

More and more people are using mobile phones and computers instead of letters. Will letters disappear completely? How important is letter writing?

As we are facing a variety of ways of communication in this age, ~~it is people~~ **people** ~~widely~~ **are widely** concerned that **writing letters** will be replaced completely by using mobile phones and computers. However, I strongly disagree with this perspective.

The main argument for the continual existence of letters in the future is that the meaning of writing a letter by hand is irreplaceable. This is due to the fact that hand-written letters are so personal that the effort and time involved in sitting down and preparing pens and paper for recording thoughts is still highly appreciated, especially in this fast-paced age, as much as the concern and attention delivered. In addition, receiving a letter with **romantic styles** and perfume is obviously much more meaningful than reading a formatted email or text **message**.

Another reason why letters will not disappear completely relates to their physical features. Unlike choosing the recipient from a long contact list in address books, and emailing or texting to someone unexpected by mistake, there is no chance to send a handwritten letter accidentally as long as the delivery address is **correct**. Apart from this, letters can be held, carried around and read in any place where electricity or internet access is unavailable.

Furthermore, personal letters are **memorable**. Although personal emails can also be saved in folders, they may not be pulled out of archives and cherished for generations like what most people do with **letters**. To be precise, it is common to read letters sent between great grandparents 100 years ago, if these letters are kept properly, while it is almost impossible for the great grandchildren to read our emails sent in this age.

Taking the above mentioned points into account, it is my belief that letters are irreplaceable and cannot disappear completely. Not only are hand-written letters meaningful and memorable, but they are tangible as well.

Comment [C1]: Or "it is a wide concern" "there is wide concern"

Comment [C2]: = hand written letters

Comment [C3]: "romantic style" of what? Handwriting?

Comment [C4]: This 2nd point seems very similar to the first = a letter is more personal. You could also mention convenience of pen and paper and also some countries where people can't afford electronic devices.

Comment [C5]: My instant thought here...you have 2 points already, move on to question 2!)

Comment [C6]: This point is weak and the postman may misdeliver it. The points that follow are much better.

Comment [C7]: More! What about question 2!

Comment [C8]: Another weak point ..."although....." makes your point unconvincing.

Grade Criteria	Estimated Grade	Comments
Task response	7	You clearly answered question 1, but what about q2 How important is letter writing? I guess you covered it indirectly when you covered point 1.
Cohesion and	7	In your plans I did not see one for a 2 question essay, like this one. You should

coherence		<p>review this type of essay, the example here is problem and solution but you can substitute that for your 2 questions.</p> <p>http://www.ieltsanswers.com/IELTS-TWO-Question-Essay.html</p> <p>Essentially there should be 4 paragraphs:</p> <p>P1 = introduction</p> <p>P2 = q1</p> <p>P3 = q2 (with a topic sentence that signal Q2)</p> <p>P4 conclusion (summarise both questions and say what it means.</p>
Vocabulary	8	A few very minor errors
Grammar	8-9	Only the error in the first sentence
overall	7.5	Have you not written this type of essay? It is not structured well for this type and you never directly addressed question 2. Easily fixed though and then you are on target for an 8.



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