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You have 40 minutes. Write about ONE page.

## Essay 3

**Score: Far Below Adequate (FBA) - 45**

Istanbul is the most crowded city in Turkey but it is 35th in terms of km<sup>2</sup> measures. The population must live in this small city. The government and companies respond to this requirement with high-rise residential buildings.

High-rise residential buildings are very useful for older people. Our grandparents don't need to worry about setting the home's temperature. The staff sets the temperature for the whole apartment.

Secondly, these buildings have security and they are safe. At this time, robbery rates are very high compared to rural areas. Therefore, we have opportunities regarding security. Another problem is children's safety. Children should spend time outside the home in their daily lives. We must provide their security but we cannot always be near them. Our building security ensures security for our homes, cars, children...

Finally, we live in a crowded city. This is a very big problem but we can solve this problem via high-rise residential buildings.

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**Essay 1**

**Score: Not Adequate (NA) - 50**

Cities are growing due to the technology. Thereby, a lot of high technological buildings are built. These buildings include various characteristics to help people live a better life. However, it also contains some negative specialties so there are many arguments about whether people live in these places or not.

First of all, high technological places provide better life to people. For example, these places have 7/24 security so that there are lower stealing situations against normal houses. Furthermore, they are very big and very expensive and these buildings are called high-rise residential buildings also. In these places, people do not need to go outside because of the fact that the place includes all needs that people want. For instance, they have fitness centers, pools, spas, car parking areas and even they have a mall. Furthermore, the residences own smart systems like our smart phones that all people use. The smart system is used against any natural disasters. As a result, people who live in these places do not die because of natural disasters.

Some people claim that living in such places reduces some required human behaviours. Because of the fact that people do not need to go outside, their relationships diminish and they can stay by themselves. Besides, children who are born in high-rise residential buildings face unhealthy growing, because they do not need to do any activities. They find out in their residence whatever they want to do. Moreover, these places are sold at very high prices. People can spend all their money buying these houses, and there is no money left behind. Beside these negative effects, these places can be bought for a more relaxing life.

In conclusion, high-rise residential buildings have been argued about whether they are needed or not. Before people buy such houses, they must think profoundly about whether they affect their benefits or harms.

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**Essay 2**

**Score: Not Adequate (NA) - 50**

Since the Industrial Revolution started, many advances in technology have emerged. Besides these developments, the revolution has also brought about some problems such as excessive population growth. Accordingly, this growth has led to housing shortages in mega cities. To overcome these shortages, a lot of high-rise residential buildings have been built in such cities. Many claim that these buildings are very comfortable and have many utilities; however, I believe that high-rise residential buildings are undesirable places to live in.

Many argue that these buildings have so many opportunities such as in-building fitness centers, swimming pools, and supermarkets that everyone can satisfy his/her needs by using them. This argument has some degree of truth in it. However, I believe that these facilities have some drawbacks in terms of economical and health aspects. To clarify, these services such as swimming pools are not free generally, and buying a flat in these buildings costs too much. Additionally, these facilities such as fitness centers and cinemas destroy the tie between people and nature. To put it differently, people choose doing sports in fitness centers rather than walking in the forest. In the long run, this situation is harmful for human health.

Another argument in favor of high-rise residential buildings is that they are smart homes. That is to say, there are many built-in appliances and technological developments in those homes. So many say that each family can meet its needs and desires by using only the house's opportunities. However, I think this fact makes people less social. People living in these buildings begin to stop interacting with neighbors. They think they can handle everything by themselves using the home technology. Consequently, this fact leads people to become lonely.

In a nutshell, high-rise residential buildings may affect people negatively. Residents shouldn't ignore the nature and the life with their neighbors. Otherwise, they can't benefit from these buildings effectively and their psychology gets worse.

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**Essay 6**

**Score: Doubtful (D) - 55**

From past to now people's needs changed and also their environment where they live and reside changed. In the past people were living in small homes in a peaceful atmosphere. However population is growing and people need more and more homes. In this case, high buildings are built to live in. Some people think that these buildings are undesirable while others think that they are proper for living in. In this light, I support the view that high-rise residential buildings are undesirable places to live in.

First of all, there is no private space in these buildings. There are many flats in one big structure and this means there are a lot of people as neighbors. A family does not act how it wants. In fact, the family must obey some rules because people live there together. Besides, they have to do things without disturbing their neighbors or causing noise.

In addition to private space, people who live in high-rise residential buildings have no ties with nature. The first cause of this is that they raise their children within an apartment and children grow up without seeing a forest, for example. Also, this situation causes unhealthy development for children. Another aspect is that having no connection with nature leads to mental or psychological problems for people who reside there. For example, these people always see city structures and this causes stress.

On the other hand, some people argue that living in a high-rise residential building is desirable. Their most important point is that these buildings have amenities such as underground parking, shopping centres and roof gardens. These seem very high quality; however, the reality is not always like that. People do not necessarily need these for living. These are for entertainment and all of these mean more people and so much noise.

To sum up, although some people claim that high-rise residential structures are suitable for living, I do not agree. High-rise residential buildings are not appropriate and desirable to live in. In crowded cities people want a silent and peaceful atmosphere; however, these buildings do not provide a quiet and livable environment.

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**Essay 5**

**Score: Adequate (A) - 60**

The world’s population is increasing rapidly, so high buildings are built in order to provide people with houses. Nowadays, these high buildings are becoming more modern. There are high residential buildings which include almost everything that people need. However, there is a discussion about whether high residential buildings are desirable. High residential buildings are desirable places to live in because they have everything that we need.

In great cities, there are a lot of problems. Finding a parking place is one of these problems. Millions of people live in cities, and almost everyone has their own car. It’s hard to find a place to park because of this situation. However, high residential buildings have their own underground parking for every resident of the building. In addition, traffic jams hinder people from satisfying their demands like going to the mall. High-rise residential buildings have a mall, and there is no need to drive a car anymore. In these respects, these buildings keep people away from cities’ traffic and parking problems.

Security and safety are significant concerns in urban life. There are many criminals in cities. Unemployment is another factor which leads people to steal. In this condition, people need a safe place to live. High residential buildings satisfy this safety demand. These buildings protect people from theft and crime by their 7/24 security. Thus people can live in these places without any safety concern.

Opponents claim that people who live in high-rise residential buildings have no ties with their neighbors. It’s not entirely wrong. These buildings hinder people from having ties with their neighbors to some extent. However, residents in these buildings have fitness centers, swimming pools, cinemas, and lots of opportunities which allow people to make contact with their friends and neighbors.

Increased population forces people to build high and well-equipped buildings like high-rise residential buildings. Despite some opposing opinions, they provide people many opportunities like underground parking, 7/24 security, fitness centers, and more. Thus, these are desirable places to live in.

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**Essay 4**

**Score: Very Good (VG) - 85**

Imagine a house with two floors, three bedrooms, and two bathrooms, a gigantic living space and a backyard full of trees. It sounds like a quite pleasant place to live in. Although living in a house as mentioned above bears many advantages, in the light of the evidence such as fitness center, swimming pool, security services within the building and transportation opportunities, it is evident that living in a high-rise residential building in the city center offers so much more.

Firstly, living in a high-rise residential building enables residents to use its exclusive benefits such as in-building fitness center, swimming pool, often a laundromat and maybe even a market. Thanks to these undeniable privileges the residents receive, there is no necessity to leave the building or to pay a fitness center separately. It is also worth considering that high-rise residential buildings provide extensive security services; there is therefore no need to be concerned about a possible robbery.

Secondly, high-rise residential buildings are mainly located in or near the city center. In addition, there are usually multiple transportation options such as metro or tram in the vicinity. Furthermore, these high-rise residential buildings tend to have a positive impact on their neighborhood as well. Since many people live in a high-rise building, more services such as hospitals, schools, malls and restaurants open around hoping to exploit the increasing population.

Although there are some considerable advantages to living in a high-rise residential building, it bears some disadvantages as no rose is without a thorn. High-rise residential buildings often require monthly payments in order to maintain their services and the price may be higher than expected. However, the services such as security, fitness center, and swimming pool all necessitate a staff and many require monthly or yearly maintenance. As far as I am concerned, the exclusive services residents receive compensate for the relatively high living costs.

Having assessed both sides of the argument, it is clear that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Today, transportation, healthcare and education have a significant influence on people's decisions, and it is evident that in those fields, high-rise residential buildings offer undeniable advantages.