

**With the increase in computer use, many people feel that school do not need to put the emphasis that they used to on basic handwriting skills or mathematics skills. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

It is often believed that with the excessive usage of computers in a student's life, the educational institution may ignore the basic skills of logical mathematics and handwriting which was compulsory for children in the previous days. I completely disagree with the statement and would elaborate on these views in the upcoming paragraphs.

To commence with, schools cannot skip the basic skills of students for various reasons. Firstly, it may weaken their mental ability. In other words, the math subject helps students to improve their memory by doing calculations and performing various puzzles. Moreover, it increases the concentration power of a pupil, which plays a crucial role in the overall development of the child. Though computers can do all the calculations, yet the process may make the child dumb. Secondly, mental abilities usually do not fail a human, while technology may. There are some situations where machines fail, and if a person cannot perform the calculation they can be considered to be illiterate. Consequently, teaching basic math skills at school is necessary.

Furthermore, handwriting also plays a great role in a pupil's life. Handwriting showcase the personality and intelligence of the students. Not only this, it can even help those who are suffering from disabilities like ADD and Dyslexia. Additionally, people are dependent on soft documents and portable document files. Because of this, no one bothers about writing on paper. With this, they start forgetting about grammar and spelling. The auto-suggestion facility of writing software is making people academically weak because they do not bother about learning grammar and spelling, which can conversely be learned while writing with a pen or pencil. Therefore, basic knowledge of maths and writing is necessary during the school period.

To conclude, although the computer has numerous benefits yet it cannot beat the human brain. Only mental abilities can help humans to operate computers and calculators. Hence, these skills cannot be ignored in life.

12 Linking words, meeting the goal of 7 or more  
2 Repeated words, meeting the goal of 3 or fewer  
0 mistakes

4 paragraphs, 335 words

9.0 Overall Band Score

#### **COHERENCE AND COHESION: 9.0**

- 9 Structure your answers in logical paragraphs
- 9 Include an introduction and conclusion
- 9 Support main points with an explanation and then an example
- 9 Use cohesive linking words accurately and appropriately
- 9 Vary your linking phrases using synonyms

#### **LEXICAL RESOURCE: 9.0**

- 9 Try to vary your vocabulary using accurate synonyms
- 9 Check your work for spelling and word formation mistakes

#### **GRAMMATICAL RANGE: 9.0**

- 9 Use a variety of complex and simple sentences
- 9 Check your writing for errors

#### **TASK ACHIEVEMENT: 9.0**

- 9 Answer all parts of the question
- 9 Present and fully explain ideas
- 9 Support ideas with relevant, specific examples
- ✓ Word Count