

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT
TEST OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

WRITING

TASK 1

In this part of the test, you are going to write an essay on the topic below. You have 40 minutes to write your essay, which should be around 300 words. Your essays will be graded on the basis of content, organization, coherence, lexical range and accuracy, grammatical range and accuracy, and punctuation.

According to the definition by the British Library, a patent is a license that gives “the inventor the right to stop others, for a limited period, from making, using or selling the invention without their permission.”

Some people argue that patents on Covid-19 vaccines should be waived* and not only the inventor(s) but others too should be able to produce and sell Covid-19 vaccines.

waive: to state officially that a right, rule etc. can be ignored

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this argument? Write an essay in which you explain your position on this issue. Make sure that you support your argument with relevant details.

You may use the ideas below and/or your own ideas.

FOR:

- Vaccines will become more accessible for everyone
- Low-income countries can produce doses for themselves
- Millions of infections and deaths can be prevented
- Life returns to normal more quickly (social, economic, educational, etc. benefits)

AGAINST:

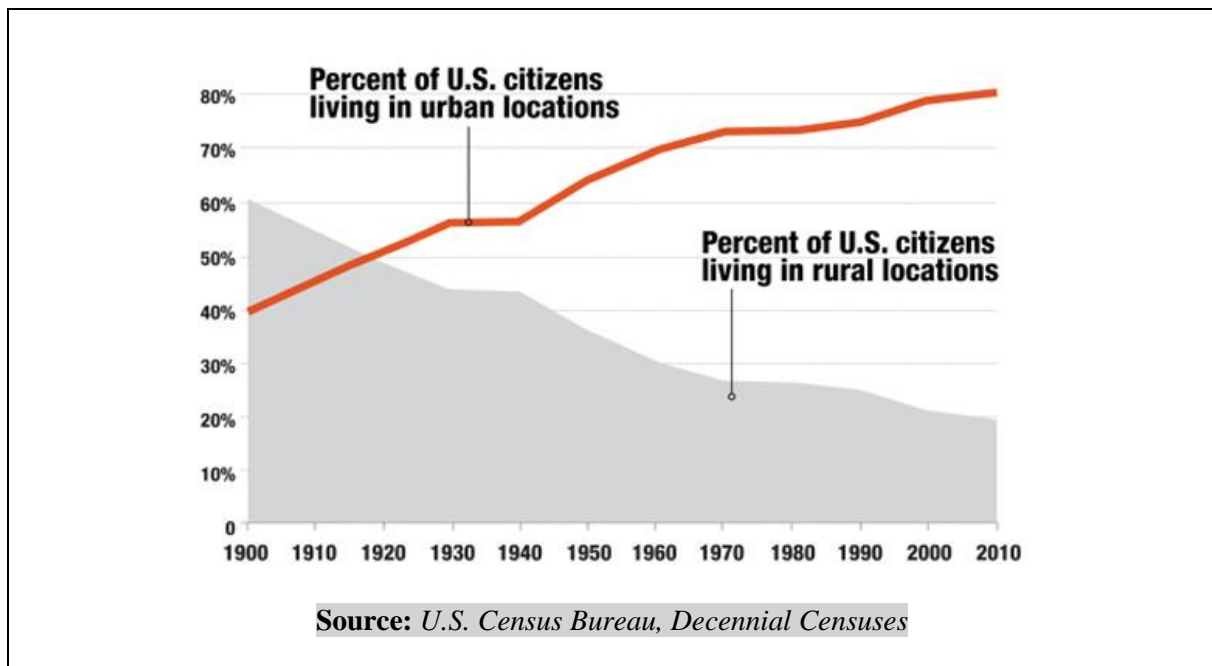
- Intellectual rights should be legally protected
- Patents encourage competition and innovation
- Companies and scientists invest time, effort, and money into developing vaccines and patents protect their interests
- The manufacturing process is critical: low quality production can increase side-effects

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TASK 2

Imagine that you are writing a paper on migration. Using the following figure and text, write **one or two paragraphs** in which you provide information about the increase in the rate of rural-to-urban migration and its causes. Do not copy and paste from the source text; instead, you need to paraphrase relevant information. You should write around 150 words.



In developing countries, urbanisation usually occurs when people move from villages to settle in cities in hope of gaining a better standard of living. Migration is influenced by economic growth and development and by technological change and possibly also by conflict and social disruption. It is driven by pull factors that attract people to urban areas and push factors that drive people away from the countryside.

Employment opportunities in cities are one of the main pull factors. Many industries are located in cities and offer opportunities of high urban wages. There are also more educational institutions providing courses and training in a wide range of subjects and skills. People are attracted to an urban lifestyle and the 'bright lights' of city life. All of these factors result in both temporary and permanent migration to urban areas.

Poor living conditions and the lack of opportunities for paid employment in rural areas are push factors. People are moving away from rural areas because of poor health care and limited educational and economic opportunities as well as environmental changes, droughts, floods, lack of availability of sufficiently productive land, and other pressures on rural livelihoods.

Source: OpenLearn Create (2017) '5.2.2 Rural to urban migration' Retrieved from <https://www.open.edu/openlearncreate/>