IELTS Writing Task 2 Model Essay

It is important for people to take risks, both in their professional lives and their personal lives. Do you think the advantages of taking risks outweigh the disadvantages?

Essay:

Many people fear the perceived peril of taking risks, whether in their personal lives or in their career decisions. However, the equally compelling belief asserts that risk can yield substantial rewards and even catalyze profound transformation.

The prevailing consensus is that individuals should strive for stability and safety in their lives, which offers them comfort and peace of mind about the future. Many are thus inclined to adopt a conventional lifestyle and pursue regular employment, knowing that deviation from the norm might leave them feeling alienated and apprehensive. The quest for tranquility is valued so highly that it is seen as a crucial component of success.

Contrarily, I hold that challenging norms and conventions can offer invaluable learning opportunities. The adage, "high risk can yield high return" is a well-acknowledged investment wisdom. For example, traditional bank savings are low risk but offer modest gains, around 5% annual interest. Conversely, riskier moves such as investing in Bitcoin have demonstrated potential for staggering profits, despite their volatility. Recent trends also see individuals leaving traditional employment early to live as digital nomads, or those emulating the FIRE lifestyle - Financial Independence, Retire Early. While they encounter criticism, these people report satisfaction and fulfillment in their unconventional living arrangements and income sources.

In conclusion, while risk-taking is often labeled as dangerous, its potential to induce substantial gains and catalyze personal growth is undeniable.

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Essay translated in Korean:

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Good expressions:

- 1. "perceived peril" -
- 2. "catalyze profound transformation" -
- 3. "the quest for tranquility" -
- 4. "adopt a conventional lifestyle" -
- 5. "yield substantial rewards" 가
- 6. "risky moves" -
- 7. "staggering profits" -
- 8. "demonstrated potential" -
- 9. "emulating the FIRE lifestyle" FIRE
- 10. "encounter criticism" -