

ESSAYS FROM PAST FMS CLASSES (CORRECTED!)

Deborah

Romantic love is a good thing, and it is nice. But it is not a good basis for marriage. For a marriage to work, you need a lot of other important things.

Firstly, honesty is very important for a marriage. When you do a bad thing, you must talk to your partner. And when you have a problem with your partner in your marriage, you need honesty. It is very, very important.

Secondly, loyalty is very important in a marriage, too. It is a bad thing and not fair to kiss another man or woman when you are with other people. Perhaps your partner will hate you and will want to split up or a divorce.

Thirdly, trust is important for a marriage, too. When you have no trust in your partner, you will always be afraid that he or she is not loyal or honest. You will always think: Where is he (or she)? What is he (or she) doing? These questions are not good for a marriage. They can destroy a marriage.

In conclusion, honesty, loyalty and trust are a good basis for marriage. These three things are very important. Romantic love is good, too, but it is not as important as the other factors. But you must be honest and you must tell him or her if you do not love your partner. A marriage is not a good thing when you feel no love for your partner.

Svenja

Romantic love is not bad for a marriage, but it is not all you need. A lot of couples are getting married when they feel romantic love for each other. Sometimes they are getting married very fast. Perhaps too fast?

Firstly, if people think that their relationship is very romantic, they can get married. But for me, just romantic is not enough. You need more than only romantic love. You need happiness, trust, honesty, true love, and other things. And as long as these things are not there, I do not want to get married.

Secondly, a lot of couples are getting married very fast. Perhaps too fast? It is very common these days that married couples are getting divorced. I think this happens because a lot of couples are getting married too quickly. In my opinion you need time to get to know your partner well. Of course, nobody will ever know everything about their partner. But the chances of staying together for a long time are better if you really know what your partner wants, what he loves, what he doesn't love, what makes him happy and so on.

In conclusion, if a couple wants to get married they can do it. Everybody knows best what is good for oneself and what is not, and if people think they are ready for a serious relationship or for a marriage, nobody is allowed to say 'no'.

If I know this man is the right man for me I will get married, too. I think to have a happy marriage is one of the best things in my and certainly in other people's lives.

Melanie

Even though many people think that nowadays marrying someone is not such a good idea because of financial issues, I do believe that romantic love is a good basis for marriage.

Firstly, if your partner is sensitive and looks after you, why do you not marry him? If you have the same friends, like the same activities and if you really love him, it can be the best idea of your life.

In addition to the first point it is very important to love someone and to show the importance of love to other people, for example to your children. In this hard world children need someone to show them what is really important in their lives. And maybe when they see that their parents are happy, they will remember their childhood as a happy time.

Furthermore, I think that true love is the most important thing you can find. Nobody can exist on their own, and who wants to die lonely one day? If you really love your boyfriend or girlfriend more than anything else, you will be happy together, even if hard times should arrive.

In conclusion, although many people do not get married, we should mention that many people other people are happy with their partners and they are good examples of true love for children. I hope that more people will choose this way, because I think it will help building a better world.

Karin

I think that television hasn't made the world a place of watchers. If somebody wants to watch only, it is their own decision. What to do with your time is the personal decision of each person.

First, parents have to teach their children how to deal with television. The children may be allowed to watch television one hour per day, not more. Parents have to show their children alternatives to watching TV, such as playing outdoors with other children, playing football, reading, etc.

A further problem is possible addiction to television. If you watch TV all the time, you may neglect your friends. By doing this, you miss lots of possible experiences. You don't have any fun, you are always alone, and you are always at home. Is this life?

Thirdly, I think that it is a problem for your health. If you watch TV a lot, you do not move as much as you should. You do not do any sports. Sport is really important to stay healthy. So, move your body, do some sports and be fit.

In conclusion, although many people watch too much television, I think most people know how to deal with the problem of watching television. They have hobbies that are more interesting than watching television.

I think when you watch a lot of television you waste a lot of time of your life.

So, don't neglect your friends, go out, move your body, play football, volleyball or do some other sports; but do not sit at home all the time watching boring TV programs.

Enjoy your life and live it. It is better than watching other people's lives on TV!

Sandra

Nowadays, many people watch television and do not do any other things. This is a big problem. Everybody watches television. First, when the weather is bad, many people do not go outdoors but they stay at home and watch television because there are many programs for young and old people. Not only do they watch television programs but they also watch a video or DVD. For these people, television is an important thing.

Second, nowadays there are many computer games and other games such as Nintendo, X-Box or Playstation. There are too many games. (...?) Despite all the new interesting books that are available.

Third, many young people do not have any leisure-time activities, and this is a big problem. They stay at home and watch television all the time. For example, they can meet a friend or they can go shopping or they can learn how to play a new instrument. But young people are sometimes real lazybones.

In summary, people watch television and I think this is not so good, because one can do many other interesting things. Nevertheless, watching television is not an important thing. It is not good for your eyes. People should go outside and spend some time in our beautiful nature.

Larissa

There are more people who watch television than there are people who make it. Let us see what I think. Here are my three reasons. Watching television is more comfortable than making television. Working for the television is hard work. The world has changed through television.

Firstly, watching television is more comfortable than making it. A lot of people go home after work or after school to watch television, because like this they can relax. The following day they can talk about what they were watching at school or at work, so they can have a conversation about it and perhaps this way they can make some new friends.

Secondly, working for the television is really hard work. When your work is finished you have to go on working for a long time, i.e. you do not have much time for your girl- or boyfriend, your family and your friends. Therefore, it is hard work. On the other hand, it is surely an interesting job. You get to know a lot of interesting people, maybe even some pop stars and other celebrities.

Thirdly, the world has changed through television. Without television, we would talk together more often. Nowadays, children cannot talk together normally because they watched a lot of television when they were babies. Therefore, television is not good. In conclusion, television has made the world a place of watchers, not doers. Today many people watch television to relax because it is more comfortable than making television. People who work for the television have to work very hard. It is not an easy job, no, it is really difficult. People are rotten, and with television the world has changed. Me too, I do not want to make television and I prefer watching it.

Stefanie

I think that this statement is not correct. Many people earn money through television. Can we watch television without the makers?

Firstly, there are many television producers. They make films and programmes. Without them, we cannot be watchers. They are responsible for the evening programmes when we watch a beautiful film or documentary.

Secondly, many actors earn money with exciting films. They live for television. They spend their time in front of the camera. They make television! It is because of you, too, that we can watch a beautiful programme with friends.

Thirdly, people who invent funny stories make television, too. When they write an interesting story and the book is very good, it will be made into a film. The author writes funny stories, romantic stories or serious stories. If a producer thinks that this is a great story, it will be made into a film.

In conclusion, although many people watch television, there are other people, too: the people who make television. Without the producer and the actors who make the films we cannot be watchers. The inventors of stories are important, too, because they make TV interesting.

Petra

A lot of people watch television. They do not have the time or do not feel like doing something else.

After work or after school they are very tired. That's when a lot of people watch television. It is easier than going for a walk or doing homework. You can sit on a sofa, you needn't do a lot. It is just watching.

But there is a problem. Some people do not do what they have to do, for example their homework, cooking, and so on. They watch TV for too long and then they do not have the time to do other things. Watching television can be like a drug.

I know a woman. After work, she watches television, every single day. She does not go out with her friends, she does not have any hobbies.

On the other hand, television can be a good thing, if you do not watch every day and if you also do other things. You can have a break and watch a movie. You have time to go out, to do your homework, to visit your grandfather, and so on. In this way, you are a doer, not a watcher.

I think television has made a lot of watchers. They watch TV every day and do not have the time to do other things. This is not good for your health. But there are not only watchers. A lot of people and families do not watch television. They know what to do with their lives.

Edith

Today, television is an important thing in most living-rooms, but are we really dependent on television makers?

Firstly, television shows a lot of interesting things about history, stories, facts, and so on, and people believe what they hear and see.

We live in a world where technology, computers, and High-Tech are very important. A lot of people believe what television makers say or show. On the other hand, there are people who do not like television and they think that television makes the viewers stupid and that we are dependent on television, i.e. people do not think or give their own opinion about things.

People should not believe in television but fight for justice. I think we have to fight against wrong statements on television.

Secondly, a lot of fashion makers, enterprises and companies show their new products on television. When people see a new television they think that they have to buy it. When they do not buy the new things, they are losers or people know they are not rich or are old-fashioned. I think everybody should think for themselves and is free to decide what he or she wants to buy or not. Thirdly, television makers want to get a lot of viewers for their most important channels. People cannot say that some channels should be forbidden (?).

However, there are more and more channels. Television makers want to bring a lot of viewers in their show, such as '*Who wants to be a millionaire?*'. In this show people can guess at home or they can take part in the show. Even though these shows make people lazy and stupid, people believe to win a lot of money and to be rich. Nevertheless, I like this show, too.

In conclusion, people are dependent on television and interesting things, enterprises or companies and shows will be more important for our lives.

Stefan

I totally agree with this statement, because students are more relaxed than teachers. It is typical of teachers not to be relaxed.

First I want to talk about the exams. Some teachers make very difficult exams and this is very bad for the students. If I made an exam, I would make it much easier than some teachers, maybe one page with things like grammar and a little bit of vocabulary. Secondly, I want to talk about the attitude of teachers. Sometimes, a teacher has a bad day and he lets his students feel his bad mood. Even students are sometimes in a bad mood, but they do not let the teacher feel this. Ok, some students do, but hey: no rule without exception.

As a third and last thing I want to talk about the 'timing' of teachers. I don't like it when a teacher is late. It makes me sick. We, the students, must be in the classroom ten or five minutes before the teacher arrives. The teacher, however, takes it easy and arrives five or ten minutes late. But when we have an exam, that is the limit (?).

To sum up, the three things I was talking about were: the exams, the attitude and the timing of teachers. I think that I did not exaggerate.

One last piece of advice (*Ratschlag*) for teachers: Make it easy for us and we will make it easy for you.

Sabrina

The legalization of marijuana is of great current interest / has become a burning issue. A lot of people smoke marijuana. But this is very bad for your body. It is very unhealthy and can make you forgetful. It is very expensive.

Firstly, marijuana is not healthy. It is similar to smoking cigarettes. But it is worse than that, because marijuana is a very bad thing. And it is addictive.

Secondly, marijuana makes forgetful. It makes you stupid. When you smoke marijuana you forget all the words and sentences or you forget all the important things.

Thirdly, marijuana is very expensive. I don't know how much, but I know it is very expensive. A small quantity is already very expensive. Young people spend a lot of money on marijuana. They smoke it at a very young age. I know people who smoke marijuana at the age of 13. That is terrible. And young people do not have money, so they ask their parents and their parents will give them the money. But the parents do not know what the money is for.

In conclusion, I am against the legalization of marijuana because it is a terrible thing and it really worries me. It is not good for your body, and very young people smoke it. I think the police are not doing enough against it.

I think marijuana is a terrible thing.

Valerie

The legalization of marijuana would not be a good thing. That is what I think, because it is a drug. In what follows I would like to discuss three reasons why the legalization of marijuana is, in my opinion, not a good thing.

Firstly, marijuana is a drug. It is very dangerous to smoke it. It can be addictive and it is very difficult to stop smoking marijuana once you have started. When I smoke marijuana, I am not of sound mind. I do not know what I do.

Secondly, smoking marijuana is very dangerous. When I smoke marijuana I cannot see danger. For example when I drive a car and I smoke marijuana it is like drinking a lot of alcohol. I can cause an accident and I am a risk to the other people on the road.

Thirdly, it is not the only drug. Very often people smoke marijuana because it is forbidden. That is the thrill for these people. If marijuana is legal these people will take other drugs.

In conclusion, the legalization of marijuana would not be a good thing. It would change nothing. It remains a drug and it is too dangerous. I think drugs must continue to be forbidden, for adults and especially for kids and young people.

Josianne

It is an issue of current interest because in Switzerland many people want the legalization of marijuana and many people do not want it.

I disagree because it is not good for our health, too many people smoke it when it is legal and people who start smoking are getting younger and younger.

Marijuana consists of many different things. Some of these are not good for your health and for your brain. Some scientists say that marijuana is a gateway drug for heavier drugs.

Another reason against the legalization of marijuana is that too many people smoke it. Now, a lot of people smoke it even though it is illegal. If it is legal, many people will think: 'Ok, I can smoke it, it is legal.'

The third reason is that, if it is legal, a lot of young people will smoke it, too, such as teenagers, who go to school and who want to be 'cool' when they smoke a joint. I think all of the parents of these teenagers disagree to the legalization of marijuana. For them it is a dangerous drug and they say: 'It is not good for my child.'

Because of these three reasons I disagree to the legalization of marijuana. It would split Swiss society, and this is not good for us.

If the government puts the legalization of marijuana to the vote, I will say 'no' for the reasons I have shown.

Judith

The legalization of marijuana would not be a good thing. But what are the arguments against the legalization of marijuana?

First, marijuana makes you high. You cannot concentrate. You hang around and you cannot do anything. You are a risk to the people who work with you. At the workplace, where people have confidence in you, marijuana is not a good thing. At school it is not good either. You will have bad marks and perhaps you will have to repeat a year.

Another reason against legalization is the fact that it is illegal (!). When the police see that you smoke marijuana they can put you into jail. It is not good for your future. It is possible that you do not find a job because of it.

At last, do not forget that marijuana is a drug. It destroys you. It is not good for your health and your brain. It is addictive. You cannot live without it. It is one of the lightest drugs. At some point it will be too light for you and you will need harder drugs like speed, cocaine, LSD or other 'shit'.

To put in a nutshell, marijuana should not be legalized. You cannot concentrate at work and at school, it is illegal and let us not forget that it is a drug.

Sarah

Marijuana is a plant. It grows out in the open, and many people grow it at home. You can smoke marijuana with tobacco. But still, smoking marijuana is illegal. So is the legalization of marijuana a good thing?

In my opinion the legalization of marijuana is not a good thing.

Firstly, marijuana is a drug. People who smoke it are not 'normal' afterwards. They always laugh and smell and their eyes are red.

Secondly, marijuana is addictive. People must have the 'feeling' over and over again. They always must have that 'laughing' feeling.

Thirdly, people who smoke marijuana may have problems with themselves. (...?) When marijuana is legal, the police cannot control this. There is the danger of many people becoming addicted to it. And the parents cannot tell their children (not to smoke) because it is legal.

Thus, I am not in favour of the legalization of marijuana. I know people who have changed because they smoke marijuana. And this is not nice.

In conclusion, the legalization of marijuana is not a good thing, because it is a drug and people do not behave normally when they smoke it.

Another reason is that it is addictive and that it is difficult to get away from it. And when it is legal a lot of people will become addicted to it.

Also, do not smoke marijuana, drink a beer instead!

Yildrita

I think that the legalization of marijuana would not be a good thing for three main reasons.

Firstly, marijuana is bad for your health. There are many people who smoke marijuana. They do not know what marijuana can do to their health, but they still do it. I think that people who take marijuana should tell other people about it.

Secondly, when marijuana is being legalized the people who smoke it smoke it in public and several times. In addition to this problem, the other people may perhaps find it not so good when they smoke marijuana, as for example at the station.

Thirdly, the legalization of marijuana is a danger for young or younger people, because a lot of young people know that smoking marijuana is not lawful (is against the law) and when you make it legal then they want to try it out. And this is not good, because they can take it as often as they like.

In conclusion, the legalization of marijuana would not be a good thing. It would be a problem for the younger people and for the public.

Julia

The legalization of marijuana would be a good thing. When it is legal, it is being controlled in the shops and there is an official price.

It is also not worse than smoking and some alcoholic drinks. In addition, when marijuana is illegal a lot of people can live from selling drugs and the money is black money.

Firstly, the legalization of marijuana would be a good thing because a lot of people smoke it. These people have to look for people who sell it. The people who sell it can ask for too much money and we cannot go anywhere else to buy it. They can keep the money for themselves, because nobody knows about it.

Secondly, it would be a good thing for the shops and the markets.

The shops and markets will make more money, everybody will buy it in the shops and you can see other things to buy.

Therefore more people will be in the shops than in the streets and at the train stations.

Also, marijuana is being controlled in the shops and you can't buy bad marijuana that could be dangerous. There is an official price.

Thirdly, legalization would be good for everybody's health. When you can buy marijuana in the shops producers have to write about the dangers of this drug on the package. As a result you can talk about marijuana with everybody in public and you will see when somebody smokes it.

In conclusion, it is a good thing although many people criticize legalization. Legalization is a further step for us to choose what we want to do and what we do not want to do. A lot of people who live from selling it have to look for a good job, everybody knows about the dangers and it is an official thing to talk about.

Thus you cannot buy bad marijuana and you can smoke it everywhere. Consequently, you are not a model of coolness when you smoke marijuana because everybody can do it.

Fabienne

Marriage can help to be faithful. Also, married people are never alone. In addition, without marriage life would be a catastrophe.

Firstly, marriage can help to be faithful because you only have one person who you love. Without marriage perhaps people have a lot of girl- or boyfriends. And they were less faithful without marriage because they were not bound.

Secondly marriage is good because people always have someone in their lives who stays with them. Related to this, people live the same life and share their lives with another person.

Thirdly, without marriage life is a catastrophe because there aren't any families and often children don't know who their father is or they do not live with their parents.

In conclusion many people criticise marriage and say that it is an outmoded institution. But marriage can help to be faithful and not to be alone. Related to this, without marriage life would be a catastrophe.

Deborah

Teachers can learn a lot from students for these three main reasons. Students want to know a lot. Also, students do not think as teachers do. In addition, they are pros in electronic systems.

Firstly, students want to know a lot. When teachers say something that is wrong, students correct them. Furthermore students are curious about many things and ask many questions. Because teachers do not always know the answers to the questions they must look for information elsewhere.

Secondly, the students are a different generation. They do not always have the same opinion as their teachers have.

Thirdly, the teachers can learn a lot about electronic systems. In this area, young people are better informed / know more than their teachers. In their free time they are busy with the computer, their mobile phones, etc.

In conclusion, students are not only at school to learn something from their teachers, they can also teach their teachers.

Mario

Teachers can learn a lot from students because they are very young and motivated. It is also good for teachers when they listen to their students. In addition, it is helpful for a teacher's life.

Firstly, teachers can learn a lot from students because students live in a modern world with modern rules. Students have many ideas to improve school. These ideas can also be good to train the teachers (?). Similarly, a lot of teachers won't listen to the students but the ideas from the students are very good. A lot of students are very creative. In this way, teachers can learn a lot from students.

Secondly, teachers can learn a lot from students because they are the future. After leaving school, a lot of students are going to study politics. And we all know that politicians lead the world. Students enjoy learning and teaching.

Thirdly, teachers can learn a lot from students because they are a new generation. Students do not read the old books with old grammar. They want to read new books from new writers. Ok! The new writers are old, too, but they do not think as teachers do.

In conclusion, although many teachers criticize students that they know nothing students are very intelligent and that is the thing to make everything better. In the future, teachers will be happy when they learn from students.

Regina

Marriage is an old-fashioned institution for three main reasons. The couple does not need a marriage to be happy. There are a lot of divorces nowadays. In addition, you lose your freedom, the men, above all.

First, the people who are in love do not show their love with a marriage. The couple can be happy without the wedding rings. It is easy, too, if they should split up. A lot of celebrities do not need marriage, either. They show us the new future.

Another example is that a lot of couples get married very fast when they are in love. And then, sometime later, they are not happy because they do not know each other well. Therefore, there are a lot of divorces nowadays. And it is terrible when the couple has got children. For them, it is really hard.

Furthermore, the people lose their freedom when they get married. They cannot do what they want. Above all, men are afraid of matrimony. I know a lot of these men myself.

Consequently, marriage is an outmoded institution. The people who are in love do not need marriage to be happy. And when they get married, then there are a lot of divorces, and that is terrible. With a marriage you lose your freedom, too.

However, everyone must decide for themselves if they want to marry someone.

Jennifer

Marriage is not an outmoded institution. Marriage is an important thing for family life. It is a good institution for the children and for love. In addition, when you have a problem you are not alone.

Firstly, marriage is not an outmoded institution because when you have problems, you need somebody (to turn to). This person can help you each time you have a problem. It is important for you. You can tell him all your private problems. Some problems are very difficult and you do not want any other people to know about them, so you can turn to your husband.

Secondly, marriage is not an outmoded institution because love is so wonderful. It is your partner. He loves you.

Thirdly, marriage is not an outmoded institution because marriage is an important thing for the children; they need the love (of their parents). They want a mum and dad who are at home when the children come home. It is good for family life, because the family come together in the evening. A mother cannot do everything for the kids by herself. Sometimes you need your father, and sometimes you need your mother.

In conclusion, many people say marriage is an outmoded institution, but it is not. Marriage is a wonderful thing. You know that you have someone who loves you. It is an absolutely good institution for the family, because they come together. When you have a husband, you are lucky.