

Q1. Some people believe that allowing children to make their own choices on everyday matters (such as food, clothes and entertainment) is likely to result in a society of individuals who only think about their own wishes. Other people believe that it is important for children to make decisions about matters that affect them. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Nowadays, many people believe that giving children the freedom to make judgments and decisions ~~on their own~~ of their own volition may contribute to selfishness. On the other hand, however, there is a ~~body of~~ commonly adopted opinion which holds that to be able to make choices independently is of great positive importance to juveniles. This essay will examine both sides of the debate to seek a conclusion.

First of all, if parents do not set boundaries for their children it may encourage a progressive tendency towards selfishness. For very young children, parents must typical impose strict bedtimes and rules related to cleaning up after themselves and being polite towards strangers. As children become older and enter early adolescence, the guidance must also shift.

To begin with, children under the age of eight or nine are likely too young to comprehend the significance of altruism, ~~meaning that~~ without parents' parental intervention ~~in the given autonomy~~ in setting clear boundaries to autonomy, their priority ~~iesy~~ may only be given to their own comfort and pleasure. Moreover, ~~due to a lack of self discipline which is gradually being developed under the tutelage of teachers and parents, teenagers who make their own decisions are likely to indulge in whatever makes them happy or excited~~ A parent who does not instill the importance of ~~without~~ taking other people's interests into consideration, which may unknowingly give rise ~~foster to~~ egotism in ~~the future~~ their child. ~~In addition, should parents and instructors set no boundaries for what minors do, they would be inclined to become self-centered, since in nature human beings are known as selfish creatures.~~

On the other hand, it is logical that if children are free to exercise their discretion in small, everyday cases, they will be able to acquire the ability to make wiser more informed choices when confronted with momentous life altering situations such as

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determining a career path. ~~Also, the~~ early decision-making experience makes it possible for children to become more independent, decisive and confident, thus raising their self-esteem. Furthermore, a sense of accomplishment is acquired when the right decision is made, which is conducive to children's psychological wellbeing.

To summarize, there is no doubt that encouraging children to make choices individually may bring about self-centeredness. At the same time, however, constant practice of decision-making is essential to a child's development. In the final analysis, therefore, one can only conclude that parents should set a limit on the freedom their children have access to possess and teach them to respect the feelings of others.

Words 334

Task achievement: 6

Cohesion/Coherence: 6

Vocabulary: 7/8

Grammar: 7

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#1: developing, not listing your ideas – specific, direct

Q2. Intelligent machines such as robots are now being used. They do many things that used to be done by human. Is this a positive or negative trend?

Negative – power of computers

Positive – free humans from labour

Decide if the trend is positive or negative overall

Moore's law indicates that the speed and capability of ~~our modern~~ computers will increase exponentially every couple of years and that they will be ever more cost efficient in the future. Another tenet of this law is that this growth will be exponential. ~~The~~ These drastic improvements in computing power is what has

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~~made~~ have already made advanced robotics possible. In ~~the~~ an age of artificial intelligence, ~~no one knows for sure~~ the ultimate results of this are still unknown ~~just how far we can take it,~~ and like opening a Pandora's box, no one knows if the human race is ~~headed towards~~ nearing a utopia or a dystopia. its own ideals or its very own demise.

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Main idea: extinction/power of computers

Whether the emergence of AI is positive for ~~us~~ humanity or not depends entirely on what happens after the “singularity”, a hypothetical future in which computer programs become sentient. ~~Right now,~~ At the moment, ~~the~~ Hollywood depictions of ~~all seeing, all knowing and~~ omnipotent versions of AI ~~is~~ are a total misconception because as of now weak AIs are being made, based on ~~our own~~ human thought processes, ~~and~~ which can only answer simple questions and give scripted responses.

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Though ~~weak~~ unsophisticated AIs are not a threat to ~~us~~ mankind, hyper-intelligent and sentient AIs are. The worse-case scenario may be akin to ~~that in~~ the movie “iRobot” starring Will Smith, where ~~the~~ a centralized, hyper-intelligent AI ~~comes up with~~ rationalizes that the logic of how the only way to preserve ~~mankind~~ humanity is to forcibly control them so that they ~~don't do not~~ end up ~~ultimately~~ destroying themselves; should clashes arise between the protein-based and silicon-based life forms, it is obvious which side will win.

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Social unrest – taking jobs,

The above ~~is one~~ scenario ~~where AI had an agenda in mind~~ is feasible, but however, there is an alternate possibility where man is the one responsible for ~~the~~ retaliation of ~~against the~~ intelligent machines. AI sentience implies that AIs are capable of grasping abstract concepts such as good and evil, possess a wide range of emotions including ~~rela~~ tion, depression, aggression, and fear just like we do as humans do, and make decisions based on how they feel. At ~~this~~ such a juncture in advancement, it would be wise for humans to consider viewing these sentient beings as equals and provide them the rights and entitlement they deserve. However, this potentiality is unlikely, but knowing what men are, full of as humanity might view them as threats to their ~~hubris and~~ pride and supremacy over the Earth, ~~we know full well that this is not going to happen.~~ We may end up beaten and defeated like the ones in “Animatrix” series

where a full-on war broke out between the robot resistance and their fragile makers simply because the intelligent machines' pacifist, diplomatic approach did not work well with the humans; difficult it seems for the humans to live and let live.

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~~Like most things, I suspect that the truth is somewhere in the middle. The As AIs~~ bring us convenience, and there is ~~nothing little~~ to worry about ~~now~~presently, there is the looming threat of ~~seeing as how they have yet to gain~~ sentience, ~~there is not enough computing power for them to gain sentience anyway.~~ However, we might have to worry about what comes next once we have hit that threshold.

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