



PAPER II · QUESTION 13 · MODEL ANSWER



VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR A DEGREE

DISCUSS BOTH VIEWS

UNIT 07 + 08

167 WORDS

THE QUESTION

Some people believe that young people should follow vocational training instead of trying to enter university. Others believe that a university degree is still the best choice. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

INTRO

After the Advanced Level examination, students must decide what to do next. Some believe that vocational training is the better choice, while others still prefer a university degree.

VIEW 1

Those who support vocational training say it is practical. The courses are short, and students learn a real skill such as welding, hotel management or information technology. There are many jobs waiting for skilled workers, both in Sri Lanka and abroad. Also, only a small number of students can enter a state university, so the others should not waste years waiting.

VIEW 2

On the other side, a university degree still has great value. Degree holders can enter the professions and usually earn more over their whole career. University life also develops confidence, English and the ability to think independently.

OPINION

In my opinion, neither path is better than the other. What matters is the interest and the ability of the student. A good technician is far more useful to the country than an unhappy graduate who cannot find a suitable job.

WHY IT SCORES · C - L - O

Content: both sides get three reasons each, and the writer's own opinion is clearly given — the mark most students lose. Language: short, correct sentences with ordinary vocabulary. Organisation: On the one hand / On the other hand / In my opinion.