Some people believe that time spent ~~on~~ watching television, ~~video~~ and playing computer games can be beneficial to children. Others believe this has negative effects on children. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

People have different views about whether ~~the electronic entertainment devices~~the consumption of media on various electronic devices ~~are~~ is good for the development of children. In my opinion, although spending too much time ~~on TV and video~~on devices might be harmful to their study, these effects ~~can~~ be reduced and there are ~~more~~greater benefits.

On the one hand, watching TV or playing computer ~~games~~ ~~would~~ can/may/might lead to ~~the~~ a **decrease ~~of~~in children's grades**. This is because too much time may be spent on these activities, ~~making the children addicted to them~~potentially leading to addiction and overconsumption of media~~-~~. Compared with study, playing video games is more interesting and attractive to children, so they might ~~do~~ not want to go to school and ~~even~~ some may even play truant. This explains why people worry about children watching TV or playing computer games.

On the one hand, watching TV or playing computer games can/may/might lead to a decrease in children's grades. This is natural as games and TV are more entertaining and thus more addictive for most users. For example, in China recent laws were passed because children were spending too much time on their devices and it had an impact on the time they could dedicate to their studies. In reponse, the government legislated children can only spend a few hours a week playing games, with the hopeful intention that they would divert more of their free time to study or more productive activities.

Comment [Dave1]: movies

Comment [Dave2]: strange topic – maybe not the exact one from the exam – phrasing is a little off

Comment [Dave3]: good topic – common topic

Comment [Dave4]: not really an English collocation

Comment [Dave5]: good paraphrase – don't waste much time on this sentence – just change a few words but write it quickly   - not that important

Comment [Dave6]: wouldn't worry too much – not your fault – not the real one from the exam

Comment [Dave7]: more academic

Comment [Dave8]: very clear opinion – excellent

Comment [Dave9]: keep doing this!

Comment [Dave10]: is likely to / there is a good chance that it will

Comment [Dave11]: very strong claim – impossible claim!

Comment [Dave12]: always always weak claims – show off your vocab and grammar and task achievement

Comment [Dave13]: clear main idea here – ...

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Comment [Dave14]: weak claim

Comment [Dave15]: weak claim – good!

Comment [Dave16]: ok development of your ...

Comment [Dave17]: not adding much

Comment [Dave18]: is likely to / there is a good ...

Comment [Dave19]: very strong claim – ...

Comment [Dave20]: always always weak claims ...

Comment [Dave21]: clear main idea here – ...

Comment [Dave22]: specific example - devel ...

Comment [Dave23]: check with my sample ...

Comment [Dave24]: long example – not just ...

On the other hand, TV programs and videos can ~~bring children some~~ ~~benefits~~be educational and help children develop socially. Firstly, watching TV~~-~~ can broaden their horizons and increase their knowledge of the world around them, since there are a great deal of educational films and programs on TV such as Animal World, which ~~makes~~ teaches kids ~~have access to know~~ ~~some~~about the habits and characteristics of various ~~features about~~ wild animals~~-~~. Secondly, playing computer games is beneficial ~~to~~ for children's social ~~contact~~ skills, since they ~~could~~ can make a lot of friends by playing games together ~~or talk about the game content~~and then discussing their progress and opinions. Recent research has shown that social interaction on virtual platforms such as in computer games is equally as developmentally advantageous as interacting in real life. ~~Definitely it plays an important role in children's mental development.~~

Personally, I strongly believe that watching TV and playing computer games is beneficial to children. Though it may have ~~bad~~ a negative influence~~s~~ on their study, the problem can be ~~solved~~ mitigated by limiting ~~the~~ screen time, and ~~good~~ the positive effects such as ~~widening~~ deepening their views of the world and helping ~~their~~ grow their social contact~~s~~ should not be ignored. Only by doing so, can children ~~have~~ achieve optimal~~better~~ development.

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275 – 300 – so you can develop your ideas fully

main areas:

a little longer to develop your ideas more

a little more specific with your examples and extended

don't waste time summarizing in your paragraphs

a little more academic and complex with vocab and grammar

Task achievement: 6/7 clear opinion, relevant ideas, minimal support – some specific support

Cohesion/Coherence: 6/7 good topic sentences, clear ideas, good referencing, small mistakes, needs better paraphrasing

Vocabulary: 6/7 very accurate but needs more academic, complex vocabulary

Comment [Dave25]: develop both ideas fully and try to mention both main ideas in the topic sentence just like in your last paragraph – helps your cohesion/coherence score

Comment [Dave26]: needs an adjective or a prepositional phrase after it

Comment [Dave27]: start a new sentence here – with the example

Comment [Dave28]: an area to improve – writing academically about more complex areas

Comment [Dave29]: band 6 level development / maybe 7

Comment [Dave30]: your task achievement score depends on how much you develop your ideas

Comment [Dave31]: not hypothetical

Comment [Dave32]: try not to repeat the same words multiple times in a sentence - paraphrase

Comment [Dave33]: make up a little more detail to develop

Comment [Dave34]: check the band descriptors for task achievement you will see that how much you develop your ideas is what your score depends on

Comment [Dave35]: clear opinion – great!

Comment [Dave36]: usually singular

Comment [Dave37]: ok

Comment [Dave38]: really just need 2 sentences – summarize – restate your opinion

Comment [Dave39]: word count good – but you want to write in about 40 minutes

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Comment [Dave40]: good for the score you need -

Some people think rich countries should help poor countries by giving money directly. Others think that there are other more effective forms of international aid.

What's your opinion?

Comment [Dave41]: good topic – real one!

Comment [Dave42]: a little more specific focusing on the topic – fast sentence

Comment [Dave43]: a superior long-term approach (more academic)

Comment [Dave44]: clear opinion

Comment [Dave45]: aid, assistance, support, donations, funding

Comment [Dave46]: avoid people as a possessive

Comment [Dave47]: a bit too long for a topic sentence – try to make it a little more concise

Comment [Dave48]: certain, particular

Comment [Dave49]: stereotypical

Comment [Dave50]: almost racist/over-generalized

Comment [Dave51]: stuck around band 6 for TA

Comment [Dave52]: fine – better if the example is more specific – develop it longer to show off the complexity of your ideas

Comment [Dave53]: academic collocations

Comment [Dave54]: also developed on their own

Comment [Dave55]: analogy

Comment [Dave56]: ok not really well thought out

Comment [Dave57]: vaccines - India

Comment [Dave58]: clear opinion – great!

Comment [Dave59]: paraphrase more

Nowadays, an increasing number of people are concerned about the optimal method of international assistance ~~in~~ around the world. However, whether ~~the rich~~ wealthy/developed countries should provide financial help directly is a controversial issue. In my opinion, ~~compared with giving money directly,~~ helping ~~them~~ such nations to develop technology is much more important.

On the one hand, appropriate financial help can definitely improve ~~people's live~~ quality of life in some ~~poor~~ less developed countries because they can utilize the money ~~to build some~~ for basic ~~instruments~~ infrastructure such as schools and hospitals. For example, in ~~some~~ certain sub-Saharan African countries, it is hard for ~~the~~ children to ~~go to~~ attend school, since there are fewer schools in their countries compared to Western nations, which means that only a few children in rich families ~~can~~ have the ~~chance~~ opportunity to receive education. If the government has enough money to build more schools, this situation would be improved greatly.

On the other hand, technology can bring ~~backward~~ less developed countries sustainable development. This is because the development of technology can accelerate the improvement of productivity, meaning that they can ~~raise~~ earn more money and improve economic conditions by themselves. The United States, the ~~largest~~ most developed country in the world now, made a breakthrough in the second industrial revolution, ~~so~~ and became ~~that they can be the number one in the world~~ more successful. This ~~is~~ has also been true ~~to~~ for Germany and Japan historically. ~~So~~ Therefore, technology is the crucial factor to ~~the~~ production that defines more developed nations.

Personally, I strongly believe that assisting ~~the poor~~ less affluent countries to develop technology is a wiser choice. Although ~~giving~~ providing ~~the poor~~ vulnerable countries money directly does

bring ~~some~~ legitimate benefits to them, they are short-term benefits. In the long term, what the developed countries should do is help~~ing~~ them to develop technology and science. Only by doing so, can these poor countries become ~~rich one day~~self-sufficient in the future.

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the area to work on the most is academic collocations and developing your ideas fully after the topic sentence

Task achievement: **6/7** example of tech isn't quite as strong

Cohesion/Coherence: 6/**7** good topic sentences, clear ideas, good referencing, small mistakes, needs better paraphrasing

Vocabulary: 6/**7** very accurate but needs more academic, complex vocabulary

Grammar: **6/7** mostly accurate (less accurate than your vocabulary), complexity is a little low

Overall: 6.5