**Street musicians**

Comment on the following statement:

There are many opinions about street music. Some people think that it is the way of earning money, others say that there must be any amateur performances in the streets.

What is your opinion?

Write 200-250 words.

Use the following plan:

* Make an introduction (state the problem)
* Express your personal opinion and give reasons for it
* Give arguments for the other point of view and explain why you don’t agree with it
* Draw a conclusion

**Useful vocabulary for composition”expressing opinion”**

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| **1 абзац** | Вводные фразы   * It is popularly believed that…. * People often claim that * Some people argue that… * A lot of people think that… * It is often suggested /believed that… * Many people are in favour of idea that * Many people are convinced that... * Some people are against…   Фразы, выражающие свою точку зрения:   * I would like to explain my point of view on this situation. * I would like to express my opinion on this problem. | |
| **2 абзац** | Фразы, характеризующие преимущества обсуждаемой проблемы:   * As already stated I’m in favor of… for a number of reasons… * There are many things to be said in favour of… * The best/ thing about……. is…   Фразы, перечисляющие точки зрения:   * Firstly, /First of all…. * In the first place * To start with, / To begin with, * Secondly, Thirdly, Finally, * Last but not least,   Фразы, добавляющие новые аргументы:   * Furthermore, /Moreover, /What is more, * As well as…. /In addition to this/that… * Besides, /…….also…. * Not only…., but…… as well. * Apart from this/that…. * …….not to mention the fact that | |
| **3 абзац** | * Some people believe that… however they fail to understand that…   they fail to consider that…  they forget that…   * Some people argue that …. I can not agree with it as … * I disagree with this point of view (statement, opinion) because … * It has become fashionable for some people to argue that… * Contrary to what most people believe, I think that… * As opposed to the above ideas…I believe that… | |
| **4 абзац** | Заключительные фразы:  In conclusion,  On the whole,  To conclude,  To sum up,  All in all,  All things considered  Finally,  Lastly,  Taking everything into account,  Taking everything into consideration | Выражение личного мнения:  In my opinion this subject is very controversial  In my view…  To my mind…  To my way of thinking…  Personally I believe that…  I feel strongly that…  It seems to me that…  As far as I am concerned… |