**Answer to GP practice**

**Essay Question 1 [Reflective Issues]**

**'Wealth is no guarantee of a better life.' How far do you agree?**

ai) Types of Essay Structure

Type A:

* Proposition Point 1
* Extent of agreement to Point 1
* Proposition Point 2
* Extent of agreement to Point 2
* Proposition Point 3
* Extent of agreement to Point 3

Type B:

* Perspective 1 - Proposition - 2 Points
* Perspective 2 - Opposition - 2 Points
* Perspective 3 - Analysis - Extent of Agreement - Depending Factor(s)

b) Perspective Setting:

* Develop a proposition - Wealth may not guarantee a better life
* Develop reasons - Why having more wealth does not lead to better life

c) Categorization:

* Personal factors
* Social influence
* Cultural influences
* Economics
* Individuals

d) Requirements of the Question:

* Understand the meaning of the quote
	+ The pursuit of a better life may include the possession of riches. Yet, it is inadequate to assume that wealth is the one and only determinant for a better life. Therefore, it is pertinent to consider other factors that contribute to a more fulfilling life.
* In doing this question, students must derive the proposition and support the argument that wealth may not guarantee a better life and provide the extent of agreement after this.
* To provide a dimensional and convincing argument, students must develop categories of discussion.

Introduction

1. Write your introduction in a paragraph

* Set the general observation: the motivation behind why people want to have a better life
* State the proposition: having more wealth may not guarantee a better life
* State that there are other considerations, such as the pursuit of personal aspirations that can also lead to a more fruitful and meaningful life, besides having more wealth
* Set your view on how we examine the issue and explain extent of agreement

Main Body

2. Write the topic sentence for each main body paragraph

* Include the linking sentence below each topic sentence
* Elaborate with phrases or clauses to show your causation
* Provide an example as supporting evidence to your argument

3. Show extent of agreement to listed point above

* Prove the limitations of the previous point
* Elaborate with phrases to show your causation
* Provide examples to support your arguments

4. Follow the requirements of the first and second paragraphs with other points from categories

* List two more points for proposition and two extent of agreements
* There are four main features of a paragraph: (i) Topic Sentence (ii) Elaboration (iii) Example (iv) Linking Sentence

Conclusion

5. Wrap up your outline with a concluding paragraph

* Show your stand on extent of agreement based on the depending on the key determinant and show why this the reason for your degree of agreement
* Provide a suggestion or reflection in view of the question description

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Introduction

The accumulation of wealth is a crucial aim in life as the abundance of wealth can bring extensive benefits that lead to the conventional wisdom that wealth is a guarantee of a better life. However, if we examine this issue with most rich people, it is not surprising to hear them give you an alternative opinion to this common belief. In view of these polarizing perspectives, this essay agrees to the view that wealth is not a guarantee of a better life despite the benefits it may bring to aid the life of an individual. Why wealth is a not a guarantee of better life?

Main Body

**Given View: Explain why wealth is a not a guarantee of better life**

Point 1 – I believe in the view that wealth is not a guarantee of a better as there are many aspects of life that are important in shaping a blissful life which cannot be bought by wealth,

Point 2 – Wealth can only provide us instant gratification and momentary gain which will only make our life better in tangible manner for a short duration.

**Contrasting View: Explain why wealth is a guarantee of better life**

Point 1 – However, most people are still unable to change their mindsets from this common belief that wealth is a guarantee of better life as a hedonistic lifestyle makes possible with wealth is too alluring to resist.

Point 2 – It is hard to live in a modern society where money plays a pivotal role in the distribution of goods and services that ensure our survival, comfort and conduciveness that will shape our way of life.

**Why your view is more relevant and logical?**

In view of these diverse opinions, my view is still rationale and logical to agree that wealth is no guarantee of a better life despite our reliance on materials for survival. A better life is only possible if we have taken into consideration of the intangible fabrics that make us better people and this cannot be bought with wealth. Wealth only plays a part of this pursuit of a better life and it is only an instrument, a means to an end. We can only have a better life if we put our wealth and other intangible resources like time into our life to work towards a better life.

Conclusion

In retrospect, we always strive for a better life. However, in this pursuit, many have slim and misunderstood vision of what constitutes a better life and they have inverted their energy and resources wrongly. It is important to recognize the need of wealth in a capitalistic framework as wealth will never be the only variable that determines a better life. The understanding of this notion will be a fruitful advice to make one understand well how to have a better life.