



ARMY BURN HALL COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, ABBOTTABAD

ENTRANCE TEST 2024

CLASS: O - II

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MIN

MAX MARKS: 50

NAME: _____

Q1. There have been many problems with the public transport in your area. These problems have made travelling difficult. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of the local newspaper to explain how unhappy you are with the present situation. [20]

Write your letter. You must include the following:

- details of the problems with the public transport in your area
- an example of when and how you were affected
- what you think should be done to improve the situation.

Cover all **three** points above in detail. You should make your letter polite and informative. Start your letter 'Dear Editor', and remember to supply a suitable ending.

Q2. What are the most important qualities a friend should have? Give reasons and examples to support your view. [20]

Q3. Read the passage and attempt the given summary question: [10]

Shops and shopping in modern times

1. In the past, people always shopped in their own towns or villages, but modern times have seen the arrival of out-of-town shopping in retail parks. An attractive feature of out-of-town shopping is that these retail parks have plenty of parking spaces, which are generally free of charge. Drivers are not faced with as much congestion on the roads as they would be if they were heading for the town centre, and so the travelling experience is pleasant, with customers arriving at the shops in a relaxed frame of mind.
2. Because retail parks have many stores – perhaps a food store, a bookshop and clothes shops in close proximity and all in one venue – it is possible to shop for a wide range of goods in a single trip. Sometimes these out-of-town shopping opportunities are found in large, bright modern malls, and so shopping can be done in comfortable temperatures under one roof, with no need to keep the weather in mind when preparing for a shopping trip – simply get into your car and go! Because of the space available, and because the land tends to be cheaper than in town centres, retailers build bigger stores out of town than in town, thus offering a greater variety of goods for sale. These big stores often have longer opening hours than shops in towns; they will be open late into the evening, and every day, while town shops often close early in the evening and possibly one day a week. There is nothing more relaxing than late-night shopping after a busy day in school or at the office.
3. Because stores in retail parks and shopping malls are bigger than shops in town and have capacity for more shoppers, they are sometimes able to offer lower prices to their customers. This might be seen particularly in huge stores, sometimes known as supermarkets, which sell mainly foodstuffs but also household items, electrical goods and clothing. Sometimes multi-national companies are attracted to build stores in out-of-town retail parks; these might well be

big, internationally recognised furniture or electronics stores, which pop up across regions, entire countries and even entire continents. Because of the vast amount of manufacturing carried out by these multi-national companies, goods for sale may be considerably cheaper than the same sort of goods in smaller shops in town.

4. On the other hand, shops in town centres have many advantages over out-of-town retail parks and shopping malls. If a town is of historical interest, the shops there will generate income from tourists who arrive to explore its history. A town might achieve its own individual character by its types of shops. The features of a university town, a seaside town or a town in an agricultural area are all reflected in the distinctive range of shops to be found there. However, most out-of-town retail parks are boring and soulless because they are identical to each other. Sometimes income is derived for a town from occasional but planned events, from a weekly market to an annual fair or festival. When the circus comes to town, it's not wedged in between the computer superstore and the country's biggest furniture store!
5. It's wonderful to be part of a happy, settled community; in affording their residents the opportunity to take an interest in what goes on, lively town centres promote a sense of civic pride. People coming into town to shop will often spend more than simply the price of the items bought, as they may go for coffee or meet friends for lunch, thus increasing local income. Furthermore, this social dimension of town centres is also important because many people in our modern world with its fast-paced way of life need to take time out to relax, and cafes and restaurants in town provide that opportunity, especially at weekends. Small businesses – maybe belonging to a local jeweller, or dressmaker or lawyer – flourish in town centres.
6. Town centres have the advantage over out-of-town retail parks, in that, as the name suggests, they are central. This means that often local people can walk or cycle to do their shopping, or there might be local public transport such as a tram or bus. By comparison, getting to a retail park usually requires a car, with all the expense which that entails.

Summary

Now write a summary of the advantages of out-of-town shops and shopping, and the advantages of town centre shops and shopping, as outlined in the passage.

Use your **own words** as far as possible.

You will be awarded marks for producing a piece of writing which is relevant, well organised and easy to follow.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (not note form). You are advised to write between 150 and 180 words, including the 10 words given below.

Begin your summary as follows:

Out-of-town shopping in retail parks provides plenty of parking spaces _____