Nowadays, international tourism is the biggest industry in the world. Unfortunately, international tourism creates tension rather than understanding between people from different cultures.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

Tourism has become one of the main industries worldwide which an overwhelming majority of people are involved in it. This tremendously large business has brought in its inherently unavoidable demerits amongst people from all walks of life besides its numerous merits. When it comes to comparing the positive and negative points of the tourism industry, though hard to believe for many a critic, I maintain the advantages of this lucrative industry far outweigh its disadvantages.

Considering tourism one of the most profitable businesses in the world makes its pivotal role in the global market clear. Many a local farmer who builds a building on his land where he used to farm to accommodate tourists, hence the gradual reduction of agricultural products in tourism areas. By the passage of time, an otherwise beautifully agricultural area turns into a crowded place where casinos and night clubs have turned up one by one, and at the end of the day locals find out in spite of the profits, they have become completely dependent onto outsits' different demands.

Having said that, I hold one of the best ways to reach a-mutual understanding among people from different parts of the world is to provide them with a chance to see and live in a place with a different culture. The advocates of this idea \_Lmyself included\_ believe that spending time with people from other parts of the world can lead to a better understanding of their believes, and worldview, and hence a deeper understanding of cultures. Only when people see the values of other cultures, can they respect one another.

To cut a long story short, I wholeheartedly opine that although some tensions might <u>result</u> <u>fromhappen by</u> the tourist industry in parts of the globe, the pros of this industry compared to the cons are negligible. I reason that it is high time <u>to-we</u> turn<u>ed</u> a blind eye to the tensions it may-<u>bring</u> <u>aboutmake</u>, and focus<u>ed</u> more on the profits this industry can give rise to.