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Task 1: *The table below shows information and predictions regarding the change in percentage of the population aged 65 and above in three countries.*
Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Word Count: 155

Country	1988	2000	2030
Canada	16%	21%	26%
Germany	20%	25%	30%
UK	14%	15%	20%

Show = present data

Proportion = percentage = rate

The table presents data about how the proportions of seniors altered in Canada, Germany and the UK with forecasted figures for 2030.

Forecast = project (projection) = predict (prediction) = anticipate

Overall, *it can be clearly observed that* the past trend for the rate of people aged 65 and above for all countries was upward with similar projections for the future.

In terms of Germany, the country witnessed the highest percentages throughout the considered period. To begin with, senior people took up one-fifth of its total population in 1988, which jumped to a quarter 22 years later. *It is predicted that* the figure for elder Germans will continue to rise by 5% to reach 30% in 2030.

A similar situation can be seen for Canada and the UK, with Canadian percentage increasing at a faster pace. While the figure of Canada surged from 16% in 1988 to 21% at the beginning of the 21st century, British rate grew by only 1% to 15% in the same time frame. Finally, *their figures are anticipated to* keep climbing by 5% each to 26% and 20% respectively.

Jump = rise = increase = surge = grow = climb

Các từ nối (cohesive devices) được sử dụng:

Overall: nói chung
To begin with: bắt đầu
While: trong khi
Finally: cuối cùng

Từ vựng học thuật:

Senior = elder: người già (trên 65 tuổi)
Considered period: giai đoạn đang được nhắc đến
Time frame: giai đoạn
Faster pace: tốc độ (tăng) nhanh hơn.
Respectively: theo thứ tự tương ứng.

Cấu trúc hay:

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Task 2: *Young people are now spending more and more time and money following fashion trends (clothing, tech).*
What is your opinion? Is this a positive or negative development?
Word count: 329

In the modern world, the development of the Internet and especially social media has made fashion trends become more widespread and popular than ever. As a result, youngsters are increasingly investing their time and cash on keeping their wardrobe and gadgets updated. In my opinion, I think that the desire for self-expression is the root cause, and this is a totally unfortunate turn of events.

Purchase = Buy = Acquire

It cannot be denied that young people are highly impressionable and have a strong willingness to enhance their appearance. To begin with, because of their lack of real-life experience and immaturity, celebrities and advertisers can effortlessly impact on their purchasing habits. For example, clothing trends nowadays can be easily set and spread through a network of influencers on platforms such as Instagram, Facebook or Tik Tok, *which induces a great number of young individuals* to buy said products. Moreover, as the number of middle-class families over the world including in developing nations rises quickly, children in these households are able to afford a greater amount of fashion items than before.

Personally, *I am of the opinion that* this trend is wholly negative for a few following points. *The most important of which is that* it creates a culture of waste, where the young keep acquiring items that they do not need or use frequently. Consequently, they will throw way their phones or clothes as soon as they become unpopular among their peers which increases the amount of garbage and e-waste that are dumped into the environment. Furthermore, children from unwealthy families can also feel obliged to match their richer friends' shopping habit that they will try to beg for more money from their parents or obtain it through illegal means like stealing.

All in all, the impulse to improve their appearance in the digital space or in real life has motivated adolescents to stay updated with fashion trends which will prove to be harmful to their families and the environment in the long run.

Các từ nối (cohesive devices) được sử dụng:

As a result: kết quả là
In my opinion = personally = theo ý kiến của tôi
To begin with: bắt đầu
For example: ví dụ
Moreover = furthermore: hơn nữa
Consequently: kết quả là
All in all = kết luận lại

Từ vựng học thuật:

Root cause: nguyên nhân gốc rễ
Unfortunate turn of events: một xu hướng đáng tiếc
Immaturity: sự chưa trưởng thành.
Influencer: người có tầm ảnh hưởng lớn
Peer: bạn đồng trang lứa
Impulse: động lực
Adolescent: thanh niên

Cấu trúc hay:

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