

CELC Benchmark Essays – Set 2

Prompt:

Some people feel that having a job during the summer or on weekends is beneficial for teenagers. Others feel that school should be the only job that teenagers have because outside work would interfere with their studies. Which side of the argument do you agree with? Support your opinion with examples and explanations.

CELC essay sample F2

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the “Fail” range

Text of Essay

[Comments refer to both regular text and blue highlighted phrases.]

Some people **having a job summer on weekends**, enjoy the job in the summer on weekends because is a very beautiful.

Teenagers on summer have a only job on weekends in outside work with their studies. Teenagers job on summer because is a very beautiful and money money for teenagers. **Because a teenagers is a students**.

Teenagers have **a studies out a job and two are very scary** for teenagers. Some people summer relaxing, not job the summer, people and teenagers go on islands or job for many money. My opinion is negative because teenagers on summer don't have a job because **students yet for exaple** the summer go on a trip and holidays not job. Some people **go the job is very terul**.

Comments on Evaluation

*Range limited to **prompt repetition**. It is unclear whether the job or weekends are beautiful; this idea has no relevance to task.*

*Little to no ability to analyze or complete B2 task. The only idea communicated is that of making money – **nothing else makes sense**.*

*While this paragraph displays some development, the ideas are **unclear and disconnected**, and, because of the **severely limited range of grammar and vocabulary**, the essay is rudimentary and nearly unintelligible. A good example of a failing essay at the B2 level. Fail*

CELC essay sample NF2

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the “Narrow Fail” range

Text of Essay

[Comments refer to both regular text and blue highlighted phrases.]

In this days, some people feel that **having a job during summer or on weekends** is beneficial for teenagers. Others feel that school be the only job that teenagers have. I think it is good for teenagers to work during the summer and beneficial.

First of all, **work teenagers on summer is good**, because they help their families and they take a good time. Also they take money for their future. If they find jobs now, lately **they are find faster**. Is good for a teenager to work on Summer, because they have a fun and is very beneficial.

On the other hand, when teenagers work they haven't enough free time to study their homework or spend time with their friend or do an activity. They spend more time on work than school subjects.

To sum up, is better to work but don't you spend more time on this, that you can do your studies and homework right. **Work and study together is the most fantastic think** and it is beneficial, and help you on the future, when you try to find a job.

Comments on Evaluation

*The introduction presents a clear argument, but is **overly dependent on the prompt**, and contains several grammar errors.*

*The essay itself is repetitious and contains many errors of word order, S/V agreement, **verb form** and word choice. E.G. “... work teenagers on summer is good” for having a job during the summer is good for teens because..., as well as “lately they are find faster”... These phrases obscure meaning and require substantial reader effort to understand the ideas.*

*While the essay presents a **balanced argument**, it is insufficiently developed to merit a “marginal pass” in task completion; the essay fails in all other aspects. Narrow fail.*

CELC essay sample MP2

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the “Marginal Pass” range

Text of Essay

[Comments refer to both regular text and blue highlighted phrases.]

Most parents and other people believe that teenagers should have a job during the summer holidays or on weekend as this is beneficial for them. I am of the opinion that school should be the only job that teenagers have.

To begin with, most teenagers during the school year cannot have a job due to their homework especially on weekends. **Students all the weekends have to read** for school tests or to make projects as homework. Moreover they should find few time to relax, that they do not have during the week. That is to say, students during the week have their studies or their hobbies and do not have a few time for relaxing.

In addition, most teenagers the summer have time for their self, because all the year have school. Most parents believe that if children do not have school, all the time they sleep. Children during the school year **have to sleep few hours, because they do their homework or read for school tests.**

To sum up, teenagers the only that should have to do all the year is the school. When they grew up they will find a job and they will work. They should read their studies and do their homework instead of working.

Comments on Evaluation

The intro to the essay employs the prompt well to clearly outline the issue and take a strong position.

*Phrase order and a reliance on compound rather than complex sentences reveal the writer’s limited range of expression. **Number agreement, word order (students all the weekends have...)** errors occur frequently...*

*The writer belabors the point that students must study and **do not have much free time** – limited development – minimally adequate.*

Grammar errors do not impede communication – so both vocab and grammar should also be seen as minimally adequate.

This essay is typical of a “Marginal pass.”

CELC essay sample CP2

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the “Clear Pass” range

Text of Essay

[Comments refer to both regular text and blue highlighted phrases.]

Nowadays some teenagers have a job during the summer or on weekends. Some people believe that having a job is beneficial for teenagers. Others believe that if a teenager has a job, he will not have time for his studies. In my opinion, I think that teenagers should not have a job and should study more.

I personally believe that teenagers who have not got a job are **more good** at school and they get better grades. They have time to study for their schools, they can do some sport activities, they have time to study for their language school and they have also time for relaxing on the weekend. During the summer they go with their **parents vacation** and they also go out with their friends and have fun.

However, teenagers who have a job on the weekend or during the summer make their own money and they can buy whatever they want with their money without begging their parents for some money. This is the only advantage of working on weekend and summer, for me, because if teenagers work they have not as much time as they should have, they feel depressed and they can not also study so well for the school. The most important is that they have no time for themselves and in the end, they get confused with the school’s lessons.

To sum up, I believe that teenagers should not have a job and that they should be more carefull with their studies, because that is how they are going to get a good job in the future.

Comments on Evaluation

The writer repeats the prompt, but comes quickly to a thesis. The essay develops clearly, if superficially, with generally clear grammar and vocabulary usage.

*The range is good, but not strong. The discussion is brief, but introduces sufficient supporting ideas for a rating of “clear pass.” Grammar errors such as **more good**, and **the omission of a preposition** are rare.*

The writer considers one counter-argument, which is answered with a reiteration of the thesis. Again, the development is simple, but clear, and generally grammatically accurate.

The weaknesses in development are minor, as are the errors, but the range of development, grammar & vocabulary use, and genre mastery does not exceed the “clear pass” rating. A good example of a B2 clear pass.

CELC essay sample HP2

This essay exhibits qualities of an essay written by a candidate whose overall ability is in the “Honors Pass” range

Text of Essay

[Comments refer to both regular text and blue highlighted phrases.]

It is true that in the past years, children and teenagers used **not only** to help their families, but also to earn some money, doing mostly very difficult jobs. However, nowadays things have changed and it is **not necessary** for teenagers to work any more, even during the summer. **Some people believe that putting pressure on teenagers to work while they also have school and homework is not the appropriate way to raise children.** Some other believe that working in this way can be very beneficial for them, though. In my opinion, the second way of thinking is right.

Firstly, teenagers are interested in many things, such as sports, fashion, dance, music. So, they can find easy jobs connected with their interests so as to enjoy their work and also have some money.

Secondly, a job that they’ll do, **even if it lasts only a month**, will give them experience, useful for their future interviews for more serious jobs. In addition, they can try different jobs in order to understand **which of these best suits them**. Doing a job with your best friend will also improve your relationship with him. Except for that you have the chance to meet new people and be more sociable. My friend is a very good example, too. Last summer she worked at a DVD club – **as she is interested in movies and actors** – and she really loved this job. This year, I am also thinking about doing a job as a dance teacher – as I love dancing.

On the other hand, doing a job during the winter can prove to be very difficult for students. Not only will they have stress in order to do quickly their homework, but also they will affect their efficiency at school.

To sum up, I believe that doing a job during these times of the year **has many advantages and it may be** a job that a teenager will decide to pursue also in the future. But, **we mustn’t forget** that every teenager has his own opinion.

Comments on Evaluation

The intro is a well-balanced presentation of a historical background contrasted with modern reality – a sophisticated approach to presenting an argument. Multi-clausal sentences and syntactic variety also set this essay apart as an “honors pass.”

Writer exhibits skillful use of conventions, and further use of multi-clausal sentences; the consideration of counter-ideas within a sentence is a higher-order skill.

Vocabulary & syntax, essay structure and understanding of genre match the highest level of B2 task completion.

Skillful use of conventions

This counter-point furthers the writer’s argument that a summer job is appropriate, while a school-year job is not.

Achieves a well-balanced and completely expressed point of view that is easy to follow.