

In the past, shopping was a routine domestic task. Many people nowadays ~~regarded~~ regard it as a hobby. To what extent do you think this is a positive trend?

It is true that in the past most of the people went on shopping, on a daily basis, solely with the aim of purchasing the necessities. However, nowadays the trend is altered. I hold that although spending time in the aforementioned way has brought benefits and convenience for people, there are demerits that should not be neglected. As will now be discussed.

It is a general belief that the advent of the shopping centres caused a myriad of small shops and businesses to close-down which seems as-like a drawback but it should be noted that it brought many advantages for the customers and consumers and above all else business owners. First and foremost, places such as malls provide a considerable number of various utilities like restaurants, children's play-grounds, free-parking space, to name but a few and collectively, a place for entertainment and social interactions for all of the age-groups. Another contributing factor which is exquisitely beneficial to individuals is that by buying products or services from one shop, they could gain ~~a~~ rebate vouchers for other shops or even the daily/weekly lotteries, to say the least. Furthermore, ~~existing-~~ existence of an avalanche of similar businesses in the vicinity of their counterparts increases the competitions for business-owners to find ways to absorb customers like more rebates or gift cards, which in the end makes the expenditure of time in such places more appealing for individuals.

I would like to stress that although consuming time in malls could be very entertaining and often beneficial for people, ~~but~~ shopping centres psychologically encourages human-beings to consumerism which is a tremendous pitfall, especially for the economical ~~state~~ euss of individuals and families. A great example of such behaviour is that by being prone to many appealing commodities, most of the time we unconsciously allocate money ~~on-to~~ merchandises that ~~are-is~~ not essential in our lives and could be deemed ~~to-be~~ a waste of money.

To put it in a nutshell, I maintain that the merits of spending time ~~at~~ shopping as a hobby clearly outweigh the drawbacks, ~~hense~~ hence, individuals should apply themselves for enhancing their abilities to withstand ~~against~~ the temptations of the moment when vast amounts of choices are popping in front of them.