

Essay Question #2

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Part 1: The essay response as written by the student

There is no doubt that children across the world have different cultures. Generally, in any country the child grows and gains specific attitude corresponding to his environment. Some people argue that children must follow strict rules of behavior while some keep the children to do what they want. These points of view will be discussed in order.

First, it is believed by some that children must follow very solid system. For instance, the parents should block some internet sites that may be damaged the positive character of children. Because of the impressionable age of the children it can be argued that a strict behavior system must be implemented for children. Thus, it is obvious why some cultures follow this point of view.

However, some argue that children are permitted to do what they desire. One good example is most of teenagers like to do what they would like in order to be independent. Hence, the unprotected child can practice what either he wants to be more self-confidence. Thus, it is clear why many support that children's rules behavior should not be protected.

To sum, some cultures support the following of children to strict rules while others refute this. Additionally, after discussion these two points of view, it is clear that the impressionable age of children requires them to follow the strict rules of behavior. Thus, it is recommended while the children will be guided by rules a non-forced methodology should be introduced to give an opportunities for child to improve its own character.

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*Part 1: The essay response with **corrections** and **comments** from Ryan*

The **manner in which children are raised varies from culture to culture**. Generally, in any country the child grows and **develops their unique character** corresponding to **their** environment. Some argue that children must follow strict rules of behavior while **other cultures prefer to allow** their children to do what they want. These **opposing** points of view will be discussed in **this order before a reasoned conclusion is reached**. (←I could understand what each of your sentences meant, but the wording was very awkward at times. Take a look at the changes I made here.)

First, it is believed by some that children must follow **a very rigid system of regulations**. For instance, parents **are of the mind that blocking indecent** Internet sites **helps curb the possibility that negative media could hinder** the positive character of **their** children. Because of the impressionable age of the children it can be argued that **this** strict behavior system **acts as a beneficial force** for **developing** children. Thus, it is obvious why some cultures follow this point of view.

However, **it is argued by others** that children **should be** permitted to do what they desire. **The UAE acts as a good example, where teenagers are given certain amounts of freedom and can travel throughout the city without the watchful eye of their parents**. Hence, the unprotected child **becomes exposed to situations they must independently deal with, and this acts as a wonderful tool to help develop** self-confidence. Thus, it is clear why many support **the idea** that children **should be given generous amounts of leeway to foster their development**.

In summary, some cultures support **imposing** strict rules **on children** while others refute this. **After discussing** these two points of view, it is **decided** that children **are too impressionable to be given extreme amounts of freedom and the employment of strict rules is warranted**. Thus, it is recommended **that a clear rules be set for children with modest amounts of freedom be used to provide** opportunities for **the child** to improve **their** character.

Hi student,

I'm very happy to see such an improvement in your writing. I could very clearly see the structure in this essay, and your vocabulary and adherence to linking phrases makes your writing much stronger.

Unfortunately, there is still a lot of red in your writing (as you can see). This is entirely due to silly little grammatical errors. I think after reviewing the areas I have reworded, you'll see a few new ways to express yourself.

For next time, please try using some real life examples. I think you could choose a country like China or Korea as the example of very protective parenting, while the UAE could play as the example of more lenient parenting (you can see the example I have injected as part of my corrections above). Using these real life examples will help strengthen your ability to support these points of view and make your overall essay much stronger. Don't forget that your recommendation at the end of the essay should not contradict the statement you made showing your personal point of view. Here, you argued that children should be given *limited* amounts of freedom, but then in your recommendation you recommended that they be given lots of opportunities to develop themselves independent of their parents. I rewrote the recommendation sentence to include the word 'modest' to show that you feel small amounts of freedom for children is alright.

Very good work with the *back and forth* language analyzing the two points of view. I'm looking forward to your next work. With this dedication to structure I have no doubt your essay would score well for structure. Grammar, however, needs a bit of work (but looks like it is improving, too).

Good luck,
Ryan

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Part 3: A final version of the essay, written from start to finish by Ryan

Childrearing strategies vary from culture to culture around the world. But a commonality shared by all parenting styles is that they establish boundaries for children to help guide their development as people. Some believe a more stricter approach to parenting is best, while others refute this in favour of leniency that allows children to learn to engage the world with a certain amount of freedom. Both opinions will be critiqued before a reasoned conclusion is drawn.

Many Eastern cultures believe a very regimented and dominating parenting style is best for a child's upbringing. This is seen particularly in countries like China, where children are allowed to do little else besides study. Although some may argue this 'tiger parenting' style may damage a person's ability to make decisions for themselves later in life, it does have the benefit of getting extremely high academic results. In 2010, Shanghainese high school students scored higher than any other demographic region in a leveled aptitude test. Thus, it is understandable why many supporting this parenting style.

However, there are others that feel a more lenient form of parenting best helps children develop independently. Take the parenting style most widely practiced in North America as an example. In this area, parents tend to allow their children to take command of their own lives and typically trust their kids to be responsible enough to meet deadlines and achieve high grades without much parental intervention. It is often argued this parenting style helps develop leaders as opposed to workers. Thus, the attraction to this parenting style can also be seen.

After analyzing both points of view, it is felt that a more regimented parenting style helps push students to achieve all they can and not falling victim to the natural laziness that befalls young people when they are not challenged. It is hoped that the western world reverts to the stricter forms of parenting and schooling it employed in the early twentieth century, the period that made this hemisphere great in the world.