**Paying Taxes Essay**

In nearly all countries people have to pay some kind of taxes.

In this essay you have to decide whether you agree or disagree with the opinion that everyone should be able to keep their money rather than paying money to the government.

Here is the question:

**Some people believe that they should be able to keep all the money they earn, and should not have to pay tax to the state.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

A good answer that looks at all the issues presented in the question would consider the following points:

* Why people may want to keep all the money they earn
* Why people should have to pay money to the state

So you should brainstorm some ideas around those two questions before you start to write.

And of course it is very important to make sure you are very clear what **your opinion** is.

Now take a look at the paying taxes essay model answer.

**Comments**

**Task Response**

The question is fully addressed so the essay would get a good score for task response.

The **first body paragraph** explains the reasons why people may not want to pay tax and the **second body paragraph** explains why it is important to pay.

Reasons and examples are given to support the ideas.

The **writer’s opinion** is also very clear. It is presented in the thesis statement and repeated in the conclusion. It is explained in body paragraph two.

**Coherence and Cohesion**

The paying taxes essay is well organized. Each of the main points is explained in a **separate paragraph** and a **logical argument** is presented to support the writer’s opinion.

Cohesion is also maintained by good uses of **linking words** to join the ideas and paragraphs.

**Lexical Resource**

There is some good use of vocabulary and collocations and spelling and word forms are correct.

For example:

* *a significant portion of*
* *necessities*
* *accumulate*
* *reluctant to*
* *deduction of tax*
* *be obliged to pay*
* *construction of*
* *the stability of*

**Grammatical Range and Accuracy**

There is good accuracy in the grammar and a good range of sentence structures. For example: y:

* *People work hard and earn money* ***which*** *ideally they would like to….*
* *This is* ***because*** *money is used to buy all the necessities such as…*
* *people do* ***not only*** *need money to cater for their necessities,* ***but also*** *for future investments.*
* *In conclusion,* ***even though*** *many people think that they should not pay taxes…*

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You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**Some people believe that they should be able to keep all the money they earn, and should not have to pay tax to the state.**

**To what extent 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.

**Model Answer**

People work hard and earn money which ideally they would like to retain for themselves. However, a significant portion of this usually has to be given to the state. In my view, it is right that people pay their fair share of taxes.

Money is everything in today’s livelihoods. This is because money is used to buy all the necessities such as food, water, and shelter. Money is also used to help a family’s children in the form of school fees and other activities. In addition to this, people do not only need money to cater for their necessities, but also for future investments. The more that people have to invest, the more they believe they can accumulate in the long term. As a result, many are reluctant to lose some of their income through the deduction of tax.

Nevertheless, citizens should be obliged to pay taxes to the government for a number of reasons. They should accept that the taxes they pay help the government offer them the public services all over the country. These public services are things such as the construction of roads, bridges, public hospitals, parks and other public services. The same tax money helps the country’s economy to be stable. Through taxes, the government can pay off its debts. In short, tax money is a way of ensuring that people have comfortable livelihoods.

In conclusion, even though many people think that they should not pay taxes, that money is useful to the stability of any country. Therefore, people should not avoid paying taxes as it may affect the country’s economy and services that it provides.

*(270 Words)*