**Cultures around the world are more similar today than they used to be. What are reasons for this? Is it a positive or negative trend?**

Compared to the previous decades, cultures throughout the world are more alike. While it has some fundamental reasons, it could be both positive or negative.

In the last decades we witnessed many diversities in cultures all over the world; however, most of the cultures are similar to each other now which has two basic roots. first, as we are in the cutting edge technology era, the majority of people have access to the internet; therefore, they can see and read many new things on websites and even communicate with people of other countries and learn about their culture. Second, because of the ease of transportation, many people travel internationally and as English is the most predominant language in the world, people try to learn it. It is undoubtedly that culture is an inseparable part of any language and many people stick themselves to the English language and culture and imitate their behavior and culture. That is why there is a great amount of similarity between cultures.

The Similarity of cultures could be considered either as a good or a bad point. When cultures are like each other

not only the level of misunderstanding would decrease, but also the mutual understanding would increase. Furthermore, similar cultures will lead to more unity and equality in the world;subsequently, we will experience peace and calmness throughout the world. However, the more similar cultures we have, the less diversity in cultures and languages we witness. Cultures and languages are the precious heritage of the world which should be preserved as they are not replaceable with anything.

All in all, in comparison with the past, cultures have many things in common. This trend has two crucial reasons and might be viewed as a strong or weak point.

Task response: 6

Coherence and cohesion: 6

Lexical resources: 7

Gramamtical range and accuracy: 7

Overall: 6.5