

Task 2 question

Q. It should be necessary for parents to attend a parenting training course to learn how to bring their children up. Do you agree?

Student's answer with suggested corrections:

It is considered by some that parents ought to attend a training course for parenting in order to learn the best way of bringing their children up. In my opinion, it is necessary for parents to study parenting as it will greatly benefit the children and the society.

Comment [U1]: Good paraphrase.

Comment [U2]: Clear and appropriate response to the question.

A good reason to introduce a parenting course is that a happy childhood is essential for a person's future development. A criminal psychologist has suggested that while a person with an unhappy childhood may not necessarily become a serial killer, but most murderers have had some kind of bad traumatic experience when they were children, such as abuse, or rape. Therefore, it is vital for parents to know learn how to treat their children and what is the corresponding impacts on their children them through a formal course.

Another point to consider reason to impose such training is that parents are the role models when children's are building their characters are being shaped. Children usually learn through a process of mocking-emulating adults' behavior, and it is more efficient for them to learn virtue from their parents' behavior instead of learning from books. Parents' misbehavior may possibly make children ill-bred and may even adversely affect children's physical or psychological growth. For example, children are more prone to emotional disorders if their parents are alcoholic according to research. It can be seen that parenting plays a significant role in children's development.

Finally, parenting courses is-are becoming more important to the society nowadays as people are more open-minded people tend to have more liberal attitudes towards sex than in the past and more people may get fall pregnant before they are emotionally mature enough to breed-raise their children. Furthermore, the divorce rate is ever-growing and more single parents need support than before. With parenting training courses, young couples and single parents can be guided on how to raise their children under current circumstances.

Comment [U3]: "open-minded" is a little vague, and your intended meaning might be lost on some readers.

Comment [U4]: Not clear what kind of support you mean. Perhaps you mean advice rather than emotional or practical support (which are off the topic).

Comment [U5]: It is not clear what this refers to. Perhaps it could be clarified or removed.

Comment [U6]: (As above on 'support')

In conclusion, it should be required for parents to attend a parenting training course because such courses not only enables them to understand the impact their parenting has on their children's childhood and character building-development but also provides support to young or single parents.

Teacher's comments in the four areas of the band descriptors:

Task Response

Presents a clear position throughout the response.

Relevant main ideas but some may be inadequately developed or unclear. For example:

- "open-minded" is possibly unclear
- "becoming more important to the society nowadays as ... may get pregnant before they are mature enough to breed-raise their children" could be further developed.

I think this idea needs to be extended particularly because "society" is also mentioned in the introduction. I suggest an example and/or a sentence to elaborate. E.g.:

“As teenagers or young adults, those parents are only beginning to learn how to handle adult concepts such as committed loving relationships, cooking and nutrition, hard work and financial responsibility, which are not only essential for their own well-being but also of course to that of the child they are raising. Without these skills, their children will inevitably develop developmental problems and require more state intervention in the long term. A parenting course can be designed to specifically cater for this demographic.”).

- “support” is a little unclear

Coherence and Cohesion

Logically organized paragraphs, with a clear progression throughout.

Used a range of cohesive devices (e.g. In my opinion, Therefore, Another point to consider, For example, Finally, Furthermore, In conclusion). However, one needs to be rephrased: *Another point to consider such training is* → *Another point in support of such training is*

Presents a clear central topic within each paragraph.

Lexical Resource

Uses some less common items with some awareness of style and collocation:

- greatly benefit, vital, virtue, ill-bred, adversely affect, more prone to, plays a significant role, ever-growing

Occasional errors in word choice:

- mocking, open-minded, breed (their children)

In general, try to always replace “get” with an alternative word. E.g. get pregnant → fall pregnant

Grammatical Range and Accuracy

Uses a mix of simple and complex sentences, but basic grammatical errors persist though these rarely reduce communication:

- “person with unhappy childhood” (missing article “an”)
- “most murderers have bad experience” (missing article “a”; need present perfect “have had”, not present simple “have”)
- “such as abuse, rape” (missing “or”; delete the comma)
- “and what is the impact on their children” (needs to be rephrased as “and what the impact on their children is”)
- “parents are the role model” (missing plural “s”)
- “prone to emotional disorder” (missing plural “s”)
- “if their parents are alcoholic” (use plural noun “alcoholics” instead of adjective “alcoholic”)
- “required for parents to attend parenting training course” (missing article “a” or plural “s”)
- “because such course” (missing article “a” or plural “s”)
- “understand their impact on children’s childhood” (need “their children’s childhood”)