**Donating Money to Charity Essay**

In this donating money to charity essay for IELTS you have two sides of an argument to discuss.

This is the question:

**Some people prefer to provide help and support directly to those in need. Others however prefer to give money to national and international charitable organisations.**

**Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.**

You can identify the two different arguments from the words "**Some people prefer...**" and "**Others however prefer...**".

So you need to make sure you discuss both of these views, and of course say what you personally think: "...**and give your own opinion."**

In this donating money to charity essay, the writer presents the first argument in the first body paragraph, the next argument in the second, then their personal opinion in the conclusion.

This is a logical and simple way to do it but of course if can be approached in slightly different ways (check out some of the other "*discuss two opinion*" model essays to see other ways).

Now take a look at the model answer.

**Comments**

This donating money to charity essay should achieve a high IELTS score in the test for a number of reasons.

Firstly the **introduction** opens by letting the reader know what the **topic** is and the two sides of the argument under consideration.

This is then followed by a clear **thesis statement** to clarify what the essay is going to do.

* *This essay will consider the merits of both approaches.*

**Coherence and cohesion** are good because it's very easy to read and follow the arguments in each paragraph and to see clearly that each body paragraph has one controlling idea i.e.

* ***Body 1****: Benefits of providing help and support directly to those in need*
* ***Body 2:*** *Benefits of donating to national and international charities*

**Transitional phrases** and **words** are also used well to guide the user through the ideas:

* *The first advantage of providing direct support is...*
* *For example...*
* *...on the other hand...*
* *Another benefit is that...*
* *...not only..but also...*
* *There are advantages, however,...*
* *First and foremost...*
* *Not only this,...*
* *In conclusion,...*

The conclusion gives the writer's opinion very clearly.

The essay also has a wide range of grammatical structures and a high level of grammatical accuracy.

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You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

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**Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.**

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

Write at least 250 words.

**Model Answer**

Giving money to those in need can be a personally satisfying experience, but there is a choice between donating nationally and internationally through charities or giving directly to those around you. This essay will consider the merits of both approaches.

The first advantage of providing direct support is that you can know exactly how your money is being spent. For example, if you give money directly to people in your local village or town, you can see where it has gone. When you donate to larger charitable organisations, on the other hand, you are not sure how much will actually be given to those in need as opposed going on other costs such as administration and expensive marketing campaigns. Another benefit is that you can see the impacts on those you are helping, which can lead not only to great personal satisfaction but also to respect from others in the local community who appreciate the work you do.

There are advantages, however, in giving to charities that are national and international. First and foremost there is the choice of good causes. Locally the kinds of places to help may be limited, but in larger organisations you can get involved in such activities as sponsoring a child or conserving wildlife. Not only this, donating to larger charities with an international reach means having the knowledge that you are involved in issues of fundamental global importance, such as curing diseases and human rights, or helping those caught up in tragic environmental events, such as flooding, earthquakes and famines.

In conclusion, given the benefits of both, I would argue that an individual should make their own choice based on their personal preferences and whichever provides them with the most personal satisfaction. What is crucial is that we continue to give to those who are more in need than ourselves.

*(306 Words)*