**Question：**

Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organisation. Why might this be the case? What could be the disadvantages of being self-employed? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Question type | 2-pat question |
| Topic | 1. Nowadays many people choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organization |
| Real writing tasks | 1. Discuss why many people nowadays choose to be self-employed, rather than to work for a company or organization 2. Discuss the disadvantages of being self-employed |
| Synonyms or related words for the key words in the writing task:   1. Nowadays: these days, today 2. Company/organization: businesses, enterprises 3. Disadvantages: problems, issues, negative effects, consequences | |

**Student answer：**

Nowadays, instead of becoming an employee for an enterprise, several individuals choose self-employment. This essay will discuss why this situation happened and there are many risks about this choice that people make.

With the technology developing, there are more and more chance for people to start their business. With the development of the internet, more and more people would like to buy things online since people find it more convenient than going to physical stores and buy their necessities. People do not necessarily need a lot of paper works to start up their venture since social media is free of use, for instance, Facebook or Amazon. Because of that, many people can sell things in their homes using the internet even though they do not have a store. Thus, starting a business is becoming much more convent and needs lower cost.

Although self- employment jobs are easier to begin for a person, it has some shortages for both individuals and companies. Initially, starting one`s own company is a risky thing for an individual because you need to think about many things, such as property, money, goods, cost, and so on, during operating your film. whichever parts make some mistake, your company may not work out. Additionally, self- employment is not beneficial for the established company. Development of companies needs a variety of factors, who have high-level skills and are innovative. Without enough employees, the creation of these firms would decline sharply. It also hurt the system of the market and the economy of countries to employ oneself. Beginning a new firm has high risk, which will cause many uncertainties in the market. As we all know, a healthy market needs more stability to keep. If there are too many things uncertain, the market will lose the trusts of the public and the market system will break down. Similarly, if the companies do not have enough factors to make true the normal process of production, then they could not produce for the public and amass value for the whole society in long-term. As a result, the countries` economy will be impaired.

In conclusion, this situation occurred because of the accessibility of internet platforms. Self-employment would cause detriments such as start-up difficulties and several uncertainties.

**Word count**: 315

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Task Response** | **Coherence and Cohesion** | **Lexical Resource** | **Grammatical Range and Accuracy** | **Overall Band Score** |
| **6** | **6** | **5** | **6** | **5.5** |

|  |
| --- |
| **OVERALL ASSESSMENT:**  There are relevant main points on the discussion. Addressed real writing task 2.  **POINT/S FOR IMPROVEMENT & CORRESPONDING WAYS TO IMPROVE**  **WEAK POINT 1:**  Insufficient elaborations for the task  **EXAMPLE OF THE ERROR:**  With the technology developing, there are more and more chance for people to start their own business. By the development of internet, more and more people would like to buy things online since people find it more convenient than going to physical stores and buy their necessities. People do not necessarily need a lot of paper works to start up their venture since social media is free of use, for instance, Facebook or Amazon. Because of that, many people can sell things in their home using the internet even though they do not have a store. Thus, starting a business is becoming much more convent and needs lower cost.  **HOW TO IMPROVE:**  Explaining ideas is a problem for most students, not because they can’t do it, but because they don’t see the point in doing it. They think that the examiner must be an educated person and explaining simple ideas to them is wasting their time.  You should never assume this and instead I tell my students to assume that the reader has no knowledge of this subject at all and you need to explain what you mean in order for them to understand. **TIP:** If you give an argument without elaborating it further, the argument's relevance will not be proven in response to the real writing task being discussed about.  A. Providing the explanation  - Keep in mind that each argument needs to be elaborated. An explanation text tells the reader how something works or why something happens. Here are the types of examples:  \* Sequential – This detail the stages in an event e.g. how to create a Facebook account  \* Causal - Details what causes the change from one stage to another  \* Theoretical - Details the possible phenomena behind a natural or created process that is not fully understood. E.g. what caused the Nazi's to lose World War II  \* Factorial and consequential explanations explain effects and outcomes of processes. They are more commonly used in upper primary and secondary contexts.  For example:  \* Scientific– e.g. Explain the causes of climate change (Factorial)  \* Historical– e.g. Explain the causes of World War 2 (Factorial)  B. Providing examples  - Using examples to back up statements of fact that can add value to your writing. Making a statement without using examples can make your writing muddy, as well as create more work for the reader. Examples can make statements clearer, it can give readers more information, and decrease the chances that the fact or idea to be wrongly applied to real-life situations. Examples are most successful when integrated into the text:  \* Woods, nails, saw, and hammer are the things you need when you want to make your own furniture at home.  \* When giving out pointers to review, it is best if you provided topics in Science last quarter like the Digestive System and Nervous System for their examination. (Rather than: When giving out pointers to review, it is best to provide the topic in Science last quarter.)  - Examples can also be illustrated by describing hypothetical situations, relating real-life situations, or giving the reader possibilities to imagine within the context of the article.  **WEAK POINT 2:**  There is no conclusion  **HOW TO IMPROVE:**  A conclusion should never be omitted on an essay. This part only provides the summary of the discussions made from the previous essays. It should always be provided to validate essay done. **TIP:** Signals: this is a phrase where you let the examiner know that you are writing a conclusion. I suggest that the best one to use is the “In conclusion”. You can also use: “In summary”, “To summarize my main points”: but don’t use it in a both sides + opinion essays.  Conclusions are made to restate ideas discussed on the previous paragraphs. Always note that this type of question requires you to conclude the following:  In conclusion + Summary of discussion from body paragraph 1  Summary of discussion from body paragraph 2  **EXAMPLE OF THE IMPROVED ASPECT:**  In conclusion, this situation occurred because of the accessibility of internet platforms. Self-employment would cause detriments such as start-up difficulties and several uncertainties. |