



IELTS Focus Writing Correction Service

Key:

Red = general corrections / vocabulary or grammar additions

Blue = my comments and advice

Black = your original writing

~~Crossed-out~~ = not needed or a mistake

Purple = hard to understand / poor coherence or wording issues

Green = my example

Task Question:

The breakthroughs in medical science are by far the most significant advances in world society over the last two centuries. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

~~The face of our world has been changed dramatically by great discoveries and inventions in science.~~ <-(this is 'a hook' and not needed) It is argued that, among the developments in the fields of science, the ~~dramatic~~ **most important** <-(better wording) **are the** discoveries in medical science over the last two ~~centuries~~ <-(paraphrase this) **hundred years.** ~~are beyond recognition.~~ <-(not needed) I firmly agree with this argument due to many benefits in area of medical science. <-(what benefits, briefly mention them) ~~This essay will outline the overwhelming significance of the medical science field over any other science advancement.~~ <-(this is an 'outline sentence' not a thesis statement)

The opening sentence is a 'hook' and is not needed, just go straight into paraphrasing the task question. Your thesis statement needs to state 2 reasons for your opinion also. The last sentence is considered a memorised sentence and is not a thesis. See this link here: <https://ieltsfocus.com/2018/02/08/memorised-sentences-ielts/>

My example of an introduction

It is argued that the advancements in medical science are among the most important improvements for societies worldwide in the last two hundred years. I completely agree with this because diseases that were once considered incurable are now easily treated by modern medicine, as well as new techniques for organ transplants and anaesthesia. 53 words

Green = paraphrasing. Grey = thesis statement

See the links below on paraphrasing and thesis statements

<https://ieltsfocus.com/2017/02/13/paraphrasing-ielts-writing/>

<https://ieltsfocus.com/2017/06/12/ielts-thesis-statement/>

Since 1800s, the inventions in computer science, chemistry <-(no mention of this in the task) and other fields has positively changed the way people work and connect with each other. For instance, <-(the example comes after your supporting sentence) nowadays, people are able to have a video phone call <-(no mention of this in the task) around the world or use insecticide to kill insects <-(no mention of this in the task) and therefore, increase agricultural productivity. If these inventions were not around, people's lives would be much harder and much more inconvenient. Hence, the inventions in science <-(task is about medical science) have played a vital role for human life.

This paragraph is off topic, and quite short (77 words) so it lacks development. The task question states 'breakthroughs in medical science' but your paragraph is mentioning things that are not even in the task, such as computer science, chemistry, video calls and insecticide. You must focus on one idea and explain that. Also your example was too early. After your topic sentence you must explain it first then give an example. See the way I have done this below. Notice I am following the first idea from my thesis statement.

My re-write for main body 1

I believe technological developments in the medical field are significant for humanity, as many years ago deadly diseases were rampant and difficult to cure. In other words, cutting edge drugs and treatment are now at a stage where most life threatening illnesses can be treated with penicillin or simple medical procedures. For instance, tuberculosis was at epidemic proportions in the 1890s and killed 23% of the population in the USA. At the time there was no treatment, but now this can be cured with antibiotics within a few weeks. Moreover, medical techniques in recent decades can quickly diagnose and treat illnesses before they become too serious.

However, the benefits ~~from breakthroughs in medical science~~ <-(copied from the task) **of cutting edge technology in the medical field** during the last two hundred years are more valuable. Millions of people's lives have been saved by antibiotics and organ transplants. Furthermore, the development of anaesthesia has allowed painless operations to take place. **For instance, anaesthesia is of significant importance, as in the past in the late 19th century** several patients ~~were opting~~ **opted** for death rather than ~~enduring~~ **endure** the excruciating ordeal. By saving people's lives and helping people in physical pain, it is the inventions in medical science that are by far the most important advances in world society.

This paragraph is more on topic and you are explaining your points better. However, the opening sentence copies wording from the task, you need to paraphrase more in this case. I also added the phrase 'for example' to indicate your example. I made a few changes to wording but this was developed better than main body one.

In conclusion, the breakthroughs of science over the last two hundred years has greatly benefited people's lives. **In spite of this**, the developments in the area of medical science have been proven to be of greater significance due to **the critical results** it brings to human life.

It is a good attempt at a conclusion but some wording issues here... It seems like you did not fully understand the task question as the tasks specifically mentions breakthroughs in medical science and not just science. A good way to write a conclusion is to take your thesis statement and re-paraphrase it again, and summarise your main points. For example, below is my thesis statement and my conclusion.

Thesis statement:

I completely agree with this because diseases that were once considered incurable are now easily treated by modern medicine, as well as new techniques for organ transplants and anaesthesia.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I firmly believe that since the 1800s huge improvements in medicine have proven to be of great benefit. Conditions that were once impossible to treat are now curable, and the transplantation of internal organs are now a common medical procedure.

See the video feedback here

<https://www.loom.com/share/c8051a769f6b44ad98a6ba6e1ecba659>

Structure for an IELTS opinion essay

INTRODUCTION:

- ▶ PARAPHRASE THE QUESTION
- ▶ THESIS STATEMENT WITH 2 REASONS FOR YOUR OPINION

MAIN BODY 1:

- ▶ 1ST REASON WHY YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE (TOPIC SENTENCE)
- ▶ EXPLAIN IN DETAIL (SUPPORTING SENTENCES)
- ▶ GIVE AN EXAMPLE TO SUPPORT YOUR OPINION

MAIN BODY 2:

- ▶ 2ND REASON WHY YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE (TOPIC SENTENCE)
- ▶ EXPLAIN IN DETAIL (SUPPORTING SENTENCES)
- ▶ GIVE AN EXAMPLE TO SUPPORT YOUR OPINION

CONCLUSION:

- ▶ SUMMARISE YOUR MAIN POINTS BRIEFLY
- ▶ RESTATE YOUR OPINION

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Summary of Band scores.

This Band score is not a guarantee that you will get the same score in the IELTS exam because examiners can only score you on what you wrote in each test. You can only get a certified IELTS level by taking the IELTS test at an official IELTS Test Centre.

IELTS Assessment Criteria	Band Score
Task Response	6
Coherence and Cohesion	6
Lexical Resource	7
Grammatical Range and Accuracy	7
Overall	Band 6.5

Add all band scores together and divide by 4 to get your Band. The score is rounded up or down to the nearest whole or half band.

Recommended Links

Video feedback: <https://www.loom.com/share/c8051a769f6b44ad98a6ba6e1ecba659>

Paraphrasing: <https://ieltsfocus.com/2017/02/13/paraphrasing-ielts-writing/>

Thesis statements: <https://ieltsfocus.com/2017/06/12/ielts-thesis-statement/>

Giving examples: <https://ieltsfocus.com/2019/01/08/examples-in-ielts-essays/>

Conclusions: <https://ieltsfocus.com/2017/07/12/effective-ielts-conclusions/>

Dangers of outline sentences: <https://ieltsfocus.com/2018/02/08/memorised-sentences-ielts/>

Opinion essay model answers:

<https://ieltsfocus.com/2020/01/14/ielts-model-essay-wealth/>

<https://ieltsfocus.com/2019/05/28/ielts-opinion-essay/>

Planning stage (analysing the task): <https://ieltsfocus.com/2017/12/22/5-things-ielts-essay/>

Model Answer

The breakthroughs in medical science are by far the most significant advances in world society over the last two centuries. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

It is argued that the advancements in medical science are among the most important improvements for societies worldwide in the last two hundred years. I completely agree with this because diseases that were once considered incurable are now easily treated by modern medicine, as well as new techniques for organ transplants and anaesthesia.

I believe technological developments in the medical field are significant for humanity because many years ago deadly diseases were rampant and difficult to cure. In other words, cutting edge drugs and treatment are now at a stage where most life threatening illnesses can be treated with penicillin or simple medical procedures. For instance, tuberculosis was at epidemic proportions in the 1890s and killed many people in the USA. At the time there was no treatment, but now this can be cured with antibiotics within a few weeks. Moreover, medical techniques in recent decades can quickly diagnose and treat illnesses before they become too serious.

Another reason for my view is that painless surgical operations were unheard of in the 19th century. This is because medical technology had not advanced to the stage where this could be done painlessly. For example, in Victorian England operations were carried out without anaesthetics. Patients would only be given alcohol to dull the pain, which was ineffective and made the procedure absolutely excruciating. Moreover, the concept of exchanging internal body parts was unimaginable. The methods for liver or heart transplants were only invented in the 1970s. Prior to that, people with conditions such as heart disease would face death.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that since the 1800s huge improvements in medicine have proven to be of great benefit. Conditions that were once impossible to treat are now curable, and the transplantation of internal organs are now a common medical procedure.

297 words

Learning IELTS Vocabulary

I advise reading news topics, magazine articles online and listening to podcasts around these common IELTS topics below to help develop your vocabulary and get ideas for essay tasks.

Get a notebook and learn at least 7 new words and collocations per day. Do this regularly and practice making sentences with them. Review the new words and collocations every week. Learn 'chunks' of language not just single words.

Click this link here-> <https://ieltsfocus.com/2018/03/07/learning-new-vocabulary/>

Collocations resource-> <http://www.drillpal.com/drill-search/collocation>

14 common IELTS topics in writing task 2

1. **Crime & Punishment**
 2. **The Environment**
 3. **Health**
 4. **Technology**
 5. **Education**
 6. **Sports & Exercise**
 7. **Travel**
 8. **Society**
 9. **Work**
 10. **Family & Children**
 11. **Food & Diet**
 12. **Business and Money**
 13. **Transport**
 14. **Space Exploration**
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