

Some people believe that women should play an equal role with men in a country's police force or military force, while others think women are not suitable for these kinds of jobs. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

In modern society females play important roles in all aspects of life. I will argue that women should have equal roles in a country's military and its police force. However, others would feel that **a woman's place is in the home** and would not condone females entering what they would see as male domains.

On the one hand, some people believe that equal opportunity in the police force or the military is counterproductive. The reasoning is women have fewer physical abilities than men. For this reason women have been denied access to many workplaces over the years. That women have been to space, worked in mines and, indeed, have had frontline duties in armies around the world has **slipped the minds** of some of the **naysayers**.

On the other hand, gender equality means women have to compete in the workforce. Nowadays we see many countries recruit women into their police forces and military. These women bring with them many positive attributes to their roles. For example, in the case of rape women were once too embarrassed to report the crime to a male dominated police force that was **awash** with sexist beliefs about women and their position in society. As more females were recruited into the judicial system more female victims of crime have **come forward**. Having women in the military and operating in frontline positions has become more commonplace now in the armies of the West.

In conclusion, some shortsighted and biased people might agree that females should not join the police or the military but I disagree with this position. From my point of view, women bring unique and special talents to these difficult roles in society. The old sexist positions are being challenged everyday by the female pilots flying fast jets to the female constable **pounding the beat** in your local town.

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## Vocabulary

**a woman's place is in the home** (idiom) -

A sexist maxim asserting that woman should focus on housekeeping and raising children, as opposed to working outside of the home. *I don't believe that a woman's place is in the home—I*

*love my family, but I also love being a lawyer. Some cultures still believe that a woman's place is in the home.*

**slip (one's) mind** (idiom) - to be forgotten, especially

of an obligation. *I'm sorry I didn't call you back sooner, it totally slipped my mind.*

**naysayers** (noun) - a person who habitually expresses negative or pessimistic views.

**awash** (adjective) - covered, filled, or crowded: *a garden awash in colors.*

**come forward** (idiom) -

present oneself, offer one's services, as in *The boss asked for more help, but no one was inclined to come forward.*

**pounding the beat** (idiom) -

to walk a regular route. *The cop pounded the same beat for years and years. Pounding a beat will wreck your feet*

范文解析:

这是一篇经典的社会类题目的讨论型大作文，从题目 **discuss both views and give your opinion** 可以看出，这类型大作文需要考生对于两个对立观点分别进行描述，并给出自己的观点。作为开头段，一般要求考生首先引出话题内容，通常考生可以通过改写题目的方法来完成。其次，考生需要在开头段呈现争议，将双方的观点都表达出来。作为双边类的大作文，考生需要在主体段分段分别呈现双方观点。如本文，作者运用“**on the one hand**”和“**on the other hand**”这样的连接词分段陈述双方观点，使文章思路清晰明了。正确的使用连接词，序数词，转折词等是考生在大作文中获得高分的重点之一。最后，结尾段考生应该包含总结全文+重申观点两个部分。本篇文章的整体层次分明结构清晰，是一片很适合考生模仿的大作文，其中文章中还有一些地道的词汇用法可供考生参考。讨论型大作文的写作逻辑与结构在启德 2018 雅思标准化教材的强化段第八课有详细地介绍。社会类文章的写作技巧也会在标准化教材中有详细地讲解，如果大家想学习更多关于雅思写作的内容，欢迎大家来启德上课。