

Тексты на английском в 10 классе, подготовка к ЕГЭ, уровень В2

Does Higher Education Still Matter?



Higher education has always been highly valued in Russia, and for many years it was considered the only path to a successful career. However, with the rise of the digital age and the increasing availability of online courses, some people are questioning whether a university degree is still necessary.

There are several arguments in favour of higher education. Firstly, having a degree can significantly increase your earning potential. On average, university graduates earn more over their lifetime than those without a degree. Secondly, attending university provides you with the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills, such as critical thinking, problem-solving and communication, which are highly sought after by employers. Finally, higher education offers a unique social experience, allowing students to make new friends, join clubs and societies, and gain independence.

On the other hand, there are those who believe that higher education is becoming less relevant in today's society. They argue that the traditional model of spending three or four years studying for a degree is outdated and no longer matches the needs of the modern workplace. Instead, they suggest that young people should focus on gaining practical experience and developing specific skills through internships, apprenticeships and vocational training.

Another concern is the rising cost of tuition fees. In recent years, the cost of higher education has increased significantly, making it unaffordable for many families. This has led some to question whether the financial investment is worth it, especially when there is no guarantee of finding a well-paid job after graduation.

In my opinion, while higher education is not the only path to success, it still has a lot to offer. A university degree can provide you with a solid foundation of knowledge and skills that can be applied to a wide range of careers. Additionally, the experience of living away from home, meeting new people and learning to be independent is invaluable for personal growth.

However, it is important to understand that higher education is not the right choice for everyone. Some people may prefer to pursue alternative routes, such as vocational training or entrepreneurship. Ultimately, the decision should be based on an individual's interests, goals and circumstances.

Высшее образование все еще имеет значение?

Высшее образование всегда высоко ценилось в России и долгие годы считалось единственным путем к успешной карьере. Однако с наступлением эпохи цифровых технологий и ростом доступности онлайн-курсов некоторые люди задаются вопросом, необходима ли по-прежнему университетская степень.

Есть несколько аргументов в пользу высшего образования. Во-первых, наличие ученой степени может значительно увеличить ваш потенциальный заработок. В среднем выпускники университетов за свою жизнь

зарабатывают больше, чем те, кто не имеет ученой степени. Во-вторых, обучение в университете дает вам возможность развить широкий спектр навыков, таких как критическое мышление, решение проблем и общение, которые высоко ценятся работодателями. Наконец, высшее образование предлагает уникальный социальный опыт, позволяющий студентам заводить новых друзей, вступать в клубы и общества и обретать независимость.

С другой стороны, есть те, кто считает, что высшее образование становится менее актуальным в современном обществе. Они утверждают, что традиционная модель трех-четырёх лет обучения для получения ученой степени устарела и больше не соответствует потребностям современного рабочего места. Вместо этого они предлагают молодым людям сосредоточиться на приобретении практического опыта и развитии конкретных навыков посредством стажировок, ученичества и профессиональной подготовки.

Еще одной проблемой является рост стоимости обучения. В последние годы стоимость высшего образования значительно выросла, что сделало его недоступным для многих семей. Это заставило некоторых усомниться в том, стоят ли финансовые вложения того, особенно когда нет никаких гарантий найти хорошо оплачиваемую работу после окончания учебы.

На мой взгляд, хотя высшее образование и не единственный путь к успеху, оно все же может многое предложить. Высшее образование может предоставить вам прочную основу знаний и навыков, которые можно применить в широком спектре профессий. Кроме того, опыт жизни вдали от дома, знакомства с новыми людьми и обучения независимости неocenим для личностного роста.

Однако важно понимать, что высшее образование не является правильным выбором для всех. Некоторые люди могут предпочесть альтернативные пути, такие как профессиональное обучение или предпринимательство. В конечном счете, решение должно основываться на интересах, целях и обстоятельствах человека.



Ссылка на аудио озвучку текстов на сайте:



Верны ли утверждения?

1. In Russia, higher education has been highly esteemed for a long time.
2. In the future, university degrees will become obsolete due to online courses.
3. Having a degree has no impact on your earning potential.
4. University education does not help in developing any skills.
5. University education provides a distinctive social experience for students.
6. Some believe that the traditional university study period is no longer relevant to today's job market.
7. The author's opinion on higher education is shared by the majority of people.
8. A university degree does not contribute to any knowledge or skills.
9. Not everyone is suited for higher education.
10. In the future, decisions about education will be made by artificial intelligence.

Верные ответы:

1. True
2. Not Given - This might be a very logical prediction but there is no information in the text to prove this.
3. False - Exaggerates the benefits mentioned in the text, misrepresenting the factual data.
4. False - This statement implies that university education does not contribute to skill development, but the text highlights the opposite.
5. True
6. True
7. Not Given - Maybe it is shared by the majority of people, there is no information in the text to either prove or disprove that.
8. False - Exaggerates the benefits mentioned in the text, misrepresenting the factual data.
9. True
10. Not Given - This might be a very logical prediction but there is no information in the text to prove this.

Ответьте на вопросы

1. Why has higher education always been highly valued in Russia?
2. What are some arguments in favour of higher education mentioned in the text?
3. How do some people believe the traditional model of higher education is outdated?
4. What is a concern regarding the rising cost of tuition fees for higher education?
5. According to the author, what does a university degree provide besides knowledge and skills?
6. What alternative routes to higher education are suggested by those who believe it is becoming less relevant?
7. How does the author suggest individuals should make the decision about pursuing higher education?

Выберите верный вариант ответа

1. What is the primary argument in favour of higher education according to the passage?
A. It provides a unique social experience for students.
B. It allows students to develop a wide range of skills.
C. It significantly increases earning potential over a lifetime.
D. It offers independence and personal growth.
2. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a benefit of higher education in the passage?
A. Joining clubs and societies
B. Gaining practical work experience
C. Developing communication skills
D. Making new friends
3. What is the main argument against the traditional model of higher education presented in the passage?
A. The cost of tuition fees is too high.
B. It does not match the needs of the modern workplace.
C. It is no longer necessary for a successful career.
D. It is an outdated way of gaining knowledge.
4. According to the passage, what is one of the concerns about the rising cost of higher education?
A. It makes it unaffordable for many families.
B. It reduces the value of a university degree.
C. It leads to a lack of practical experience.
D. It discourages students from pursuing higher education.

5. What does the passage suggest is the author's view on the importance of higher education?
- A. Higher education is the only path to success.
 - B. Higher education is becoming less relevant.
 - C. Higher education still has a lot to offer, but is not the only option.
 - D. Higher education is a waste of time and money.
6. According to the passage, what does the traditional model of higher education refer to?
- A. Spending three or four years studying for a degree.
 - B. Gaining practical experience through internships and apprenticeships.
 - C. Focusing on developing specific skills through vocational training.
 - D. Learning remotely through online courses.
7. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an alternative path to higher education in the passage?
- A. Entrepreneurship
 - B. Vocational training
 - C. Completing an internship
 - D. Pursuing a degree online

Верные ответы:

- 1. C
- 2. B
- 3. B
- 4. A
- 5. C
- 6. A
- 7. D

Выберите наиболее подходящий заголовок к тексту

- 1. Can Practical Experience Replace a University Degree?
- 2. The Debate Over the Relevance of Higher Education
- 3. Is University Education a Thing of the Past?



Соотнесите слова и определения

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| a. Entrepreneurship: | 1. The current era characterized by widespread use and reliance on digital technologies such as computers, the internet, and digital communication. |
| b. University Degree: | 2. Educational courses delivered over the internet, often accessible to a wide range of learners regardless of geographical location. |
| c. Apprenticeships: | 3. An academic qualification awarded upon completion of a course of study at a university or college, typically requiring several years of study and often leading to a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree. |
| d. Communication Skills: | 4. The capability to earn income, influenced by factors such as education, skills, experience, and the job market. |
| e. Critical Thinking: | 5. The ability to analyze, evaluate, and interpret information in a logical and coherent manner, often involving questioning assumptions and considering multiple perspectives. |
| f. Digital Age: | 6. The process of identifying, analyzing, and solving problems through systematic and creative thinking. |
| g. Earning Potential: | 7. The ability to convey information, ideas, and emotions effectively through verbal, non-verbal, and written means. |
| h. Employers: | 8. Individuals or organizations that hire and engage workers in exchange for labor, |
| i. Individual's Interests, Goals, and Circumstances: | 9. The interaction and engagement with others within a community or society, often facilitated by activities such as joining clubs, participating in societies, and forming friendships. |
| j. Internships: | 10. Hands-on learning acquired through direct involvement in real-world situations, often valued by employers alongside formal education. |
| k. Online Courses: | 11. Temporary positions within an organization where individuals, typically students or recent graduates, gain practical experience and exposure to a particular industry or field. |
| l. Personal Growth: | 12. Formal arrangements that combine on-the-job training with classroom instruction, allowing individuals to learn a trade or profession under the guidance of experienced practitioners. |
| m. Practical Experience: | 13.: Education and training focused on developing specific skills for a particular occupation or trade, often leading to certification or qualification. |
| n. Problem-solving: | 14. The expenditure of money or resources with the expectation of achieving a future return or benefit, in the context of higher education referring to the cost of tuition, fees, and other related expenses. |
| o. Social Experience: | 15. The activity of starting, managing, or scaling a business venture, often involving innovation, risk-taking, and the pursuit of opportunities to create value. |
| p. Vocational Training | 16. The process of self-improvement, development, and maturation, encompassing aspects such as emotional intelligence, resilience, and self-awareness. |
| q. Financial Investment: | 17. The unique combination of preferences, aspirations, and external factors that influence an individual's choices and decisions regarding education, career, and personal development. |

Верные ответы:

- a. 15
- b. 3
- c. 12
- d. 7
- e. 5
- f. 1
- g. 4
- h. 8
- i. 17
- j. 11
- k. 2
- l. 16
- m. 10
- n. 6
- o. 9
- p. 13
- q. 14

