

THE EYE

SAMPLE WRITING TEST

HOMEWORK: HARMFUL OR HELPFUL?

Do you believe that too much homework can actually be harmful? Write an argumentative essay of ca. 300-350 words, stating your own opinion on this issue, using at least **THREE** of the prompts listed below. Make sure to add **SUPPORTING DETAILS** to your arguments too. Do not only argue in favour of your own views but also anticipate one or two **COUNTER-ARGUMENTS** and **REFUTE** them.

the type of assignments

students working on their own at home

the amount of homework

impact on family life

Remember that a well-written essay has an introduction, a body and a conclusion. Also note that **NO CONTRACTIONS** are allowed in a formal essay. Do pay attention to the principles of **RELEVANCE**, **COHERENCE** and **COHESION**. Please also observe the norms of format requirements: paragraph-subdivision, **MARGINS**, **LEGIBLE** handwriting, etc.

You are allowed to prepare a draft copy if you wish. Write your name on the draft copy, too, as you will also have to hand it in, but first cross out the page to clearly indicate that it is a draft.

Please write your **NAME** and **NEPTUN CODE** at the top of the separate answer sheet.

SAMPLE PERFORMANCE

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Schools and the education system play a crucial role in our lives. As the well-known phrase, life-long learning says we have to participate in education from the age of six or seven almost to the day we die. But people say that nowadays schools put too much pressure on kids with the huge amount of homework they give.

First of all, in my opinion children should not spend their freetime with doing homework. In this young age they need to explore the world, learn new things and most importantly play outside. Unfortunately, when they come home from school after eight hours they can not spend the rest of ~~their~~ day with their family or friends. Not only they are tired, but also ~~are~~ a huge ~~lot~~ pile of homework is waiting for them.

Secondly, with less homework different kinds of health problems may not occur so much. Students have anxiety, high-blood pressure and they also have to cope with extreme stress. Why? Because they have too many ~~assigned~~ assignments to do. Of course they try to do their best in order to get good grades and ~~to~~ to get into higher education later. But these health problems can lead to serious diseases in the future so homework ~~is~~ ~~to~~ can be ~~to~~ clearly harmful.

Besides, studies show that children are happier in countries where teachers do not give homework. Finland is one of ~~those~~ those countries where the education is said to be the best. Students say that most of the time they do not have homework at all, but when they have some

exercises at home they only spend ten or twenty minutes with it. The human brain is not able to function properly after a whole day of studying.

Children need to relax and recharge their batteries in order to perform better in the ~~long-term~~ future.

On the other hand, people say that homework is necessary to revise and practice the material and it is not for torture the kids, of course as the saying says "Practice makes perfect." Homework can be also a good solution for those who want to develop their skills or if they do not perform as well as the others.

~~(Taking)~~ Also, some students do not take learning seriously. They do not care if they fail an exam or a test. Homework may help them as well to understand that the education system is for them and not against their freedom.

Taking everything into consideration, I think that too much homework can be harmful for children. In our life there is plenty of time that we still can spend with studying. These years are for being a happy child and to create the best childhood memories.