

Candidate 7 Study

Part 2 — Work or Study

Read the two tasks below. Task 1 is work-related and Task 2 is study-related.

Attempt **ONE** task only.

Write the task number you have selected in the box at the top of page 05. Write your answer on the lined answer sheets on pages 05, 06 and 07.

Task 2 — Study

Some schools have banned the use of mobile phones in the classroom, while others believe they are a positive learning tool.

Write a **formal essay**, explaining your view on mobile phones in school.

You should include some or all of the following points:

- distraction from classwork
- pupil safety
- internet access for research/translation
- developing digital skills
- medical reasons/emergencies

You may also add your own ideas.

You should write approximately 200–220 words.

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Many people argue that mobile phones should be banned at school, and there are arguments for and against this statement.

One argument for this statement is that phones may cause distractions from classwork. For example, some pupils may be on social media chatting with their friends during classes.

This means that pupils no longer listen to the teachers, therefore causing a negative impact on their exam results.

On the other hand,

~~Another~~ ^{One one} ^{against} argument ~~for~~ this statement is that pupils can develop digital skills by using mobile phones. As nowadays technology develops rapidly, digital skills is becoming an essential skill in everyday life. ~~However, this can also be achieved by~~

~~However, on the other hand, there are also arguments against this statement~~

Another argument for this statement is that social media on phones can increase safety threats to ~~at~~ pupils. Arguments occurred on social media may turn into a physical fight in real life. Therefore, this may cause physical and mental health may be harmed as well. So banning phones at school ^{injures,}

can make such ~~events~~ ^{incidents} less likely to happen.

However, another argument against this statement is that pupils from non-English speaking countries can use translator on their phones ~~in order~~ to assist communication, without worrying about language barrier. Using mobile phones can also make it ~~more convenient~~ easier to contact emergency services, such as ambulance.

Overall, some people think that phones should be banned at school, while others think that phones are a positive learning tool. In my opinion, the disadvantages of using mobile phones outweigh the advantages of using mobile phones. As phones can cause distraction from classwork, and may increase the risk of bullying against pupils.