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~ Writing Model ~

~ IELTS Task 2 Essay Writing / Model One / "People and Change" ~

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

Some people think that making changes in their lives is essential, while others, however, are uncomfortable with change, and prefer to continue living in the same place or working in the same job, etc.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

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

Write at least 250 words.



Model One: "People and Change"

This is certainly true and corresponds with my experience. Some people do manage to stay in the same place all their lives and even work for the same company, while others are much more mobile in terms of their jobs and homes.

I feel that this can be attributed in the first instance to the changing nature of modern societies. In the past, it was the norm for people to live in a limited geographical area all their lives and be involved in the same type of occupation all their working lives. There was simply no alternative to this, especially if you lived in an agricultural society. However, with the rise of industry and specialized companies, it became possible for workers to move jobs, often to places far away.

Following on from this, as a society's wealth increased, people had skills and training to allow them to be much more selective about which employer they want to work for and choices about how and when they wanted to change the type of job they wished to do. We are, therefore, in a situation in many countries today where to be highly mobile is something that people take for granted and regard as perfectly normal.

With the opportunity for change comes choice, although circumstances, economic and personal, can often force people to do what they might not normally choose. Therefore, it happens that some people want change in their lives but are not able to effect it. This might be because they have strong obligations to family, might need to look after someone or might simply not have marketable skills to find a livelihood somewhere else. There are others, of course, who are quite happy to live and work in the same place all their lives because they do not think moving would enhance their lives. Some are happy to stay put because they would find it very stressful to endure change.

It is perhaps the majority nowadays who find change refreshing because of the new opportunities it holds out and the possibilities of getting on professionally and socially. For myself, I very much belong to this group.