In the past, shopping was a routine domestic task. Many people nowadays regard it as a hobby.

To what extent do you think this is a positive trend?

Once upon a time in our neighborhood people had to stay in lines for loaves of bread every day, but our attitude towards shopping has changed through the decades; shopping online has dominated the world's market because of many different factors. Additionally, people can easily purchase whatever they want in a matter of seconds thanks to the internet and credit cards. However, this trend has its own disadvantages.

To begin with, compared to the past there are many benefits that come with shopping these days, such as a variety of products and saving time. For instance, individuals prefer to order their daily needs by a telephone order or online shopping rather than bother themselves to go out for grocery shopping. To expand further, this gives them the ability to dedicate their precious times doing something useful or enjoy themselves by being with their friends and families. Moreover, there are thousands of huge malls in almost any different districts of towns which offer various types of entertainment and products including foods, devices, clothes, and everything that <u>might</u> anyone <u>might</u> need.

However, this convenience does not come without drawbacks. The problem is located somewhere around towns where many manufacturers are producing day and night to sell more and more. In other words, their profits are in enticing people to get drawn to shopping increasingly by advertisement. This aforementioned trend becomes a problem when people consume more than they need, and unfortunately this is what we witness these days, surveys have shown that many people purchase unnecessary things almost every day and most products consist of plastic which is non-recyclable and it can harms our nature.

To sum up, although there are many benefits in today's shopping shift, this trend has its own downsides and they are not minor.