**Week 5 scholarship writing homework**

**Should animal testing be banned?**

Imagine, an innocent animal, staring at you with its big beady eyes, filled with fear, praying that you would do something. Next to it stands a scientist, a scientist injecting medicine that hasn’t been tested. What would you do in that situation?

That is what we call Animal testing, the way we, as humans to test medicine. It is a lethal poison responsible for taking the lives of 115 million animals each year. Do you think the animals deserve it?

Picture this, you, an animal, locked in a glass tank, death waiting for you. There is no hope left, scientists injecting you with unreleased medicines to test them, with a slight chance of your survival, they kept going.

We talk about animal abuse, but we are the hypocrites ourselves.

Those animals have lives too. What if one was a father? Happily living a simple life, when suddenly a deathly hand reached out for his body, snatched in front of his wife and child. Can you imagine the trauma they endured? What if that was you? How would you feel.

Animals are an extension of humans, they are part of us, the non-evolved versions of us, now think. What would you do if you were an animal in a lab.

**Is Digital Learning as Effective as Traditional**

**Learning?**

Imagine, a tired student, glued to a desk, with mountains of work almost blocking them out of sight. Fatigue possessing them, and fear of not finishing suffocates them.

Do you want this to be your child?

According to elearningindustry, digital learning come with many benefits, such as such as student engagement. Digital learning can give students who have a hard time with traditional teaching a chance to learn, listen and work.

Digital learning has played a significant role in organization. Students who are prone to losing their physical work can never lose it, it is all saved in their computer.

And lastly, pandemic. How do you think that we got education during the pandemic? It was all digital. The engagement that the students endured had improved their work, constantly making it better as the weeks went by.

In conclusion, I believe that digital learning plays an effective role in the educational industry, the digital world carried us during the pandemic and improved the student engagement, so should we switch to digital learning?

**Is Fast Food to Blame for Rising Health Issues?**

Imagine a person in a hospital bed, barely breathing and struggling to get up, that person had been diagnosed with the final stage of diabetes and was just laying down waiting to die.

Do you want that to be you?

Did you know that in Australia, 25,000 people die from having a bad diet per year? Eating poorly can give you numerous negative effects that will change your life forever.

Like increasing your chances of getting a stroke, eating fast food can fit into a diet, but eating it daily can affect your health significantly. A cheeseburger, small fries and a small milkshake is around 1.5 grams of sodium. It is recommended you consume 2.3 grams of sodium a day.

Out of the 795,000 people who suffer from a stroke, 137,000 people pass away, and that’s too many.

Knowing what fast food can do to your health, I come to a strong conclusion that fast food is to blame for medical issues. From death to lifelong physical or mental problems, what do you think about the situation?

**Should Single-Use Plastics Be Eliminated?**

Picture this, a turtle, staring at you with its big beady eyes, its eyes are filled with despair and a slight glint of hope. The turtle is gasping for air, lodged inside its throat, sit a plastic bag. There are many thoughtlessly discarded items in that area, and some more are flying into the ocean, ruining marine life and aquatic.

Every year, it is estimated that 100,000 marine lives and 1 million sea bird’s lives are stolen from plastic entanglement, giving a total of at least 1,100,000 animal deaths from plastic.

With every piece of plastic we drop, the wind carries it to the sea, and that piece of plastic could end a life, a life loved by many. What did the world do to you? Why would you hurt an innocent creature?

If we don’t stop using plastic now, our oceans will start to go brown, and our ecosystem will look like a factory. The worst part is that if a certain animal goes extinct, it can mess with the food chain, causing a chain reaction to the rest.

In the end, I believe that we should ban plastic bags, and use reusable bags. Clean up our oceans and treat the animals with respect. Doing this will allow a safe environment for the animals and a clean beach for us. So, should we ban plastic bags?

**Should Nations Invest More in Space Exploration?**

Space, a mysterious place, where there is no air, no gravity, and no life. A place where the stars shone brightly, and the unknown is alluring.

Space is a very mysterious place, we have barely even scratched the surface in space exploration, did you know that we have only explored 5%? That means that 95% of space is still unknown and according to research, they believe that space is 7 trillion light years across. You can just imagine how big the universe is, and that’s insane.

But the question says, “Should nations invest more in space exploration?”

In my opinion, I believe that we should invest, because we could find many unpredictable things there, for example we could find out when the world is going to end, or the weather from years later, and we might find out if aliens exist. The possibilities are endless.

There are 195 nations in the world, but out of all of them, there have only been 20 nations have invested in space exploration, spanning from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

In conclusion, I believe that we should open our eyes to new realities and expand our understanding of the universe that we live in.