WRITING TASK 2

Should spend about 40 minutes on this task. Write about the following topic:

In many countries children are engaged in some kind of paid work. Some people regard this as completely wrong, while others consider it a valuable work experience, which is important for learning and taking responsibility. What is 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.

SAMPLE1.

Nowadays, many children involved in different types of jobs to have some kind of financial assurance for themselves. However, whether this is good for their development and personality is a controversial issue. I personally believe that paid works is harmful for children for several reasons.

It is said that children gain valuable experience in the work place. This may be true. However, I would argue that children are mainly employed in jobs that require manual work and are poorly paid. The recent statistics reveal the common tasks that children are assigned to are washing dishes, mopping floors or serving food in restaurants. Meanwhile, this kind of jobs actually does not provide children with necessary and useful skills to apply in their future career.

This brings me to the second point. Defenders of child labor argue that it is an effective method of learning. The point is children should be able to apply knowledge taught to them in a real life working environment. Although this is undoubtedly true, it also means that children may neglect the classroom study and even fail the class. The worst thing is yet to come they may become so preoccupied with the benefits ahead of them such as small salary that they may leave school.

Finally, supporters say that it helps them to build responsibility in the family. They will understand how it is difficult to earn money and therefore have compassion for their parents. This is true to a certain extent, but may have a totally adverse effect on children. As children can make money at an early age, they would feel that it is appropriate to spend it on luxury things.

In conclusion, I think that parents should take measures to restrict their child from work otherwise it would have negative consequences to their future.

This is a great essay, a Band 7+ candidate. My only suggestion is to divide your arguments so that you would have 2 paragraphs covering arguments ‘against’ and covering arguments ‘for’ or vice versa. Don’t mix arguments ‘for’ and ‘against’ in one paragraph. www.ielts-blog.com
Child labor is very rampant nowadays in some countries that are under the grasp of poverty. An argument is made that this activity is unjustified due to the reason that a children’s place is not in the workplace but in the company of other children playing with their toys. On the other hand, other people think that, if a child learned to work earlier in their life, they would hold more experience than other people, which could help them in their future life. Both of this view will be taken into consideration in this essay.

There are children who are working at an early age. They are forced to do this activity instead going to school to study because they want to support their parents financially. For instance, there are parents who are not able to find decent job to support the needs of its family thereby are forced to let their children work together with them. These may include jobs such as in construction, farming, fishing which do not require education qualifications. Some of these children are unable to continue their education because of this. Sometimes, they end up just finishing the elementary education which makes it hard for them to find decent jobs in the future.

On the other hand, some people think that work experience in an early age brings experience. They say that it enable those children with work experience to stay ahead of those who had not tried doing jobs. For instance, children who are paid to work are likely to value the importance of hard work and perseverance to those children who are still relying on their parents for their needs. They say that these children who are involved in paid jobs are more experienced in life and more wise in comparison to those who are educated. These argument may be true, because in my experience for instance, I have seen children who are doing paid task are much wiser than those children on the same age as they are. They are able to earn money at an early age and they know what to do with the money they earn. They usually give it to their parents so that it will not benefit them individually but as a family. These virtues are not seen in children who rely on their parents at an early age.

In conclusion, although work experience at an early age might benefit these children in terms of experience, they should be given their own right as a children and that is education. Thus, governments should do their jobs in preventing this activity from happening and ensure that they should be educated accordingly.