## Topic: Gender Issues <br> Question: Do you believe that men and women are equal?

Half a century ago, the concept of gender equality was not recognized by society due to the traditional perception that men should have more power than women in every aspect of life. However, this changed when the idea of women's liberation occurred in the early 1960s to achieve the concept of gender equality in various aspects such as education, employment and politics. Therefore, it is believed

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that men and women are equal in today's society.
It is deemed that men and women are given equal opportunities in gaining education nowadays. In the past, women were restricted from being educated but this condition has been altered as the statement on only men can be educated is no longer relevant today. This can be proven from the fact that as many women as men have completed college education and most of them have successfully obtained professional and master degrees.

Furthermore, men and women are also believed to have equal treatment in working places. Historically, women are paid an average of 74 cents for every dollar earned by men. However, since the introduction of Equal Pay Act, women are paid equally for equal jobs. As a consequence, it can be said that both sexes are equal.

Additionally, I also believe that men and women are equal in aspects of politics. It is because some of the significant positions in politics are constituted by women and as many women as men have been given the chance to participate in political issues. Furthermore, the perception that men must be the king or leader of the country is obsolete. It is because the idea of gender equality has given chances for women to actively take part in current politics. For example, there is news that the future leader of Japan might be a woman.

In conclusion, I trust that women and men are equal in various aspects such as in education, employment and politics. Women should be given the opportunities to act as what men did due to the achievement of the concept of gender equality and in my opinion, women are equal to men.

## Comments

This assignment has some good ideas, but it also has some irrelevant material and it is difficult to understand some sentences. Time spent on the extra words in this assignment would have been better spent on improving grammatical accuracy and making sure points are clearly conveyed.

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