

# Writing session

## Useful ideas

### Theme 1: family relationships

#### 1-The importance of a family:

- \* Healthy families are the backbone of a healthy society
- \* Families teach lessons, values, and principles
- \* Healthy family environment contributes to better academic performance.”
- \* Families ensure the children’s psychological equilibrium
- \* Families provide support in difficult times

#### Ways to strengthen family bonds.

- \* Eating meals together
- \* Being kind to one another
- \* Spending time together: watching Tv, playing games ...
- \* Communicating
- \* Travelling together

#### Causes of generation gap:

- Lack of understanding: this is due to social changes, different languages and the invasion of social media
- Parents often do not tolerate mistakes and tend to punish their children.
- Comparing children to each other or even to how you were as a child is another reason the gap becomes wide.
- Parents expect their children to be replicas of themselves.
- Due to busy daily life and stress, parents often find themselves too tired to spend enough time with their kids every day

#### Ways to avoid generation gap:

- 1) Communication plays an important role in bridging gaps between parents and children.



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- 2) Open-mindedness means widening your horizons and looking at things with a new perspective. This helps to understand the children's priorities and habits.
- 3) Parents have to let their children voice their opinions and listen to what they are saying, without interrupting them.
- 4) Parents should be friends with their children
- 5) Love has a way of crossing boundaries and bringing people together.
- 6) Instead of forcing children into a particular way of thinking, parents should learn to compromise when possible.

### **How children should deal with their parents**

- 1) Children must listen and respond calmly when their parents say something upsetting
- 2) Children must obey parents' rules in order to help build trust
- 3) Children should explain how they feel to help their parents understand them
- 4) After a fight, children should go to their room or go for a walk-in order to think about what happened and release any negative emotions

### **How parents should deal with their children**

- 1) Children watch very carefully everything their parents do therefore parents should be a good role model
- 2) Parents should boost their children's self-esteem by praising them wisely, focusing on their strengths and avoiding belittling
- 3) It's extremely rewarding for parents to schedule together time with their kids
- 4) Parents should be a safe haven for their children by being sensitive to their needs
- 5) Parents should love their children unconditionally and water their offspring's lives with affection as a nourishment



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## Theme 2: communication:

### **1-The importance of technology:**

- \* Technological gadgets shorten the distance and make the world a small village
- \* Technology helps improve education, medicine, and every other field of our life
- \* Smartphones provide entertainment (play games, take photos, listen to music..."
- \* Mass media help share world news and keep in touch with the world, it also reveals the truth in times of war and conflicts
- \* Technology helps gain life skills (patience, problem-solving skill, critical thinking...)

### **2-The importance of friendship:**

- \* Teenagers need friends who are trustworthy and reliable
- \* Good choice of friends make life easier, more comfortable, and safer
- \* Teenagers should respect their parent's opinions about their friends if they are dishonest
- \* Friendship is a precious gift not to be wasted
- \* Friends should have a positive influence on each other
- \* Friends who are jealous, envious or malicious are a real threat to mental health and social development

## Theme 3: social life

### **1-benefits of traveling**

- \* Going on holidays help widen one's horizon and see the world
- \* Traveling makes people more open-minded and more flexible and tolerant



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- \* The more you travel, the more education you get
- \* Touring the world is a great chance to strike up new relationships
- \* Learning important geographical and historical information are the most important benefits of traveling
- \* Traveling provides a chance to mix with local people and get to know the traditions closer
- \* Some people travel just to explore the gastronomy of other cultures

## Writing tasks

**3-Topic (8 marks): Many teenagers in your school complain about the differences between them and their parents. Write an article in your school magazine about the problem of generation gap and the possible solutions to improve parent-teenager relationship.**

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**5-topic (8 marks) When we travel, we not only have fun but also learn a lot of new things. Write a 10-line argumentative article in which you highlight the benefits of travelling.**

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