

## Task 2 Essay \_ Cause and Effect

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

**It is observed that in many countries not enough students are choosing to study science at university.**

**Outline the reasons and discuss what will be the effects on society?**

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

Write at least 250 words.

Many countries around the world have experienced a decline in the number of students choosing to study science subjects at university. This trend has been ongoing for some time and has raised concerns as to the reasons why and the possible negative impacts on society. In the following paragraphs, I will discuss various causes and explore the potential consequences.

I believe one of the main reasons is that there is an imbalance between the commitment required to become qualified in this field, and the rewards received later in life for having done so. For instance, it is a well-known fact that the financial sector in many countries offers greater opportunities for higher incomes compared to jobs related to science. That is not to say that well-paid careers do not exist in science, but there are a lot fewer such jobs available, and, therefore, they are more difficult to come by. As a result, it tends to only be those who have excelled, either through natural ability or by sheer dedication of time, effort, and much sacrifice, who succeed in attaining highly-paid positions.

In terms of the effects of this trend, I think that going forward, there can only be negative consequences for society. Science and technology play such vital roles in our modern world, and although it is not possible to quantify the level of impact, lower numbers of people being involved in research and development will inevitably lead to fewer beneficial discoveries for humankind and the environment.

In conclusion, the decrease in the number of students pursuing higher education science can be attributed to the belief that there is a better effort-reward balance available in other fields and careers. The negative results of this trend can have far-reaching effects. Hence,

there needs to be a collective effort from both the private sector and governments to improve the appeal of science in the interest of our global society.

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