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Nowadays, many people spend less and less time at home. What are the reasons for it?
What are the effects of this trend on individuals and society?

Over the past decades how we occupy our time has significantly changed. People are now passing more time outside of their household. This essay will address this development.

It comes as no surprise to find that many people are busier than ever before. **In the main**, this is often **down to** the long hours we have to **put in** at work. For example, my sister works as an accountant and has been forced to work extra overtime for months because her company introduced a new system for business activity. Additionally, others might have to work because of their low wage situation. Consequently, they may have two or even three jobs **on the go to make ends meet**. Therefore, they only spend time at home sleeping before facing the new day of **toil**.

In terms of how this affects people and society we simply have to look at the smartphone we hold in our hands. Undoubtedly, our family bonds are weakening **inasmuch as** we tend only to keep in touch with our love ones virtually. Moreover, this lack of human contact can have an impact upon our mental health, as people start to become lonely and depressed. For instance, we even see movie stars who have millions of followers committing suicide because of depression. Indeed, there is no doubt that being with one's family at home spending **quality time** together is important.

In conclusion, while circumstances might force us to leave the home for long periods of time, there is no doubt in my mind that this is a harmful trend, for home is where the heart is.

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Vocabulary

in the main (idiom) Generally; for the most part.

In the main, my employees work hard. There are just a few who give me headaches every once in a while.

It's a good book, in the main. A few scenes seem unfinished, though.

down to somebody/something (idiom) even including the last item of a whole list of people or things.

Everybody was affected by the economic crisis, from the president down to the poorest citizen.

She's thought of everything down to the tiniest details!

put in (idiom) To spend a particular amount of time doing something. A noun or pronoun can be used between "put" and "in."

My son likes video games, but a friend of his puts in over six hours a day!

I've been putting in a lot of overtime lately as we get ready to launch our new website. I need to put some extra time in over the weekend.

on the go (idiom) Constantly in motion, active, or working.

I feel as if I need to always be on the go; life's too short to be idle!

make (both) ends meet (idiom) To earn just enough money to pay one's bills.

To make ends meet, Phil picked up a second job delivering pizzas.

After the large income tax hike, many people suddenly found it difficult to make both ends meet.

toil (noun) Exhausting labour or effort.

in terms of (something) (idiom) Regarding; in reference to.

In terms of the merger, I'm afraid I can't provide any more details at this time.

inasmuch as (idiom) To such an extent that; to the degree that.

Inasmuch as money is concerned, our project will be completely funded by private donations.

quality time (idiom) Time spent interacting with someone in a close, meaningful way.

This Christmas, I want to spend some real quality time with the family instead of having everyone stuck on their phones and tablets the whole time.

I'm looking forward to having some quality time with you on our camping trip.

home is where the heart is (idiom) One's home is made up of the places and people one loves or cherishes most.

I don't really care where we move, so long as we're together. Home is where the heart is, after all.

I grew up in Arkansas, but if home is where the heart is, then my home is in Paris, with all of you.

范文解析：

这是一篇 Two-part question 类型的写作题目，近几次的雅思写作考试 task 2 部分会经常出现这种类型的题目，在遇到这种类型的题目时，可以采用如本文中的结构，首先手段作者介绍背景并且通过改写题目的方式引出主题，其次在主体段第一段，作者回答了第一个问题，

在主体段第二段回答第三个问题，最后作者总结上文并且表达了自己的观点。这样的结构可以使考官清晰的看出文章的逻辑和脉络。我们来详细的看一下主体段部分，第一个主体段回答了第一个问题：导致人们回归家庭的时间越来越少的原因是什么？作者使用了论点+解释+举例的主体段写作结构来完成了第一个问题的回答。第二个主体段中，作者回答了第二个问题：对于这个现象对个人和社会的影响有哪些？作者使用了同样的主体段结构，在写支持论点的时候，作者还使用了 **moreover** 这样的连接副词来对于前一论点进行更进一步的补充，这样的支持句写法以及主体段结构在启德雅思 2019 写作教材的第六课第七课有详细的讲解，同时更多关于写作的内容在教材中也有介绍。如果大家想要学习更多的关于写作的知识，欢迎来启德上课。