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Model (Opinion-based essay): Cause & Effect

These days people in the UAE can watch TV programs and movies from all over the world.

What are **two** major **effects** of having access to a lot of foreign programs?

SUBJECT AREA = Society/Culture

STATEMENT REWORDED = "Nowadays people in the UAE spend lots of time watching international TV"

KEY CAUSES = Modern technology (e.g. Satellite dishes and YouTube), Globalisation

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Unlike the past, nowadays more and more people in the UAE spend their time watching foreign TV programs not local Emirati TV programs. There are a number of causes for this, including modern technology in the old days people could only see programs from Abu Dhabi and Dubai, but now with satellite dishes and YouTube we can see TV from any country all day and night. Another reason is because these days Etisalat buys lots of foreign TV programs like BBC News and the National Geographic channel. However, in this essay I will discuss two key effects, one is positive, we can learn more information and foreign languages. The second one is negative, some young people might copy foreign lifestyles and forget about their own traditions

The **first** effect I will focus on is positive, learning more information. I will explain, all people can watch programs from other countries to learn about other cultures and traditions also, to learn how to speak different languages. For instance, my little brother watches animal programs on National Geographic because he is doing a project on animals at school. My older sister always watches BBC News because it will help her with the listening part of the IELTS exam.

The **second** effect I will look at is harmful, copying bad habits from other countries. I will explain, some teenagers watch foreign movies and dramas that show many dangerous things. For example, I read in the newspaper that many boys drive their father's car too fast because they want to be like the people in the movie "Fast and Furious".

To sum up, this essay **focused** on the effects of people in the UAE watching lots of foreign TV. I **discussed** two key effects, the first one **was** learning new things and, the second one **was** copying bad ideas and habits. **Therefore, I suggest** parents monitor their children and only let them watch programs that are beneficial and to stay away from programs that use bad words or show violent or dangerous things.



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Introduction

Good introductions need to have three parts. This means they must have three or more sentences:

1. General background information (on the subject)
2. Describe some of the key causes (the reasons for why)
3. Thesis statement (where you tell the reader what you are going to write about)

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Body paragraphs

You must focus on two major effects. For each effect, you will need a separate paragraph:

1. Topic sentence (in a few words, summarise the effect you will write about in this paragraph)
2. Explanation; explain the reasons and give more details about it
3. Example; provide one or more examples to illustrate your reason

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Conclusion

The conclusion paragraph needs to summarise the subject of the essay, your opinion and, the reasons you gave. It also needs to provide some suggestions. Therefore, it must have 3 (or more) sentences:

1. Summarise what the essay was about
2. Re-state the two effects that you focused on (Past Tense)
3. Provide some suggestions that are related to the subject of the essay

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