

OPINION ESSAY

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In many countries children are engaged in some kind of paid work. Some people regard this as completely wrong, while others consider it a valuable work experience, which is important for learning and taking responsibility. What is your opinion?

Nowadays, many children involved in different types of jobs to have some kind of financial assurance for themselves. However, whether this is good for their development and personality is a controversial issue. I personally believe that paid works is harmful for children for several reasons.

It is said that children gain valuable experience in the work place. This may be true. However, I would argue that children are mainly employed in jobs that require manual work and are poorly paid. The recent statistics reveal the common tasks that children are assigned to are washing dishes, mopping floors or serving food in restaurants. Meanwhile, this kind of jobs actually do not provide children with necessary and useful skills to apply in their future carrer.

This brings me to the second point. Defenders of child labour argues that it is an effective method of learning. The point is children should be able to apply knowledge taught to them in a real life working environment. Although this is undoubtedly true, it also means that children may neglect the classroom study and even fail the class. The worst thing is yet to come. They may become so preoccupied with the benefits ahead of them such as small salary that they may leave school.

Finally, supporters say that it helps them to build responsibility in the family. They will understand how it is difficult to earn money and therefore have compassion for their parents. This is true to a certain extent, but may have a totally adverse effect on children. As children can make money at an early age, they would feel that it is appropriate to spend it on luxury things.

In conclusion, I think that parents should take measures to restrict their child from work, otherwise it would have negative consequences to their future.

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Answer to the Question: 18-20 Question is answered thoroughly giving enough justification.

Flow & Organization: 18-20 The introduction is strong enough with its thesis statement revealing that the writer disagrees with the statement. (However, we cannot see the reasons in the thesis statement.) The topic sentence of the 1st body paragraph does not reveal the 1st reason. It is the repetition of the given statement in fact. Conclusion paragraph could develop better, repeating the thesis statement and then having a final comment (which is a warning here).

Grammar: 15-17 Basic grammar mistakes with active/passive use, the spelling of 'career', subject-verb agreement (this jobs), paid works