

# Writing: Exam Practice

1. *Write an essay on this topic:*

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| *Present an argument in favour of or against the following topic:*  ***The requirement for a visa when travelling to foreign countries should be removed for all nationalities.***  Please use relevant facts, ideas and examples.  You may use the topic ideas below to support your argument if you choose.  Topic ideas:   * Freedom * Security * Costs * Immigration   You should write **at least 300 words.** |

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1. *Read Student X’s essay. Did she include the same ideas and arguments as you?*

Applying for and receiving a visa is a bothersome and, at times, lengthy process that many travelers go through in order to travel to different countries. While many people wish that they didn’t have to go through this process, it is actually beneficial, both to the country and to the travelers. A visa requirement can help the country you are visiting and you stay safe.

Feeling safe is a fundamental human right, and both locals and visitors of a country should be able to feel secure. Countries with a strict entry regulation system and difficult to obtain visas tend to have these orders in place due to previous negative experiences with security risks and terrorism. Dangerous people who threaten the security of a country could have easier access to the country, and this may lead to an increase in crime and terrorist attacks.

If visas were not a requirement and people were permitted to travel to and enter any country as they pleased, a majority of these people would have the incentive to stay and simply would not leave. This would lead to a surge of unregulated and disproportionate immigration, especially in certain developed countries. Many countries do not have the resources or infrastructure to support such a large influx of people, and sudden overpopulation could upset the order of a country.

On the other hand, removing visa requirements would allow more tourists to visit, creating financial opportunities for locals and inciting developments from the government. Removing visas would also increase brain drain, the migration of educated and professional people to a country, allowing countries to improve further. While a boost in tourism and even immigration could help a country’s local economy flourish, the inrush of foreigners could put a strain the existing infrastructure of these countries and lead to an exhaustion of resources.

Ultimately, while removing visas has some benefits, especially financial ones, it would lead to more harm than good. Without these regulations in place, dangerous people could enter the country, jeopardizing the people’s safety. Permitting free entry into a country makes way for uncontrolled immigration and overpopulation and could create a disequilibrium in the country’s systems. Visas, as inconvenient as they may be, are there to protect us and the countries we are visiting.

## 3) Identify and highlight these parts of the example essay above:

1. Thesis statement
2. Topic sentences
3. Counterargument
4. Refutation
5. Restatement of thesis
6. Summary of main points

## Task Achievement

* 1. *Assess your essay and the students essay according to these criteria.*

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|  | **Your essay** | **Student X’s essay** |
| Does it answer the question well? |  |  |
| Does it give details/ examples? |  |  |
| Does it discuss different views? |  |  |
| Is the position clear and well developed? |  |  |

* 1. *Discuss with a partner. What could you do to improve the* ***task achievement*** *in your essay? Then write a summary of your ideas below.*

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