

Nowadays many young people spend their free time in shopping centers. This has a negative effect on the youths and society. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Give your opinion and relevant examples.

In past days, shopping was just for buying necessities of life, such as foods and clothes, whereas, recently, spending time in shopping malls as a leisure activity has become more and more popular, which is mostly about purchasing the unnecessary and luxurious commodities. Many social researchers believe that this trend/practice/behavior fact has many demerits in both individual and social aspects. In my perception there are both bright and dark sides resulting from this phenomenon.

When more people go out to browse around shopping centers, undoubtedly more internal/domestic products will be purchased, which means that a higher GDP (gross domestic product) would be achieved. Besides, many people improve their communicating ability (by?) talking to different shopkeepers, in other words, by contacting with a wide variety of personalities they became become more communicative and feel content and satisfied.

On the other hand, when this simple shopping turned into an addiction, the drawbacks start to appear/emerge, especially when young people become grown-as shopaholic, their they spend less of their spare time on other useful activities, such as doing some sports or reading books. In addition, when they are attracted to buying lavishly/unlimitedly from special brands, their mind would be involved always in completing providing a missing part of their wardrobe, therefore, they would less concentrate on their studying or at working.

At last, the main conclusion to be drawn from this discussion is that, as long as shopping habits have has not become an addiction or compulsive overspending, it could be even profitable for both individuals and society.