

Task 1

The lecturer and the author both discuss the function of clay jars containing copper cylinders and iron rods. The speaker thinks that they could be somewhat like batteries, though the writer does not.

To begin with, the lecturer explains that these vessels discovered by local people who were not trained to be some professional excavators like archaeologists. In fact, it is possible that there were other objects like wires around these clay jars and locals barely pay attention to them. However, the writer refers to some auxiliary objects needed to be attached to these vessels to able them transferring the electricity and serve as batteries.

Secondly, the speaker warns us about an irrational claim. It is true that these objects firstly found in a site named Seleucia using for holding scrolls of a sacred text, but it does not mean that they should serve this purpose in all other areas. Actually, they could have been invented for holding text first and then adapted other functions. On the other hand, the author takes this similarity in shape as the similarity in function.

Lastly, the professor thinks that these vessels could have been used by ancient people in(on) several grounds. For example, convincing other people about a magical power, someone could use them to give a shock to others. Furthermore, they could be used by doctors in medicine. In contrast, the writer thinks of them as some useless object in that time for ancient people, exactly like batteries for them.

Task 2

Young people nowadays do not give enough time to helping their communities.

Living in an interconnected world, human beings should pay a considerable attention to the community they live in. Meanwhile, I opine that youngsters are doing well meet~~ing~~ this very need of us, hence my disagreement.

First of all, attending a variety of social activities, young people are putting an irreconcilable ~~amount of~~ time ~~into~~ get~~ting~~ involved~~d~~ with the society they are living in. ~~Encouraging~~~~Encouraged~~ by his parents~~s~~ and school, my nephew, albeit very young, is doing ~~/engaging in~~ lots of social activities including participating in ~~a~~-local meetings~~s~~ or a charity designed to support poor kids, is making a good example for me to assess.

Secondly, taking a simple glance at some unfortunate natural disasters, we would simply understand the very role ~~playing~~~~played~~ by our hopefully altruistic youngsters. I remember the earthquake that happened in our country several years ago. I was there. Honestly, barely ~~can~~~~could~~ you find an old person ~~in~~~~among the~~ people who came there for help. These ~~trusting~~~~innocent~~ young men and women are just serving as a glimmering of hope to revive our otherwise unbearably old world.

Last but not least, I agree that they are not presently acting in front of our sight every time, though it does not mean anything to me. The fact that they are not some power hungrys like seeking every possible opportunity to show off their shiny figures. They are just practical; by which I mean the more they work the less you can find them in sight. Again about that unbearably unfortunate earthquake, these younger people were there ~~with~~ shovels in their hands, when the elders were struggling with meetings and conferences.

In a nutshell, as far as I am concerned, it is totally unfair to state such a claim. Although I believe that we can define some more prosperously meaningful programs for young ages elevating our souls and pushing us further in humanity, I do not think they are not spending their time in such a way just right now.