## IELTS Airline Tax Sample Essay

The following essay is on the topic of airline tax.

You are asked to decide if you **agree or disagree** with taxing airlines in order to reduce the problems that the increasing amount of air traffic can cause.

It is always a good idea to look at **both sides of the issue**, and this essay does this.

So you need to brainstorm:

1. the reasons **why this would be a good solution**
2. the reasons **why it would not**
3. and of course decide **which side of the argument you agree with**.

### Model Essay 19

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**Air traffic is increasingly leading to more noise, pollution, and airport constuction. One reason for this is the growth in low-cost passenger flights, often to holiday destinations.**

**Some people say that government should try to reduce air traffic by taxing it more heavily.**

**Do you agree or disagree?**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own experience or knowledge.

Write at least 250 words.

**Low-cost Airline Tax - Model Answer**

Over recent years there has been an enormous increase in the amount of air traffic around the world resulting in various problems, and a major cause of this has been the growth of low-cost airlines. Although some people believe that taxes should be increased for air travel, I disagree.

Those that support taxing airlines believe that this will result in a reduction in this type of travel and thus solve the problems of pollution, noise and construction. This is because a tax would make the cost of travelling more expensive, which will, they claim, lead to a decrease in demand. Proponents of this solution believe that taxes are fair because everyone has to pay them and it is a workable solution that will have the additional bonus of providing an income for the government.

However, there are a number of reasons why this is not the right course of action. Firstly, a tax is not fair because it will adversely affect people on lower incomes. Such a tax would have to be a fixed amount paid equally whether you are rich or poor, which means that those on lower incomes would find it more difficult to travel, but it would likely have little effect on the lives of those with a higher income. In addition, such a tax would not work. For example, we have seen taxes increase in most countries on cars, but this has had little affect, with car use continuing to grow.

To sum up, it is evident that introducing heavy taxes on air travel is not fair or workable. If we continue to explore alternatives, we can continue to enjoy the benefits that air travel offers.

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