Too much attention is paid to and too much money is spent on keeping pets, while people throughout the world are starving.

- **Discuss the arguments for and against keeping pets.**
- **To what extent do you agree?**

If we have a chance to know that the people, who feed pets, do not help the starving people by monetary, I could definetely agree wiht this idea. Merely we don not know anything about this situation, so, it must not be to decide about this as easy as saying this.

Besides, this idea is a little hostile against the animals. Animal world is a corner stone enviroment. If people do not feed them, the generation of the animals wil die out one by one.

Sure that, if a man kind and an animal are starving at the same time and you have to choose one ot them to keep alive, you must keep the man kind alive. This is not to be considered on the issues, thats why keeping pets is really a good and efficacious activity for animals.

As a result, a balance must be created and managed between helping the starving people and feeding or keeping pets. In fact, Earths blessings are enough to every alive organism, one question is %o we know or want to

Comments:

- realize
- this is a defining relative clause ó so do not use commas here
- financially
- definitely
- with
- What idea? State the idea from the essay question using your own words first and then write this sentence
- However,
- is not easy to make a decision about this without consideration first
- towards
- The animal
- environment
- By this I mean if
- will
- The question topic is pets not animals in general ó so this paragraph is irrelevant
- It is certainly true that
- of
- mankind
- However, this is not part of the argument

  If this isnt part of the argument then dont include it in your answer ó it is irrelevant
- Good vocabulary but animals dont choose to be pets, we choose them
- sufficient for
- living
- . One

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share?+ When we learn that we need each other to continue our generations,

we will not argue these kinds of subjects anymore.

> **Comment:** share them

> **Comment:** understand

> **Comment:** argue about

Word count: 201

Overall feedback

Content
Answer task question appropriately
Have a clear view/opinion
Include relevant main and supporting ideas for the topic
Introduce and conclude appropriately
Minimum 250 words

> **Comment:** The answer is inappropriate – there should be arguments for and against keeping pets

> **Comment:** The opinion regarding keeping pets isn't clear

> **Comment:** Overall the main ideas are not relevant to the question

> **Comment:** The introduction needs work. If you re-write the essay statement using your own words and state your opinion it is much clearer.
>
> Again the conclusion needs work. Don't write any new ideas in this paragraph – just repeat the main ideas from your essay and restate your opinion.

> **Comment:** Not enough

Organisation/Structure
Use linking words appropriately and accurately, within and between paragraphs
Use a formal/academic style
Write well structured and balanced paragraphs with clear main and supporting ideas
Logically organize ideas
Use reference words appropriately and accurately to avoid repetition

> **Comment:** Linking words are used but not accurately

> **Comment:** Main and supporting ideas are not clear in each paragraph

Vocabulary
Choose appropriate words for the topic
Use the correct word form
Use accurate collocations
Include a variety of words and use accurately

> **Comment:** A lot of mistakes

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Spell words correctly

Comment: A lot of mistakes with basic words

Grammar
Choose the correct tenses

Use correct punctuation

Use correct prepositions

Include a variety of complex and simple structures

Use complex and simple structures accurately

Comment: There are conditional and relat,ve clause structures. Some passive should be attempted.

Comment: There are mistakes with some sentence structures. A few examples of mistakes with =theø

<u>Approximate</u> grading for the essay:

Content   3
Organisation 5
Vocabulary   5.5
Grammar   5.5

Overall the <u>approximate</u> essay grade is 5.
(This represents 60% of the final writing result)

This essay was written by an Upper Intermediate level student who required a 6.5 result.

- The main problem occurred with Content as he <u>answered the question incorrectly</u>.
- His paragraph structure needs attention with regard to <u>writing clear main and supporting ideas</u>. He also needs to focus on learning and using the correct linking phrases.
- Some improvements are required with vocabulary, although a lot of these mistakes could be avoided if the writing is checked carefully before submitting.
- Finally, to improve the grammar score some accurate passive structures should be included, and again the writing should be carefully checked for prepositions, articles and other basic mistakes.

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