

Higher Candidate 3

Writing – Study

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Working in a group, or as an individual. What is best

There are definitely a huge number of advantages working as a group. After all, humans are social creatures and the vast majority of us work better, or find it easier to work as a part of a group. However not all of us are build in the same way. Some people actually thrive on working individually. I personally prefer to work as a part of a strong team. The advantages of that are mostly obvious. You can get support from other team members, learn from each other, and exchange ideas. I find that working as a strong team will usually boost your work further, when otherwise you're stuck. Putting things in perspective is another good reason to work in a group. What I mean by that, is that looking at an idea from someone else's point of view can have a direct and huge effect on your train of thought. I feel also that being a part of a strong team can support students or workers that otherwise would have problems with understanding some concepts or ideas, and have more chance of grasping the gist of the matter, and solving problems easier and faster.

On the other side of the spectrum are individuals, who would rather work, brainstorm or problem solve on their own. Some people find it hard to engage in group thinking and would prefer to be tackling the problems by themselves. Even though that would seem more difficult, and most people would choose not to, so are more reluctant to be a part of a team. I could understand this under certain circumstances. For instance, when someone is very highly specialised in a certain line of work or study. They could find that others are obstructing their train of thought, and derail the whole thinking process. However, I do believe, that even in those fringe examples, the so-called „Lone Wolves“ would benefit from a different point of view on the matter. That is not to say that people working individually have less success. For those „Lone Wolves“ many times, it is the fact that they prefer to do things their way rather than success.

In conclusion, working in a strong team is usually the way forward in my opinion. Even though some people may find it harder to focus, working together with others. However as is usually the case, we as social animals evolved into sharing ideas, and working together to solve the biggest issues. As they say

„Two heads are better than one“