

This answer is an example of a candidate's answer. Please, note that this is just one example out of several possible approaches.

Task C2

Recommended task completion time – 40 minutes.

Essay

Write an **essay** based on the following statement:

When parents leave their children with substantial wealth, it does them more harm than good.

Express your personal opinion and consider the opposing point of view.

You **must** write your answer in **240-280** words.

Essay

Sooner or later, well-off parents face a dilemma about whether the wealth they created is going to enrich the lives of their heirs or spoil them. While there are those who would argue that passing on vast fortunes to the next generation will ruin their lives, I believe that family wealth could give children a springboard to further achievements.

Some people may claim that children of high-profile wealthy parents waste their lives experimenting with drugs and splashing out on luxuries as they do not have to earn money themselves. Such lifestyles do not contribute to their finding meaningful work. Moreover, although people who get passed down wealth from affluent parents often get attention from the public, they can often feel lonely as they cannot be sure that the attention they receive is as a result of their personality.

However, while it may be true that the family wealth may have bad influence on junior members, I think that its potential benefits far outweigh its dangers. Firstly, if wealthy parents teach their children how to handle their money and how to make responsible financial decisions, being rich will be a blessing rather than a curse. By raising their children this way, affluent parents give them untold opportunities to succeed in life as they can take advantage of their wealth. Secondly, the new owners of large amounts of money can have their personal qualities and professional achievements genuinely valued by society, as long as they are brought up to be hard-working, reliable, and sensitive to the needs of those less fortunate than themselves.

In conclusion, while it cannot be denied that excessive wealth can spoil a young person, I consider that if managed reasonably, family money may bring only benefits to family members.