considered, involving relatives in children’s education can be a good solution to various challenges involved with bringing up children. With extended families being less close nowadays it remains to be seen if this education model will gain popularity.