**English Language and Composition**

**Reading Time: 15 minutes**

**Suggested Writing Time: 40 minutes**

**Directions:** The following prompt is based on the accompanying ten sources.

This question requires you to integrate a variety of sources into a coherent, well-written essay. *Refer to the sources to support your position; avoid mere paraphrase or summary. Your argument should be central; the sources should support this argument.*

Remember to attribute both direct and indirect citations.

**Introduction**

Video Games have always been popular especially since technology has advanced. Does it have negative effects on children’s development, and should there be a certain age limit for children to begin playing video games? Has it made them anti-social, and lowered their academic capabilities, or is it completely un-harmful?

**Assignment**

Read the following sources (including any introductory information) carefully. **Then, in an essay that synthesizes at least three sources for support, take a position that defends, challenges, or qualifies the claim that Video Games have negative effects on children’s development.**

Refer to sources as Source A, Source B, etc.

Source A (Harding)

Source B (Kozicki)

Source C (Katch

Source D (Rudon)

Source E (VanTine)

Source F (Naseef)

Source G (Shapiro)

Source H (Matthews)

Source I (Davidson)

Source J (Anderson)

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**Reading Time: 15 minutes**

**Suggested Writing Time: 40 minutes**

**Directions:**The following prompt is based on the accompanying six sources.

This question requires you to integrate a variety of sources into a coherent, well-written essay. *Refer to the sources to support your position; avoid mere paraphrase or summary. Your argument should be central; the sources should support this argument.*

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**Introduction**

Over the last couple of decades the rate of marriages that end in divorce has been steadily increasing.  Divorce introduces a massive change into the life of a child, which can be crucial to their future development.  While some people argue divorce leaves emotional scars and increases children’s risk for a variety of problems, others, however, argue that divorce can be a positive thing when the marriage is in high conflict and the children are exposed to violence, abusive substances etc.

**Assignment**

Read the following sources (including any introductory information) carefully.  **Then, in an essay that synthesizes at least five of the sources for support, take a position that defends, challenges, or qualifies the claim that divorce negatively impacts children.**

Refer to the sources as Source A, Source B, etc.; titles are included for your convenience.

Source A   (Pickhardt)

Source B   (Hansen)

Source C   (Jenks)

Source D   (Fattem)

Source E   (Shaffran)

Source F   (Mediate)

Source G  (Risken)

Source H  (Richards)

Source I   (Banschick)

Source J   (Brown)