Many museums charge for admission while others are free. Do you think the advantages of charging people for admission to museums outweigh the disadvantages? Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Museums are of paramount significance for countries since many invaluable national heritages are conserved in them while exhibiting to the- public. However, there has been much discussion revolving around whether the entrance of museums should be free for everyone or not. While the cost of the ticket would serve as a deterrent for the less fortunate individuals, I would argue that it is more beneficial.

On <u>the</u> one hand, charging people for visiting museums will benefit society on several grounds. To start with, museums will earn money independently and this income could encourage the officials to improve their services by hiring more personnel for preserving the museums such as experts, safety guards and tour guides. This cash flow will enable museums to improve their advertising and marketing methods to appeal <u>to</u> more visitors, thereby developing the tourism industry. Moreover, if museums were open to public freely, the public who are not passionate about museum pieces would come in droves to spend their free time without taking advantage of them. This would make tourists and some visitors refrain from visiting since the crowd would disrupt them from concentrating and learning, and also prevent the employees from protecting the place.

On the other hand, many an underprivileged family cannot visit museums due to their shortage of fund for paying for entry tickets. These families mostly toil from dawn to dusk to make their ends meet and cannot set aside some money for cultural activities. In my opinion, the charges of these families would bear the brunt of this trend. Not only can visiting museums help them to broaden their mind, but also change their perception of life. For that reason, it is incumbent upon officials to introduce ticket discounts for school visitors and children and force schools to include visiting museums in their activities.

In conclusion, although I concede that charging people for visiting museums would deprive some of them of learning about many issues, due to the importance of maintaining these places this trend has more merits.