**Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It was easier to achieve success in the past than it is today.**

In the contemporary world, achieving success in different aspects of life, is a matter of concern to each individual. Some people might argue that it was easier to reach this goal in the past, while others hold exactly the opposite perspective. I personally concur with the former view point. In the following paragraphs, two reasons will illustrate this perspective.

First and foremost, it is established beyond doubt that in the past, the number of people were so much fewer than today. Accordingly, there were less competitors in different fields of study or occupation. So there was siffiecient space for everybody in any field and it was easier to progress and flourish in one’s field of interest. To exemplify, nowadays the number of students who participated in universities’ entrance exam in my country, Iran, has increased significantly. It is obvious that in the past it was much facile for students to get addmission from well-known universities among others and it made easier for them to be successful in their studies.

The other equally important reason is that in modern lives, people are confronting so many problems and obstacles compared to several years ago. It can easliy prevent them from concentrating on their goals and achieving success. For instance, in some countries such as mine, making money is getting more and more difficult while days are passing by. Chaotic economic circumstances force people to spend much of their time working and their jobs are not necessarilly favorable to them. As a result, they would not have enough time to focus on other activites like education, sports, arts and so on. So, getting successful is something unattainable in such situation.

To wrap it up, all the aforementioned reasons lead us to the conclusion that becoming prosperous was something could be easily achieved in the past times. It is a matter of increased population that raised levels of competition among people. Furthermore, economic circumstances of countries and socities are negligible. This prevents people from tracing their interests and plans and leads to their failure. According to those reasons mentioned above, it was more easily to become successful in the past than it is today.

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