

## *Topic: Energy*

*With the increasing demand for energy sources such as oil and gas, should people be looking for sources of oil and gas in remote and untouched places? Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages of damaging such areas?*

### **a. Ideas:**

- Advantages:
  - Does not impact human activities
  - Remote areas hold a huge reserve of natural resources
  - Prevent any massive fluctuations in energy prices
- Disadvantages:
  - Negatively impact the natural environment
  - Hinder the growth of tourism industry
  - These disadvantages may not necessarily happen

### **b. Essay:**

As world demand for energy is rising, there is an argument that people should look for new sources of oil and gas in remote areas, which does not affect business activities and ordinary people's lives. However, this act may put natural health and balance at risk. A negative impact on tourism is also possible.

The first advantage of exploiting energy in remote and untouched areas is that it does not impact human activities such as trade, transport and study. In some rural areas where businesses are allowed by the government to look for sources of energy, they are also required by laws to provide affected residents with new accommodation if necessary.

In addition to this, it is generally believed that remote and untouched areas hold a huge reserve of natural resources. Therefore, looking for energy in these areas can help us maintain global energy security and prevent any massive fluctuations in energy prices.

However, experts in natural environment argue that if firms look for energy sources in untouched places, then this will negatively impact the natural environment and contribute further to air and water pollution. Having said that,

the profit that businesses make can be spent in research and development to come up with environmentally-friendly ways of exploiting natural resources.

Another point of argument is that energy-exploitation activities in remote areas will hinder the growth of tourism industry because natural habitats are hurt. However, if governments have clear policies on where businesses can and can not look for new sources of energy, then this disadvantage is offset.

In conclusion, based on the analysis and evaluation above, the benefits of looking for new energy sources in remote and untouched areas do outweigh its negative environmental impacts if sufficient government intervention is in place.

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