


# IELTS WRITING TASK 2

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ANSWERS

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## PREFACE

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## OPINION ESSAYS General Structure

If you are given an opinion essay, you have to pick sides.

You can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question.

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

An opinion essay should have :

- Introduction
- 3 Body Paragraphs
  - ★ The 3rd body paragraph is **optional**. It will get you a higher band score
- Conclusion

### **Introduction**



- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

### **Body Paragraph 2**

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

### **Body paragraph 3**

This paragraph is the trickiest of all. You need to convey to the examiner that :

- You are aware of the other side of the argument ●  
Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

### **Conclusion**

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

**1. The key solution for the environmental issues is for the current generation to live a less comfortable life to benefit future generations. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Sample answer:**

The world is bedeviled with monstrous environmental hazards like global warming and a rise in seawater levels. Some think that the best solution to the problem is that the current generation should sacrifice their comforts for the benefit of future generations. I do not deny that lifestyle changes are necessary, but this does not mean that the present generation has to sacrifice their comforts. The lifestyle changes may be beneficial for the current generation in many ways.

The lifestyle changes may not be onerous. For example, the government has banned the use of plastics. Shop owners have resorted to paper and cloth bags instead. This move has not reduced the comfort of the current generation in any manner. There is a change in lifestyle with no reduction in the comfort level. Another initiative from the government is planting trees and policing paper use. People are advised to take double side print outs. This is a welcome initiative as trees help to purify the air, which is beneficial for the environment. It improves air quality, and the current generation can breathe fresh air. By minimizing paper use, we are avoiding unnecessary felling of trees.

The government has also asked people to reduce the use of energy. It is a good practice to turn off the lights and unplug the chargers after use. Some electrical appliances are found to consume electricity even after being turned off. This is good for our pockets as well. Owning cars are indeed a symbol of an improved lifestyle. But we should become aware that we are emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, which causes global warming and a rise in seawater levels. So, we should restrict the use of cars and use public transport as much as possible. This is economical to the car owner as well because he would be saving money on fuel.

Although it requires some effort from the current generation, they don't cause discomfort in any manner.

To conclude, it is true that the current generation has to make lifestyle changes to reduce environmental issues. But I disagree that these changes have to reduce the comfort level of the current generation. The truth is that the changes improve the standard of living of the current generation. They are creating a better world without making any compromise on their comforts.

## Structure of the essay:

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that the current generation has to live a less comfortable life to reduce environmental issues ?

(or)

- Do you disagree that the current generation has to live a less comfortable life to reduce environmental issues?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### Introduction:

**Question Paraphrased** - The world is bedeviled with monstrous environmental hazards like global warming and rise in sea water levels. Some think that the best solution to the problem is that the current generation should sacrifice their comforts for the benefit of future generations.

**Opinion** - I do not deny that lifestyle changes are necessary, but this does not mean that the present generation has to sacrifice their comforts.

**A thesis statement** - The lifestyle changes may be beneficial for the current generation in many ways.

### Body Paragraph 1:

**Central idea :** Go-Green initiatives are beneficial to people

**Supporting points:**

- Plastics banned
- Planting trees
- Policing paper use

**Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Go-Green initiatives are beneficial to people

**Supporting points:**

- Being conscious of the use of energy
- Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated that people continue to live comfortably albeit making lifestyle changes and supported the side taken in introduction.

**2.Many scientists believe that now we can study the behavior of a three-year-old child to see whether they will grow up to be criminals. To what extent do you think crime is determined by human nature ? Is it possible to stop children from growing up to be criminals?**

**Sample answer:**

Brain study has progressed significantly in the last decade. The human brain controls the functioning of the entire system and emotions are just a byproduct of the chemical activity in the brain. So it is no wonder that scientists claim that they can predict propensity for criminal

activities in a child by studying his/her brain at the early age of 3. Though external factors influence a child's behaviour, the innate qualities decide the character. So it is very right that scientific study of the brain can identify criminals at a tender age. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall delve deep into how brain study will help parents raise children in the right manner.

We have innumerable examples to show that a child need not be like his parent. A child born to a criminal may be a morally righteous person. A child born to good parents may involve in unlawful activities. So, it is the brain that decides the character and not the upbringing. In the present century, we are gifted with the option of conducting a brain analysis to determine the right way of taking care of a child.

Once it is detected that the child has an inclination towards crime, parents can decide the kind of education and nurturing they should receive. Parents can ensure that the child is taught the importance of moral values. They can also teach him/her about the consequences of breaking the law and instill a sense of fear for doing something wrong in the eyes of the law. They can also watch his peer group and, in fact, form one for him/her so that good people influence them. Having prior knowledge of the child's penchant will help the parent guide him in the right direction.

In conclusion, if scientific studies can determine the likelihood of criminal tendencies in a child. Parents should make use of this scientific development and decide the mode of children's upbringing to stop them from becoming criminals.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that we can study the behavior of a three-year-old child to see whether they will grow up to be criminals?

(or)



- Do you disagree that we can study the behavior of a three-year-old child to see whether they will grow up to be criminals?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - Brain study has progressed significantly in the last decade. The human brain controls the functioning of the entire system and emotions are just a byproduct of the chemical activity in the brain. So it is no wonder that scientists claim that they can predict propensity for criminal activities in a child by studying his/her brain at the early age of 3.

**Opinion** - So it is very right that scientific study of the brain can identify criminals at a tender age.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall delve deep into how brain study will help parents raise children in the right manner.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea:** Children need not be like their parents

#### **Supporting points:**

- Brain decides the character.
- Brain study can decide the mode of upbringing

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Steps that parents can take based on brain study

**Supporting points:**

- Teach moral values
- Instill fear for doing something unlawful
- Decide the peer group

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated that science can predict criminal tendencies in a child and decide the way a child should be raised to stop him/her from becoming a criminal.

**3. Countries should produce the food that their population eats, and import as little as possible.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give reasons, examples to your answer.**

**Sample answer:**

Almost every country in the world is struggling to meet its food demands without depending on others. Food security means ensuring all citizens have access to nutritious food. In times of international food crisis, we cannot rely on imports. So, it is imperative that every country drafts its own plans for self-sufficiency in food production. I'm in complete agreement with this idea. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall expound my thoughts in detail.

Primarily, food crisis hikes food prices which may lead to social problems within a country. For example, the international food crisis which occurred in 2007-08 proved that food insecurity is linked to dangerous consequences. According to a survey, the global community is at risk of confronting a severe food challenge by 2050 because we have to feed 9 billion people.

Improving the agricultural sector impacts positively on the country's economy. It creates jobs for the unemployed and helps in eradicating poverty. If crops are produced in surplus, it increases exports. Food security also increases the brand image of the country in the international arena

owing to increased stability. If we can produce nutritious food in a self-sustained manner, we will be building a healthy community.

In times of war-like situations, international trade may be banned. So countries which depend solely on imports for feeding its population will suffer badly. Stored food reserves will be helpful in times of natural disasters like earthquakes. Moreover, the dangerous preservatives used in imported foods to make them last long impacts negatively on health.

In conclusion, food security is indeed the need of the hour. It is a sign of an improved economy and also a solution for many chronic problems within a country.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.



So,

- Do you agree that Countries should produce the food that their population eats, and import as little as possible?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that Countries should produce the food that their population eats, and import as little as possible

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - Almost every country in the world is struggling to meet its food demands without depending on others. Food security means ensuring all citizens have access to nutritious food. In times of international food crisis, we cannot rely on imports. So, it is imperative that every country drafts its own plans for self-sufficiency in food production.

**Opinion** - I'm in complete agreement with this idea.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall expound my thoughts in detail.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea:** Dangerous consequences of food insecurity

#### **Supporting points:**

- Hike in food prices
- Social unrest within the country

#### **Supporting evidence:**

- International food crisis in 2007-08

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Benefits of food security

#### **Supporting points:**

- Increased employment opportunities
- Positive impact on economy
- Increases trade opportunities
- Increased stability

### **Body Paragraph 3:**

**Central idea :** Benefits of food security

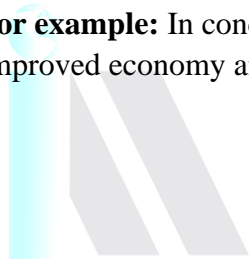
#### **Supporting points:**

- Stored food reserves help in times of uncertainty
- Imported foods are unhealthy

#### **Conclusion:**

Reiterated the importance of food security and supported the side taken in introduction.

**For example:** In conclusion, food security is indeed the need of the hour. It is a sign of an improved economy and also a solution for many chronic problems within a country.



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**4. Some people believe that too many resources and attention are devoted to the protection of wild animals and birds.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

#### **Sample answer:**

Of late, there is a loud uproar over the money spent on conserving the wildlife. But, I strongly disagree and feel it is too much of a fuss. Wild animals and birds are an invaluable gift from God, and humans are vested with the responsibility of saving them. Many of them are on the verge of extinction, and I believe that we are spending the right amount of money to preserve them. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain why it is appropriate to spend money on conserving wildlife.

Primarily, they play a pivotal role in the proper functioning of the ecosystem. There are countless examples of how a decrease or increase in a particular animal species affects humankind. For example, bees help in transferring pollen grains. If bees are reduced in number, there would be low crop yields due to the dearth of pollination. Another classic example would be of tigers, which are dangerously decreasing in number. Due to the decrease in tigers, the deer population may increase. Deers feed on grass. Increased grazing will lead to loss of habitat for many other species. Also, the deers may venture out from forests to cities and towns for food. Thus it is imperative to conserve wildlife.

Some species are unique to a particular place. For example, kangaroos are famous in Australia. Kangaroos bring in a lot of revenue in the form of visitors. Some species help in maintaining the health of the soil, which is of great help to farmers. For example, the earthworm feeds on plant and animal wastes, decomposes them, and releases chemicals that restore the soil's nutrients.

Man has caused so many problems to wildlife in the form of hunting, poaching, and deforestation. Man derives innumerable benefits from animals. So the amount spent on them is comparatively less. So people who claim that we are spending too much money on wildlife conservation have to sink their differences and help build a good ecosystem.

In conclusion, money spent on conservation of wildlife is vindicated. Any step taken towards this cause should be appreciated.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that too many resources and attention are devoted to the protection of wild animals and birds?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that too many resources and attention are devoted to the protection of wild animals and birds?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - Of late, there is a loud uproar over the money spent on conserving the wildlife.

**Opinion** - But, I strongly disagree and feel it is too much of a fuss. Many of them are on the verge of extinction, and I believe that we are spending the right amount of money for preserving them.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain why it is appropriate to spend money on conserving wildlife.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea** : Importance of conserving wildlife

#### **Supporting points:**

- To maintain ecological equilibrium
- Increase or decrease in a particular species adversely affects the ecosystem

#### **Supporting example:**

- Bees help in pollen transfer

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** How wildlife helps mankind

**Supporting points:**

- Kangaroos generate revenue by attracting visitors
- Earthworm cleans the soil

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated that money spent on wildlife conservation is justified and supported the side taken in introduction.

**5. Most people these days prefer getting news online to reading newspapers or watching TV.**

**Do you think it is a positive development?**

**Sample answer:**

In the olden days, newspapers and television were the only source of information to people. But now, times have changed. The internet has gained a monopoly in this domain. Newspapers and television are swept away by the giant tide of the internet. In my opinion, this is not a positive development. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain the reasons for the same.

Primarily, newspapers are authentic sources of information. If they mishandle the content, they are liable to be sued on a defamation case. So they are more likely to be responsible when writing news. News writers are supposed to write in good language. So the reader's knowledge of the language improves over a period of time. Besides they also have crosswords, puzzles and various other things apart from news. Also, they have a column where the reader can pen his views. So it gives the chance for the reader to ponder over social issues and make his contribution; however small it may be. They have a dedicated column for children which is proven to improve language abilities. These are the primary reasons why schools force children to read newspapers.



Regarding TV channels, they are also bound by rules and regulations. So they cannot telecast forged content. A person gets to see the critical discussions in parliament, which is very useful in gaining knowledge about the stands of various political parties on burning issues.

On the other hand, the news on the internet is instant. The writers have unlimited freedom to write whatever they want on a particular issue. The online communication is dominating because of its capability to reach the masses within a very short time. The content is also small, well-suited to readers who surf news on their mobile and don't have the patience to read large volumes of content.

Even though online news is succinct and reaches people at the speed of lightning, their content is not trustworthy. They are not bound by any laws and news authors are not held responsible for mistakes.

To summarise, though online news is gaining popularity due to its crisp content, they are no match to the authentic information by newspapers and television channels.

**Structure of the essay:**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that it is a positive development?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that it is a positive development?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

**Introduction: Question Paraphrased** - In the olden days, newspapers and television were the only source of information to people. But now, times have changed. The internet has gained a monopoly in this domain. Newspapers and television are swept away by the giant tide of the internet.

**Opinion** - In my opinion, this is not a positive development.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain the reasons for the same.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea** : Importance and benefits of newspapers and tv channels

#### **Supporting points:**

- Authentic sources of information
- Writers held responsible for content
- Bound by laws
- Improves language abilities of the readers
- Telecasts of parliamentary discussions help common man gain information on stands taken by various political parties.

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea** : Advantages of online news

#### **Supporting points:**

- Instant updates

- Reaches the masses in no time
- Succinct content for mobile readers

### **Conclusion:**

Reiterated that though online content is succinct and reaches the masses in less time, newspapers and television channels are under compulsion to produce authentic news due to the fact that they are answerable to the law.

## **6. The most effective way to solve traffic and transport problems in the cities is to discourage people from the suburbs or the countryside from moving to the cities. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

### **Sample answer:**

In recent times, there has been a surge in traffic in cities. Some people think that one practical solution to this problem is to stop suburban and rural people from moving to cities. I completely agree with this statement. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall put forth the arguments in favour of my opinion.

Primarily, cities are jam-packed. They have reached their point of saturation. It has become challenging to find the way during peak hours of traffic. Industrialisation and urbanisation are the primary reasons for traffic congestion in cities. So moving people from the countryside to cities will prove to be a catastrophe. Since people move to cities for a better lifestyle, there will be an increase in the number of cars which will increase the carbon footprint, thereby leading to problems like global warming. Real estate prices have already skyrocketed due to the demand for living spaces. According to a survey, Bangalore has the monstrous traffic jams in the world. On an average, Bengalureans driving during peak hours end up wasting an extra 243 hours, i.e., ten days, 3 hours in traffic each year. Another interesting thing is that companies have considered opening up office spaces in the countryside owing to its calm atmosphere and fewer traffic problems.

Due to overcrowding, there may be a sudden increase in the number of accidents that occur on roads. Many people who don't find a seat in public transport will travel on footboards and may

fall when the vehicle stops suddenly. Two-wheelers who want to escape slow-moving traffic may be hit by cars. People rushing to catch a train may be injured due to stampedes.

Even though moving from the countryside to the city is viewed as a sign of improved lifestyle, the truth is that it is linked to dangerous consequences like a hike in real estate prices apart from causing traffic congestion. In fact, the trend is reversing now with companies moving to the countryside for a better environment.

In conclusion, moving people from the countryside to cities will fuel the already burning traffic problems. So it is absolutely right that we discourage them from moving to cities.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that the most effective way to solve traffic and transport problems in the cities is to discourage people from the suburbs or the countryside from moving to the cities?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that the most effective way to solve traffic and transport problems in the cities is to discourage people from the suburbs or the countryside from moving to the cities?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

**Introduction: Question Paraphrased** - In recent times, there has been a surge in traffic in cities. Some people think that one practical solution to this problem is to stop suburban and rural people from moving to cities.

**Opinion** - I completely agree with this statement.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall put forth the arguments in favour of my opinion.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea** : Existing traffic problems in cities and negative consequences of moving from rural areas to cities

#### **Supporting points:**

- Traffic congestion in cities has already reached the saturation point.
- People will buy more cars increasing environmental problems
- Hike in real estate prices

#### **Supporting example:**

- Statistics of Bangalore traffic

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea** : Problems due to overcrowding

#### **Supporting points:**

- Accidents may increase
- People may become prey to stampede

#### **Conclusion:**

Reiterated that it is right to discourage people from rural areas from moving to cities and supported the side taken in introduction.

**7. Rich countries often give financial aid to poor countries, but it does not solve poverty. So rich countries should give other types of help to poor countries rather than financial aid. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Sample answer:**

Underdeveloped countries receive a substantial amount of aid from developed countries. But, it is interesting to note that this measure has not eradicated poverty in the nations receiving support. So people have started thinking that financial aid must be substituted with other forms of assistance. I strongly believe in the latter point of view. In the following paragraphs, I shall explain how emergent nations can prosper with other forms of aid.

Primarily, monetary assistance cannot alleviate the deep-rooted problems in the underdeveloped nations. For example, the world bank may spend generously on country A. But the country's political environment may not be stable. So the funds may not reach the poor. The government may introduce namesake development programs that don't help the people. Moreover, the country may have unresolved social problems. Eventually, the country will continue to remain poor despite receiving huge amounts of aid. So it is high time that developed nations resort to other forms of assistance in these countries.

Primarily, they must invest in education and healthcare. Young people should receive a quality education. Everyone should have access to proper medical treatment. Education will help eradicate unemployment and prevent people from resorting to unlawful activities. So developed countries must help in building good schools, universities, and hospitals. Moreover, they can help stabilise the government in these countries and monitor whether the political environment is conducive for growth.

Although monetary helps in feeding the hungry lot, it is only a temporary solution.

In summary, mere financial aid will not help in developing a country. The right form of assistance must be decided after a thorough analysis of the country's social, economic, climatic, and political conditions.

## Structure of the essay:

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that rich countries should give other types of help to poor countries rather than financial aid?

(or)

- Do you disagree that rich countries should give other types of help to poor countries rather than financial aid?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

## Introduction:

**Question Paraphrased** - Underdeveloped countries receive a substantial amount of aid from developed countries. But, it is interesting to note that this measure has not eradicated poverty in the nations receiving support. So people have started thinking that financial aid must be substituted with other forms of assistance.

**Opinion** - I strongly believe in the latter point of view.

**A thesis statement** - In the following paragraphs, I shall explain how emergent nations can prosper with other forms of aid.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea :** Why financial aid fails to help?

#### **Supporting points:**

- Unstable political environment.
- Introduction of namesake programs
- Unresolved social problems

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Alternatives that can help

#### **Supporting points:**

- Investment in education and healthcare
- Monitoring political conditions

#### **Conclusion:**

Reiterated that type of aid must be decided after an in-depth study of the country and just financing is of no help.

**8. Today, more and more full time university students focus on other activities rather than spend a lot of time studying. Some people think it is essential for university students to be involved in other activities.**

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

#### **Sample answer:**



A university offers courses that help students gain knowledge on a particular discipline and prepare them for a career. So it is not surprising that some of them feel students should be devoted to studies. But others argue that it is equally important to take part in other activities. I believe that students should acquire overall development. The university should concentrate not only on meeting industry demands but also on helping students be involved in other activities. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall discuss both sides and explain how taking part in different activities is beneficial to the students.

A student who limits himself only to academics is a frog in a well. They will be the odd ones out in society at a later point in time. Being bookish will not help in any manner. One has to devote time to developing other talents as well. There are innumerable examples of engineering students pursuing careers as a singer, actor or sportsman. Since it is tough to predict the future, there is no need to confine oneself solely to studies. A student passionate about singing may fondly recall his live performances in university than the time spent in the classroom. The live performances would have helped in some manner (such as removing stage fear).

One should not join a university for the sole purpose of procuring a career. There are many other facets of university life which one has to sense and appreciate. For example, a student taking part in inter-college events like a symposium will gain knowledge, build communication abilities and win more contacts which may help him in becoming successful in an interview and career as well.

Devoting time to other activities helps the person acquire overall development, albeit the primary reason to join a university is to study.

In conclusion, though it is important to concentrate on studies, one need not get trapped in the classroom. They should make time to pursue other talents beyond the curriculum as well.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that it is essential for university students to be involved in other activities?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that it is essential for university students to be involved in other activities?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - A university offers courses that help students gain knowledge on a particular discipline and prepare them for a career. So it is not surprising that some of them feel students should be devoted to studies. But others argue that it is equally important to take part in other activities.

**Opinion** - I believe that students should acquire overall development

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall discuss both sides and explain how taking part in different activities is beneficial to the students.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea** : Importance of taking part in other activities

### **Supporting points:**

- Confining oneself to the classroom does not help in the long run
- Tough to predict one's career path
- Other activities do help in some manner [Eg: removing stage fear]

## **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Benefits of participating in outside activities

### **Supporting points:**

- Gains knowledge
- Builds communication abilities
- Wins contacts

### **Conclusion:**

Reiterated that since nobody can predict the career path, there is no need to confine oneself to the classroom. They should create time to pursue other activities as well.

**9. Some people think the government should not spend on international aid because there are disadvantaged people in their country, such as the unemployed and homeless. Do you agree or disagree?**

### **Sample answer:**

International aid is the transfer of goods or services from a country or international organization to benefit another country. Support can be economical or humanitarian. Some think that their government should not spend on international aid because there are underprivileged people in their own country. I completely agree with this idea. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain why countries should give priority to their internal problems.

Firstly, a developed country should examine its debt ceiling before volunteering to help other countries. The US is a classic example. According to a survey, the US national debt was about \$26 trillion in June 2020. It has increased to almost 800% of what it was in 1989. This would bring down the value of the dollar and impact negatively on the economy and international investments. Eventually, it would aggravate the unemployment problem within the country. So it

is high time that the nation concentrated on reducing its debts rather than contributing to international aid. If these countries continue to fund other nations, it will cause serious social unrest within their country.

There is no evidence that the countries receiving foreign aid are progressing economically. Also, according to a survey, foreign aid consumes a considerable amount in the budget which can be used for the nation's welfare. Furthermore, the countries receiving support are not committed to remaining loyal to the donor country in times of crisis and may not yield to the donor's interests. Donor countries also need to be wary of the fact that they contribute only their share and don't overdo the aid.

Despite the fact that developed countries should be merciful on third world countries, I feel that intra-governmental development should gain priority over helping others.

In conclusion, though it is deemed merciless to stop funding the underdeveloped countries, it should be noted that solving the intragovernmental problems in a developed country is of more importance. Only a self-sustained country will be able to donate generously to other countries.

**Structure of the essay:**

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You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that the government should not spend on international aid because there are disadvantaged people in their country, such as the unemployed and homeless?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that the government should not spend on international aid because there are disadvantaged people in their country, such as the unemployed and homeless?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - International aid is the transfer of goods or services from a country or international organization to benefit another country. Support can be economical or humanitarian. Some think that their government should not spend on international aid because they are underprivileged people in their own country.

**Opinion** - I completely agree with this idea.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain why countries should give priority to their internal problems.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea** : Importance of analysing the intra governmental problems

### **Supporting points:**

- Examining one's own debt ceiling
- Monitoring the currency value
- Monitoring the economy and international investments
- Consequences of making donations without concentrating on intra governmental problems

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea** : international aid does not help in any manner

**Supporting points:**

- The poor countries don't show significant progress
- The countries receiving aid may not remain loyal to the donor
- The countries receiving aid may not comply to the donor's interests

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated that intra governmental problems should be given priority over helping other countries.

**10. Fast food is becoming one part of life everywhere; this has bad effects on our lifestyles and diet.****Do you agree or disagree?****Sample answer:**

Fast foods have conquered our lives. The younger generation has fallen for it. Due to their palatable taste, people are craving for it. Our dietary habits have undergone a significant change, and we have become more prone to health problems. I'm also of the same opinion, and I shall put forth my arguments in the forthcoming paragraphs.

Primarily, the local food joints selling pakoras, samosas, and vada pavs don't use good quality oil. They are prepared under unhygienic conditions. They are tasty but have severe health impacts, such as damage to the liver, heart, and an increase in bad cholesterol. People are attracted to them despite knowing the consequences. They are eaten for pleasure and have become the favourite noontime snack for many. They have indeed become a part of the diet.

Packaged foods are no less in causing health problems. They are priced heavily, and people don't hesitate to spend on them. The primary reason for buying packaged foods is laziness. With almost a significant population working to earn a living, they lack time and energy to cook at home. So they resort to alternatives like packaged foods. They are unaware of the ingredients used to prepare them. Over a period of time, lack of physical activity and consumption of these

foods rich in fat will lead to serious health complications like obesity. In the olden days, people ate home-cooked meals, and the average lifespan was 80. Now it has come down to 60.

Although, the fast paced life has pushed people into fast food, people should try to come out of this addiction.

In conclusion, it is without a doubt that the consumption of fast foods has a damaging effect on our health in the long run.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that fast food has bad effects on our lifestyles and diet?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that fast food has bad effects on our lifestyles and diet?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - Fast foods have conquered our lives. The younger generation has fallen for it. Due to their palatable taste, people are craving for it. Our dietary habits have undergone a significant change, and we have become more prone to health problems.

**A thesis statement** - I'm also of the same opinion, and I shall put forth my arguments in the forthcoming paragraphs.

**Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea :** Fast foods have changed dietary habits and have a damaging effect on health.

**Supporting points:**

- Are very tasty
- Causes diseases related to heart and liver
- Eaten for pleasure
- Become favourite noontime snack
- Become part of the diet

**Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Reasons for resorting to fast foods and their negative impact on lifestyle

**Supporting points:**

- Laziness to cook at home
- Leads to conditions like obesity
- Reduced the average lifespan of people

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated the negative impact of fast foods on health.



**11. Some people think it is one of the best ways to solve environmental problems by increasing the cost of fuels for cars and other vehicles. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

**Sample answer:**

Environmental pollution is a major threat that society is confronting now. Some are of the opinion that raising the price of fuel of cars and other vehicles will help. They believe that this move would prevent people from buying and using cars, which will minimize the hazardous effects on pollution. I think this idea is baseless. There are many other practical solutions to the problem. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain why this is not an effective move and outline the alternatives.

Primarily, increasing the cost of fuel has dangerous consequences. Transportation costs will increase, which means the prices of essential commodities will increase. The value of the rupee will start depreciating, which is of grave concern. There are several alternative measures that could be taken rather than increasing fuel costs. For instance, biodiesel, a renewable fuel made from vegetable oils and animal fats, could be advocated. Electric cars are another option. Fuel from hydrogen, natural gas, propane, or liquefied petroleum gas are also effective fuel alternatives. All these emit low levels of gases into the atmosphere.

Increase in fuel prices is a sign of a weak economy. Banks may increase lending rates. It is an indirect tax burden on the citizens of the country. It is an indirect hint of our situation to the global community, and we may be forced to yield to interests of superior powers. The cost of living will increase. As a result, businesses will cut down costs which will lead to an economic recession.

Even though it is true that we have to reduce using cars that pollute the environment, resorting to alternative sources of energy is more of a win-win situation.

In conclusion, raising fuel costs will not solve environmental problems. Instead, awareness of alternate sources of petrol should be created, and people should be encouraged to use them.

## Structure of the essay:

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that it is one of the best ways to solve environmental problems by increasing the cost of fuels for cars and other vehicles?

(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that it is one of the best ways to solve environmental problems by increasing the cost of fuels for cars and other vehicles?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### Introduction:

**Question Paraphrased** - Environmental pollution is a major threat that society is confronting now. Some are of the opinion that raising the price of fuel of cars and other vehicles will help. They believe that this move would prevent people from buying and using cars, which will minimize the hazardous effects on pollution.

**Opinion** - I think this idea is baseless.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain why this is not an effective move and outline the alternatives.

### Body Paragraph 1:

**Central idea :** Consequences of increasing fuel costs and possible alternatives.

**Supporting points:**

- Increase in fuel costs increases price of essential commodities
- Value of rupee depreciates
- Biodiesel, electric cars, fuel from hydrogen, propane and natural gas are alternative fuels

**Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Consequences of increasing fuel costs

**Supporting points:**

- Sign of weak economy
- Hints our situation to the world
- Cost of living increases
- Economic recession

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated that instead of raising fuel prices which will lead to dangerous consequences, people should be encouraged to use alternate sources of fuel.

**12. With the development of online communication, people will never be alone and will always be able to make new friends.**

**To what extent do you agree?**

Nowadays, online communication is becoming universally popular, the number of users increase rapidly. People strongly believe that thanks to it, not only will loneliness permanently disappear

in their lives but social communication is likely to provide them with an opportunity to make friends with others. I completely agree with this statement for several reasons.

Firstly, online communication centers around the world are helping users to easily connect regardless of geographical distances. Today's social media platforms have user-friendly interfaces in which online friends are recommended based on the user's profile information. This facilitates the friend-making process without having to leave one's comfort zone. Also, such means of communication ensures that one will be constantly provided with friend suggestions as a way to enhance online experiences. For example, Tinder and other online dating apps match users with multiple potential individuals that share common interests.

Secondly, the online world has a vast number of people from different backgrounds. As per the growing popular trend, more and more people feel the need to join the digital world. This creates a sense of collectivity and togetherness amongst users that there are always people they can reach out to. This sense is further enhanced by insights that are given into others' personal lives and interests. For example, each Facebook user has what is called a 'newsfeed' - a news bulletin with updates on what their friends share their activities.

In conclusion, the large number of online users and ease of connection have made online communication a convenient tool to make friends and avoid loneliness.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- Do you agree that with the development of online communication, people will never be alone and will always be able to make new friends?

or

- Do you disagree that with the development of online communication, people will never be alone and will always be able to make new friends?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *People strongly believe that thanks to it, not only will loneliness permanently disappear in their lives but social communication is likely to provide them with an opportunity to make friends with others.*
- A thesis statement - *I completely agree with this statement for several reasons.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Online users can connect irrespective of geographical differences.*

Supporting points:

- *Today's social media platforms have user-friendly interfaces in which online friends are recommended based on the user's profile information. This facilitates the friend-making process without having to leave one's comfort zone.*
- *Such means of communication ensures that one will be constantly provided with friend suggestions as a way to enhance online experiences.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Many people from different backgrounds.*

Supporting points:

- *As per the growing popular trend, more and more people feel the need to join the digital world. This creates a sense of collectivity and togetherness amongst users that there are always people they can reach out to.*

## Conclusion

- *A large number of online users and ease of connection have made online communication a convenient tool to make friends and avoid loneliness.*

### **13. There aren't many houses to accommodate people so it has several social consequences. Only the government can solve this problem. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

As overpopulation is the main problem in most of the cities, there are no sufficient houses for shelter and there are a lot of social problems too. Only with the help of the government, we would be able to overcome this problem. I agree that the government can help overcome this issue by taking proper measures.

Firstly, we believe that the government plays an important role in people's lives. When we as an individual cannot solve a problem on our own, we will have to depend on the government. Overpopulation is one of the biggest problems in our society which makes it difficult to accommodate houses for the people in need. In earlier days, the population in the country or cities was less and also people used to stay in individual houses as there was a lot of space available. It is not possible now because of the increased population.

Furthermore, the government can use their finances in expanding the city so that more people can get accommodation. Even if the population is controlled, there will be a requirement of additional buildings or houses that can be accommodated to the people. In order to do this, there must be proper planning and investments at the same time. Thus, the government can be a perfect authority to solve this problem.

In conclusion, we can say that, as the population increases the cities should also grow accordingly, and this can be only done by the government, by taking suitable measures.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that the government can solve the problem?

or

- Do you disagree that the government can solve the problem?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *As overpopulation is the main problem in most of the cities, there are no sufficient houses for shelter and there are a lot of social problems too. Only with the help of the government, we would be able to overcome this problem.*
- A thesis statement - *I agree that the government can help overcome this issue by taking proper measures.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Depend on the government for accommodation.*

Supporting points:

- *Overpopulation is one of the biggest problems in our society which makes it difficult to accommodate houses for the people in need.*

Example:

- *In earlier days, the population in the country or cities was less and also people used to stay in individual houses as there was a lot of space available. It is not possible now because of the increased population.*

### **Body Paragraph 2**

Central idea: *The government can use their finances in expanding the city so that more people can get accommodation.*

Supporting points:

- *Even if the population is controlled, there will be a requirement of additional buildings or houses that can be accommodated to the people. In order to do this, there must be proper planning and investments at the same time.*

## Conclusion

- *In conclusion, we can say that, as the population increases the cities should also grow accordingly, and this can be only done by the government, by taking suitable measures.*

## 14. Technology is destroying social interactions. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Undoubtedly, technology has revolutionized the way we communicate these days. Some people say that inventions like mobile phones are making people less social. In my opinion, I disagree with this statement.

To start with, the introduction of mobile phones is a blessing in disguise for the people. As this invention immensely helped people to strengthen their relationship with their loved ones living far away. Now they can easily do a face to face call anywhere and anytime. Consequently, they become more socially active. In the olden times, people used to write letters or telegram which took a long time to reach their family members. However, now they can talk to any person immediately. Moreover, the social messaging application such as WhatsApp in smartphones enables people to become part of many social groups. Thus, they become socially connected and grow a healthy social network with others.

Furthermore, we have begun to interact with people who we don't know at all. A lot of applications these days help us connect with like-minded people. Thus, adding on to our social circle. To introverts, technology has been a boon. It has helped them interact with people without facing social anxiety at any cost.

In conclusion, I assert that the reasonable use of a mobile phone is a boon to mankind and its excessive use can be a curse. So, it is up to people to decide wisely how they want to use this technology.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that technology is destroying social interactions?



or

- Do you disagree that technology is destroying social interactions?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Some people say that inventions like mobile phones are making people less social.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, I disagree with this statement.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Connecting people who are far away.*

Supporting points:

- *As this invention immensely helped people to strengthen their relationship with their loved ones living far away. Now they can easily do a face to face call anywhere and anytime. Consequently, they become more socially active.*
- *In the olden times, people used to write letters or telegram which took a long time to reach their family members. However, now they can talk to any person immediately. Moreover, the social messaging application such as WhatsApp in smartphones enables people to become part of many social groups. Thus, they become socially connected and grow a healthy social network with others.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Interaction with like-minded people.*

Supporting points example:

- *We have begun to interact with people who we don't know at all. A lot of applications these days help us connect with like-minded people.*
- *To introverts, technology has been a boon. It has helped them interact with people without facing social anxiety at any cost.*

## Conclusion

- *I assert that the reasonable use of a mobile phone is a boon to mankind and its excessive use can be a curse. So, it is up to people to decide wisely how they want to use this technology.*

## **15. Subjects like arts, music and drama are more important than other subjects and therefore should be given more time in the calendar. Do you agree or disagree?**

It is argued that the arts, music and drama are more important than the other subjects. Some students flourish when studying music, art or drama but maths and science are also subjects that are essential in life. I strongly disagree with the fact that arts, music and are more important than other subjects.

I agree with the fact that not everyone has a talent for mathematics, physics or languages and many students only do their best work when they can be creative. Many students simply cannot focus on traditional subjects such as maths, science or history unless they are expressing themselves creatively through painting, song or dance. Some people would disagree with this view and say that art stops young children from spending enough time on the more important subjects and passing major exams.

All the subjects have equal importance, and all the subjects like music, arts and drama should have equal weightage as maths, science and history. No field of interest should be considered more important than the other. As all students are different and have different field of interest, it should be left to the students to pursue their field of interest whether it is maths, science or arts, and drama. Some students love maths and physics pursue a career in engineering, some love science and biology pursue a career in the medical fields, likewise some love music, dance, or drama and tend to pursue a career as a singer, musician, dancer, or actor.

In conclusion, all the subjects have equal importance and I completely disagree with the opinion that art, music and drama more important than other subjects.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- Do you agree that subjects like the arts, music and drama are more important than other subjects?

or

- Do you disagree that subjects like the arts, music and drama are more important than other subjects?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *It is argued that the arts, music and drama are more important than the other subjects.*
- A thesis statement - *I strongly disagree with the fact that arts, music and are more important than other subjects.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Subjects like art and music are equally important.*

Supporting points:

- *I agree with the fact that not everyone has a talent for mathematics, physics or languages and many students only do their best work when they can be creative.*
- *Many students simply cannot focus on traditional subjects such as maths, science or history unless they are expressing themselves creatively through painting, song or dance.*

## Body Paragraph 2

Central idea: *Students have different fields of interest.*

Supporting points:

- *As all students are different and have different field of interest, it should be left to the students to pursue their field of interest whether it is maths, science or arts, and drama.*
- *Some students love maths and physics pursue a career in engineering, some love science and biology pursue a career in the medical fields, likewise some love music, dance, or drama and tend to pursue a career as a singer, musician, dancer, or actor.*

## Conclusion

- *All the subjects have equal importance and I completely disagree with the opinion that art, music and drama are more important than other subjects.*

**16. Some people think that the government is wasting money on arts and that this money could be better spent elsewhere.**

**To what extent do you agree with this view?**

Everyone has their own opinion and concerns; I think that art is also an important aspect of life. We human beings are social animals. We need things that inspire us to help each other and live together. There could be many reasons why the government should spend money on arts and also why they should not. In my opinion, art is as important as any other sector and should receive government support.

There are several reasons why the government should spend money on the arts. One of the main reasons is that art reflects the culture of a country and promotes people's understanding of their culture and architecture. Most of us are oblivious to our ancient cultures and traditions, and we look up to art to learn about our culture and heritage.

Secondly, the government should invest in art as it acts as a revenue factor too. For example, people from outside the country come to see the historical buildings and by maintaining its artistic legacy, a country can encourage tourists to visit again and again. This practice boosts the tourism sector and eventually the economic growth of a country.

Thirdly, the art sector employs many people. For example, artists like singers and dancers have a huge fan following. Their shows are watched by thousands of people. Such events employ

hundreds of people. Without government funding, many art forms will die down and that will be a huge loss for the country.

However, spending on arts should not be at the expense of other sectors like education, healthcare or defense. Those are certainly more important and hence should receive funding too, but I believe that the art sector should not be neglected too.

To conclude, I believe that the government should distribute its funds evenly to all sectors including arts because every sector has its contribution to the development of a country.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that the government should spend less on the arts?

or

- Do you disagree that the government should spend more on the arts?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

#### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Everyone has their own opinion and concerns; I think that art is also an important aspect of life. We human beings are social animals. We need things that inspire us to help each other and live together.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, art is as important as any other sector and should receive government support.*

#### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Art reflects the culture of a country.*

Supporting points:

- *Most of us are oblivious to our ancient cultures and traditions, and we look up to art to learn about our culture and heritage.*

### **Body Paragraph 2 & 3:**

Central idea:

- *The government should invest in art as it acts as a revenue factor too.*
- *The art sector employs many people*

Supporting points:

- *This practice boosts the tourism sector and eventually the economic growth of a country.*
- *Such events employ hundreds of people. Without government funding, many art forms will die down and that will be a huge loss for the country.*

Example:

- *People from outside the country come to see the historical buildings and by maintaining its artistic legacy, a country can encourage tourists to visit again and again.*

### **Body paragraph 4**

The other side of the argument:

- *Spending on arts should not be at the expense of other sectors like education, healthcare or defense.*

Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

- *Those are certainly more important and hence should receive funding too, but I believe that the art sector should not be neglected too.*

## Conclusion

- *I believe that the government should distribute its funds evenly to all sectors including arts because every sector has its contribution to the development of a country.*

### **17. Some people believe that hobbies need to be difficult to be enjoyable. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

Hobbies are the activities that people do in their free time without expecting any monetary benefits. Each person will have their own perceptions. Some people may think that if the hobbies are challenging, they are fun, while other people think vice versa and some people may think that both easy and challenging hobbies may be enjoyable. So, I disagree with the statement that having difficult hobbies is fun.

Firstly, people take up different hobbies to spend their free time and come out of their work stress and they take up the activities which they enjoy doing, it may either be challenging activities or any activities that are easy to take up. One of the examples may be writing poetry, where you may have just put your thoughts into writing, it may not be that challenging for people who love writing and they enjoy the task as well. Along with that it also changes their mood instantly.

On the other hand, there might also be some difficult hobbies which people enjoy doing. To quote an example, film editing or song editing, this might actually need some experience with sound engineering yet some people make this as a hobby. This may be very challenging for them, but they take time and learn this activity and then make it as a hobby and enjoy it.

To sum up everything, I think hobbies should be based on the individual likings and not based on how difficult or easy the hobby is. When a person takes up a hobby, it should satisfy oneself and the person taking it should enjoy what he does.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that hobbies need to be difficult to be enjoyable?
- or
- Do you disagree that hobbies need to be difficult to be enjoyable?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased- *Some people may think that if the hobbies are challenging, they are fun, while other people think vice versa and some people may think that both easy and challenging hobbies may be enjoyable.*
- A thesis statement - *So, I disagree with the statement that having difficult hobbies is fun.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Taking up a hobby that is easy and relieves stress.*

Supporting points:



- *People take up different hobbies to spend their free time and come out of their work stress and they take up the activities which they enjoy doing, it may either be challenging activities or any activities that are easy to take up.*

Example:

- *One of the examples may be writing poetry, where you may have just put your thoughts into writing, it may not be that challenging for people who love writing and they enjoy the task as well.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Difficult hobbies people enjoy doing.*

Supporting points:



- *This may be very challenging for them, but they take time and learn this activity and then make it as a hobby and enjoy it.*

Example:

- *To quote an example, film editing or song editing, this might actually need some experience with sound engineering yet some people make this as a hobby.*

### **Conclusion**

- *I think hobbies should be based on the individual likings and not based on how difficult or easy the hobby is. When a person takes up a hobby, it should satisfy oneself and the person taking it should enjoy what he does.*

## **18. Nowadays it is common for people to get married in their thirties rather than when they are younger.**

### **Do you agree or disagree that this trend will benefit society?**

There has been a rise in the number of people who get married in their thirties and beyond. In my opinion, this is a beneficial practice because at this age most of the people are financially stable and emotionally mature to raise a family properly and ensure a better future for them.

Most men and women do not earn well during the initial phase of their career. Hence, if young people get married in their twenties and start a family immediately afterwards, they are more likely to run into financial difficulties. As a result, they will not be able to provide the best healthcare to their family or education to their children. This inability can actually make them feel inadequate and even affect them emotionally. If parents are unhappy about their life and finances, they will never be able to raise happy kids.

Most adults in their thirties are emotionally stable. They are also mature enough to nurture a family. Consequently, when people get married and have babies at this age, they are fully prepared to deal with the challenges that come along with marriage. For example, they are able to understand their partner's emotional needs and have better compatibility, they are able to not only send their children to the best schools but also deal with their temper tantrums more patiently. This may not be possible for a 20-something father or mother who barely earns enough to put food on the table. Obviously, when people marry in their thirties it benefits them as well as their children.

To conclude, financial stability and emotional maturity are vital for being a good parent; since young people in their twenties may lack one or both of them, I feel that waiting until they are in their thirties to get married is a good idea and this trend will benefit the society.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that it's better for people to get married in their 30s?

or

- Do you disagree that it's better for people to get married in their 30s?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *There has been a rise in the number of people who get married in their thirties and beyond.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, this is a beneficial practice because at this age most of the people are financially stable and emotionally mature to raise a family properly and ensure a better future for them.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Financial ability.*

Supporting points:

- *If young people get married in their twenties and start a family immediately afterwards, they are more likely to run into financial difficulties.*
- *As a result, they will not be able to provide the best healthcare to their family or education to their children.* Example of the point 'how films belong to people':

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Emotionally stable.*

Supporting points:

- *They are also mature enough to nurture a family. Consequently, when people get married and have babies at this age, they are fully prepared to deal with the challenges that come along with marriage.*

Example:

- *For example, they are able to understand their partner's emotional needs and have better compatibility, they are able to not only send their children to the best schools but also deal with their temper tantrums more patiently.*

### Conclusion

- *Financial stability and emotional maturity are vital for being a good parent; since young people in their twenties may lack one or both of them, I feel that waiting until they are in their thirties to get married is a good idea and this trend will benefit the society.*

**19. In some societies, the number of crimes committed by teenagers is growing. Some people think that regardless of age, teenagers who commit major crimes should receive adult punishment.**

**To what extent do you agree?**

Criminal tendencies have nothing to do with age. It is observed that the number of teenagers committing serious crimes is on the rise. Some people have an opinion that teenagers committing heinous crimes should receive the same punishment as adults. I fully agree with this view. When teenagers are treated as adults and given the same punishment, it will be a lesson for other teens who are committing a crime.

First of all, the age of the offender is irrelevant in the case of serious crimes like murder or rape. Many teenage criminals these days are not afraid of the consequences of their act since most states currently protect them under the Child Protection Law and give them only light punishments. For example, they are asked to do community service for 6 months or put in rehabilitation centres for just about a year for misdeeds like robbery. Juveniles committing major offences are also treated rather leniently. Unfortunately, this sends the wrong message and encourages more teens to commit a crime. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to give severe

punishments to teen offenders so that neither they nor their peers will want to commit crimes again.

Secondly, if a child is old enough to commit a heinous crime, he should be considered old enough to be punished as well. This is necessary to reduce the number of repeated crimes committed by these individuals. According to a survey by Harvard University, countries that award severe punishments for all criminals regardless of their age had a significantly lower juvenile crime rate than the countries that protect children from receiving adult punishments. This is the reason why it is crucial to treat teen offenders just like adults.

In conclusion, the problem of the growing rate of teenage criminals can only be tackled by awarding them punishments under the gravity of the offence that they committed.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that teenagers who commit major crimes should receive adult punishment?
- or
- Do you disagree that teenagers who commit major crimes should receive adult punishment?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

Question Paraphrased - *Some people have an opinion that teenagers committing heinous crimes should receive the same punishment as adults.*

- A thesis statement - *I fully agree with this view. When teenagers are treated as adults and given the same punishment, it will be a lesson for other teens who are committing a crime.*

## Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *The age of the offender is irrelevant.*

Supporting points:

- *Many teenage criminals these days are not afraid of the consequences of their act since most states currently protect them under the Child Protection Law and give them only light punishments.*

Example:

- *They are asked to do community service for 6 months or put in rehabilitation centres for just about a year for misdeeds like robbery.*

## Body Paragraph 2

Central idea: *Reduce the number of crimes.*

Supporting points:

- *This is necessary to reduce the number of repeated crimes committed by these individuals. According to a survey by Harvard University, countries that award severe punishments for all criminals regardless of their age had a significantly lower juvenile crime rate than the countries that protect children from receiving adult punishments.*

## Conclusion

- *The problem of the growing rate of teenage criminals can only be tackled by awarding them punishments under the gravity of the offence that they committed.*

**20. Having a lot of international sports events may promote world peace. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

Today's world is under the effects of hate crimes and cross-country terrorism. It is often believed that events such as intercountry sports meet will help deliver the message of peace and brotherhood in the world. I completely agree with this view.

Any sport, if played in the right spirit, has several advantages for the society. Firstly, it helps to instil the spirit of nationalism in each human being. Both the players and spectators get emotionally stirred by a feeling of pride to one's own country. Playing the respective national anthems before any intercountry sporting event is an example to prove this point. Secondly, we cannot deny the fact that it gives tremendous joy when the spirit of the game overcomes the petty barriers of countries and cultures because national teams often have players from different origins and backgrounds.

This helps to spread the message of oneness and unity in diversity. Last but not the least, international sports meet help to ease the tension between warring countries as sports often serves as a binding factor between them. To explain this, passion for cricket is a common trend which binds the neighbouring countries India and Pakistan. International one day games and test matches show us that the players of both countries are quite friendly and amicable off the field. This helps to spread the feeling of brotherhood and mutual admiration. It is not unusual to see the players congratulating each other or laughing at a joke. This teaches us to respect each individual for his values, regardless of the intercountry political disputes. Hence, these sports event between different countries shows us that the human spirit and regard for humanity is above political issues and tensions.

In conclusion, I completely agree with the opinion that sports played at International level helps in easing tensions between countries and helps to spread the message of tolerance, peace, and brotherhood.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that international sports events promote world peace?

or

- Do you disagree that international sports events promote world peace?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

## Introduction

- Question Paraphrased - *It is often believed that events such as intercountry sports meet will help deliver the message of peace and brotherhood in the world.*
- A thesis statement - *I completely agree with this view.*

## Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *Instil the spirit of nationalism*

Supporting points:

- *Both the players and spectators get emotionally stirred by a feeling of pride to one's own country.*
- *We cannot deny the fact that it gives tremendous joy when the spirit of the game overcomes the petty barriers of countries and cultures* Example:
- *Playing the respective national anthems before any intercountry sporting event is an example to prove this point.*

## Body Paragraph 2

Central idea: *Spread the message of oneness and unity in diversity.*

Supporting points:

- *International sports meet help to ease the tension between warring countries as sports often serves as a binding factor between them.*
- *Passion for cricket is a common trend which binds the neighbouring countries India and Pakistan.*

## Conclusion

- *I completely agree with the opinion that sports played at International level helps in easing tensions between countries and helps to spread the message of tolerance, peace, and brotherhood.*

## 21. The film is a less important form of art and literature. To what extent do you agree?

It is a broad opinion that films are a notch below the most common forms of art and literature such as paintings or books. I strongly disagree. I believe that films have the same artistic value as both writings and drawings.

Films, today, is the most popular form of art. What I believe is the most important part of films is the access that we all have to it and how they belong to people. It may be the cinemas, online streaming networks or even DVDs, though they're out of date, they're still more accessible to the public in general. People rush to get tickets. People celebrate the birth of new films by their favourite stars and somehow feel like they belong to them. Film critics are everywhere, you do not need a certain value or social status to talk about a film. Films belong to the people.

Furthermore, films are relatable. Films also give out social messages that make us aware of what's happening around us. They talk about topics that are taboo. Topics that are not easily said out loud by any other art form or even by ourselves, yet films portray them beautifully helping us understand the unsaid problems. I do not think gay pride or caste discrimination would have been a very commonly spoken topic nowadays if not for films.

However, I do realise that films have deviated people from reading books or visiting the museum. I do know that history, traditional or cultural artforms are diminishing. But I also think as technology grows, we should embrace it and be more accepting of the fact that newer technologies or art forms such as films have a lot of value too.

To sum up, I strongly believe that films are no less in value than any other kinds of art forms. They are more accessible, relatable and belong to the people more than any other art form.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,



- Do you agree that films are a less important form of art and literature?  
or
- Do you disagree that films are a less important form of art and literature?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *It is a broad opinion that films are a notch below the most common forms of art and literature such as paintings or books.*
- A thesis statement - *I strongly disagree. I believe that films have the same artistic value as both writings and drawings.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Films, today, is the most popular form of art. What I believe is the most important part of films is the access that we all have to it and how they belong to people.*

Supporting points:

- *It may be the cinemas, online streaming networks or even DVDs, though they're out of date, they're still more accessible to the public in general. People rush to get tickets.*
- *Film critics are everywhere, you do not need a certain value or social status to talk about a film.*

Example:

- *People celebrate the birth of new films by their favourite stars and somehow feel like they belong to them.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Films are relatable.*

Supporting points:

- *Films also give out social messages that make us aware of what's happening around us. They talk about topics that are taboo. Topics that are not easily said out loud by any other art form or even by ourselves, yet films portray them beautifully helping us understand the unsaid problems.*

Example:

- *I do not think gay pride or caste discrimination would have been a very commonly spoken topic nowadays if not for films.*

### **Body paragraph 3**

The other side of the argument :

- *I do realise that films have deviated people from reading books or visiting the museum. I do know that history, traditional or cultural artforms are diminishing.*

Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

- *But I also think as technology grows, we should embrace it and be more accepting of the fact that newer technologies or art forms such as films have a lot of value too.*

### **Conclusion**

- *I strongly believe that films are no less in value than any other kinds of art forms. They are more accessible, relatable and belong to the people more than any other art form.*

## **22. Companies should provide sports and social facilities for local communities.**

### **To what extent do you agree?**

Industries must contribute to promoting sports activities by conducting games and public events. Expressing support for local society could bring comprehensive benefits to business groups, therefore, I agree that gigantic firms must arrange fitness and cultural promoting campaigns.

To begin with, sport is a platform that develops the waves of jubilation in individuals and reunites haphazardly relations, also, the arrangement of sports projects will boost the healthy environment in the society and also become the source of motivation. Furthermore, physical fitness is mandatory for mental health. Physical movements are needed to improve the blood flow, to excrete deleterious partials from a person's body through the process of sweating. Consequently, prevents the non-oxygenated blood to get further corrupted with harmful viruses.

Furthermore, civilians of all countries are proud of their ancient traditions and forefather culture. Undoubtedly, for decades, numerous industries are creating spectacular profit, therefore, such

firms could easily sponsor mediocre entertainment events. Moreover, that facilitates the society to maintain and remember their culture, which in return offer fame to the organization. For example, any folk and dance programs would allow individuals to brush up their striking and astonishing talent and keep them rooted to their culture and tradition.

To sum up, the game and gathering are immensely appreciable because such events could be an opportunity for emerging talents to expose their flawless and magnificent talents, and also, construct a peaceful, congenial and civilized society.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- Do you agree that companies should provide sports and social facilities for local communities?

or

- Do you disagree that companies should provide sports and social facilities for local communities?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Industries must contribute to promoting sports activities by conducting games and public events.*
- A thesis statement - *I agree that gigantic firms must arrange fitness and cultural promoting campaigns.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Advantages of sport platforms.*

Supporting points:

- *Physical fitness is mandatory for mental health.*
- *Physical movements are needed to improve the blood flow, to excrete deleterious partials from a person's body through the process of sweating. Example of the point 'how films belong to people':*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Keeping up with ancient traditions.*

Supporting points:

- *Sports facilitate the society to maintain and remember their culture, which in return offer fame to the organization. Example of the point 'films are relatable':*

Example:

- *Any folk and dance programs would allow individuals to brush up their striking and astonishing talent and keep them rooted to their culture and tradition.*

### **Conclusion**

- *The game and gathering are immensely appreciable because such events could be an opportunity for emerging talents to expose their flawless and magnificent talents, and also, construct a peaceful, congenial and civilized society.*

## **23. Communication through text messaging and other instant forms of online communication are short and basic. Some people think this will be the death of grammar and spelling.**

### **Do you agree or disagree?**

Due to the rapid advancement of technology, a sea-change has occurred in the field of communication. In the present scenario, individuals communicate with their family or friends with the help of the internet via social networking sites including Facebook, Instagram, and so on. A camp of society believes that if human beings will communicate through online short text messages with others, then, it will be the end of grammar and spellings. I partly disagree with the given argument.

First of all, the grammar rules and correct spellings of words are essential elements for writing a language in the right format. Students learn it during their school time from pedagogical experts.

They memorize the correct spellings because short forms are not allowed in academics. So, the process of using grammar rules and the right spelling of words would not vanish. In particular, there are language tests available around the world including IELTS, ESOL, PTE, and so on. Such tests can only be passed through grammar rules as well as, correct spelling of words. These tests preserve the value of grammar and spelling.

Also, verbal communication needs correct grammar. We cannot speak a language without knowing its grammar rules nor can we incorrectly speak a language. I think that verbal communication stresses the need to learn the language correctly.

In conclusion, technology puts the lives of people on the ease by providing inbuilt keyboards on smartphones and personal computers. It helps them to type a word shortly but it does not abolish the need for grammar and correct spellings.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that films are a less important form of art and literature?
- or
- Do you disagree that films are a less important form of art and literature?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased- *In the present scenario, individuals communicate with their family or friends with the help of the internet via social networking sites including Facebook, Instagram, and so on. A camp of society believes that if human beings will communicate through online short text messages with others, then, it will be the end of grammar and spellings.*
- A thesis statement - *I partly disagree with the given argument.*

### Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *The grammar rules and correct spellings of words are essential elements.*

Supporting points:

- *Students learn it during their school time from pedagogical experts. They memorize the correct spellings because short forms are not allowed in academics. So, the process of using grammar rules and the right spelling of words would not vanish.*

### Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: *Verbal communication needs correct grammar.*

Supporting points:

- *We cannot speak a language without knowing its grammar rules nor can we incorrectly speak a language. I think that verbal communication stresses the need to learn the language correctly.*

### Conclusion

- *Technology puts the lives of people on the ease by providing inbuilt keyboards on smartphones and personal computers. It helps them to type a word shortly but it does not abolish the need for grammar and correct spellings.*

## **24. Some people think that public libraries are not necessary whereas others believe that they are essential for people.**

### **To what extent do you agree with this statement?**

In olden days libraries were the only source of information, in the modern era of technology, there are a lot of advanced technologies through which you can gain a lot of information. But, indeed, books cannot be replaced by technology, and some people still believe in going to libraries and gaining information from it. Thus, I believe that libraries are still necessary to gain information.

Firstly, even if you have access to all the information online, the information available in books are more reliable and appropriate. Every information available in the library through books have facts and dates attached to them which make it easier for the learner to do any kind of research or gain information precisely. Also, libraries have books arranged according to sections which makes

it easier to go check out the books you want instead of skimming through various Google links to find the appropriate information.

Secondly, the libraries will also give you a peaceful ambience where you can concentrate on the work that you are doing. A lot of you surf the internet in public while you're already multitasking and thus the concentration levels are really low. A library provides you with a quiet environment and helps you concentrate on your work.

However, some people think that libraries are not that essential because you get most of the necessary information online. And people also think that instead of spending a lot of time searching for appropriate information in libraries, you can just browse through the internet and get the information in a fraction of seconds. Hence, the number of people attending the libraries has dropped drastically. In spite of this, I strongly believe that libraries retain their importance and serve its purpose to a good lot of people.

To conclude this essay, we can say that, the libraries still possess the same importance as olden days. Even if there is a lot of advancement in technology, the information we get in the books cannot be replaced by the information that we get online.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that public libraries are not necessary?

or

- Do you disagree that public libraries are not necessary?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

#### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *In olden days libraries were the only source of information, in the modern era of technology, there are a lot of advanced technologies through which you can gain a lot of information.*
  
- A thesis statement - *Thus, I believe that libraries are still necessary to gain information.*

#### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'The information available in books are more reliable and appropriate.'*

Supporting points:

- *Every information available in the library through books have facts and dates attached to them which make it easier for the learner to do any kind of research or gain information precisely.*
- *Libraries have books arranged according to sections which makes it easier to go check out the books you want instead of skimming through various Google links to find the appropriate information.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Libraries will also give you a peaceful ambience.*

Supporting point:

- *A lot of you surf the internet in public while you're already multitasking and thus the concentration levels are really low. A library provides you with a quiet environment and helps you concentrate on your work.*

### **Body paragraph 3**

The other side of the argument:

- *People also think that instead of spending a lot of time searching for appropriate information in libraries, you can just browse through the internet and get the information in a fraction of seconds.*

Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

- *In spite of this, I strongly believe that libraries retain their importance and serve its purpose to a good lot of people.*

### **Conclusion**

- *The libraries still possess the same importance as olden days. Even if there is a lot of advancement in technology, the information we get in the books cannot be replaced by the information that we get online.*

**25. Some people believe that after the child begins his/her schooling their teachers will have more influence than their parents.**



## To what extent do you agree or disagree?

School days form an integral part of a child's as well as a parent's life. It is commonly said that when a child enters her school days, the teacher creates more impact on their life than their parents. I completely agree that when the child is admitted to a school, their teacher will have more impact on them than their parents.

Firstly, a child spends more quality time with teachers in the school rather than spending time with their parents. When you're around a person a lot, what they say or tend to do influences your thoughts and behaviour, especially if you are a kid who isn't capable of making decisions yet but is in a continuous process of learning something new every single day. Children spend most of their day time in school with their teachers, naturally, teachers have a lot of influence on them.

Also, 'Actions speak louder than words' is a common phrase we all use. Most of the teachers make children understand what they are being taught rather than just explaining it to them with words. For example, though parents teach diversity at home, playing with other kids at school because their teacher told them about unity will influence the kid greatly.

In conclusion, we can say that even if parents do have an impact on the child. Teachers will have more impact on their lives as they spend a major portion of their day with teachers and are influenced easily by actions than words.

## STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- Do you agree that with the development of online communication, people will never be alone and will always be able to make new friends?

or

- Do you disagree that with the development of online communication, people will never be alone and will always be able to make new friends?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *It is commonly said that when a child enters her school days, the teacher creates more impact on their life than their parents.*

- A thesis statement - *I completely agree that when the child is admitted to a school, their teacher will have more impact on them than their parents.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *a child spends more quality time with teachers in the school rather than spending time with their parents.*

Supporting points:

- *When you're around a person a lot, what they say or tend to do influences your thoughts and behaviour, especially if you are a kid who isn't capable of making decisions yet but is in a continuous process of learning something new every single day.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Actions speak louder than words' is a common phrase we all use.*

Supporting points:

- *Most of the teachers make children understand what they are being taught rather than just explaining it to them with words.*

### **Conclusion**

- *In conclusion, we can say that even if parents do have an impact on the child. Teachers will have more impact on their lives as they spend a major portion of their day with teachers and are influenced easily by actions than words.*

## **26. People's shopping habits depend more on the age group that they belong to than any other factors. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

These days, shopping has become increasingly popular among people of all ages. Some people argue that the shopping preferences of a person are determined by their age. I do not agree with this as I think a person's ability to shop is ultimately determined by their financial status and not by the age factor.

Rich people tend to shop more than poor people, this is not necessarily because their needs are greater, they buy more because they can afford it. Same way, poor people cannot afford to shop frequently because their financial situation does not allow the same. Of course, some people borrow money to buy things, but they cannot carry on this habit for long because there is a limit to the amount of credit a person can get.

As much as social status plays a role in shopping, peer pressure does too. A lot of people are influenced by their friends to buy something that they do not necessarily need. For example, if there is a new video game in shops and your child's best friend has it, your child might throw a tantrum saying he wants it.

The age of a person might also influence their shopping habits. Impulsive shopping, for example, is more common among youngsters. They often follow ads by their favourite celebrities and buy things that they may or may not need. They are also more likely to invest in clothing according to the latest trends, latest gadgets and new personal care products. Even so, not every youngster spends in the same way. Young people coming from rich family backgrounds certainly spend more than the people who come from moderate and poor family backgrounds.

The important factor that could influence the shopping habits of people is their values and beliefs. People who believe in simple living are unlikely to avoid spending too much even if they can afford it. In conclusion, the financial situation of a person and peer pressure are the factors that contribute to shopping habits.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that shopping habits depend more on the age group?

or

- Do you disagree that shopping habits depend more on the age group?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

## Introduction

- Question Paraphrased - *These days, shopping has become increasingly popular among people of all ages. Some people argue that the shopping preferences of a person are determined by their age.*
- A thesis statement - *I do not agree with this as I think a person's ability to shop is ultimately determined by their financial status and not by the age factor.*

## Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *Financial status of a person influences their shopping habits.*

Supporting points:

- *Rich people tend to shop more than poor people, this is not necessarily because their needs are greater, they buy more because they can afford it.*
- *Some people borrow money to buy things, but they cannot carry on this habit for long because there is a limit to the amount of credit a person can get.*

## Body Paragraph 2

Central idea: *Peer pressure.*

Supporting points example:

- *A lot of people are influenced by their friends to buy something that they do not necessarily need.*

## Body Paragraph 3

Central Idea: *The influence of age factor.*

Supporting points:

- *Impulsive shopping, for example, is more common among youngsters. They often follow ads by their favourite celebrities and buy things that they may or may not need. They are also more likely to invest in clothing according to the latest trends, latest gadgets and new personal care products.*

*Supporting point 2:*

- *Even so, not every youngster spends in the same way. Young people coming from rich family backgrounds certainly spend more than the people who come from moderate and poor family backgrounds.*

## **Conclusion**

- *The financial situation of a person and peer pressure are the factors that contribute to shopping habits.*

## **27. It is not necessary to travel to other places to learn about other cultures of other people. We can learn just as much from books, films and the internet. Do you agree or disagree?**

Some people have the opinion that in order to know about the cultures of other nations, it is necessary to travel. However, I believe that people can learn about the cultures of other nations by watching television and using the internet.

On the one hand, some people say that we can get all the information we need about other countries online and on television. I strongly agree with them. Many websites contain all the knowledge needed about every country on this planet. Information about cultures, traditions, languages, foods, and weather can be found on websites such as Wikipedia and YouTube.

It is also possible to meet different people from other countries online and make friends. And it is convenient for the people who want to learn about other cultures but cannot afford to travel as travelling is very expensive.

On the other hand, some people believe travelling is the best way to learn more about other nations. They think that without travelling it is not possible to learn much about the traditions, cultures, and even languages of other nations. For instance, in their opinion, travelling allows us to interact with local people and know what they like and dislike. But I insist that all these interactions and knowledge can be attained on the internet too.

This clearly shows that people can learn about the cultures of other nations, know about people without physically travelling to them. Although travelling is a great way of learning about other countries, I strongly believe that all information about the cultures of other nations can be obtained through television and online platforms.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- Do you agree that it is not necessary to travel to other places to learn about other cultures of other people.?

or

- Do you disagree that it is not necessary to travel to other places to learn about other cultures of other people.?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Some people have the opinion that in order to know about the cultures of other nations, it is necessary to travel.*
- A thesis statement – *I believe that people can learn about the cultures of other nations by watching television and using the internet.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: Knowledge can be found on the internet.

Supporting points:

- *Many websites contain all the knowledge needed about every country on this planet. Information about cultures, traditions, languages, foods, and weather can be found on websites such as Wikipedia and YouTube.*

## **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Meeting different people online.*

Supporting points:

- *And it is convenient for the people who want to learn about other cultures but cannot afford to travel as travelling is very expensive.*

## **Body paragraph 3**

The other side of the argument :

- *They think that without travelling it is not possible to learn much about the traditions, cultures, and even languages of other nations.*

Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

- *But I insist that all these interactions and knowledge can be attained on the internet too.*

## **Conclusion**

- *This clearly shows that people can learn about the cultures of other nations, know about people without physically travelling to them. Although travelling is a great way of learning about other countries, I strongly believe that all information about the cultures of other nations can be obtained through television and online platforms.*

**28. In the past, lectures were used as a way of teaching a large number of students, but now with the development of technology for education, many people think there is no justification for attending lectures.**

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion.**

As per the topic, it is said that the advancement of technology has decreased the importance of lectures as a way of teaching. I completely disagree with the fact because even though there is a lot of technological advancement, going to college and listening to lectures will always be useful and important.

In my opinion, technology cannot replace the need of going to classrooms and gaining knowledge. Because, while taking online classes you might not get the opportunity to ask doubts that occur suddenly and you also cannot be so sure that the technology will give you the exact answer, whereas in the classroom it is easy to clear the doubts that occur then and there. You also have full concentration, as the teacher may not allow you to divert your mind.

Furthermore, I believe that learning has to be done together and social contact helps you learn much better than learning alone. When you notice your peers invested in the class and listening to your teacher take a lecture, you automatically get invested in the lecture. Also, it's much easier to understand subjects when there's a discussion regarding certain topics with your peers making the subject more understandable.

However, technology does help students' study from any part of the world and also gain information quickly. It can also be very useful for students who are handicapped or who are in remote areas and cannot travel to the cities. There is also no time limit for using technology and gaining information through it. Yet, according to me, lectures in class take an upper hand than online lectures.

To conclude, there is no doubt that technology gives students a lot of information, but the important doubts students get can only be solved by the lecturing method. And it also helps the students to acquire good knowledge and perform well.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that lectures are a waste of time?
- or
- Do you disagree that lectures are a waste of time?



Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

Question Paraphrased - *It is said that the advancement of technology has decreased the importance of lectures as a way of teaching.*

- A thesis statement – *I completely disagree with the fact because even though there is a lot of technological advancement, going to college and listening to lectures will always be useful and important.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *While taking online classes you might not get the opportunity to ask doubts that occur suddenly.*

Supporting points:

- *You also cannot be so sure that the technology will give you the exact answer, whereas in the classroom it is easy to clear the doubts that occur then and there.*
- *You also have full concentration, as the teacher may not allow you to divert your mind.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *I believe that learning has to be done together and social contact helps you learn much better than learning alone.*

Supporting points:

- *When you notice your peers invested in the class and listening to your teacher take a lecture, you automatically get invested in the lecture.*
- *Also, it's much easier to understand subjects when there's a discussion regarding certain topics with your peers making the subject more understandable.*

### **Body paragraph 3**

The other side of the argument:

- *Technology does help students' study from any part of the world and also gain information quickly*

Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

- *According to me, lectures in class take an upper hand than online lectures.*

## **Conclusion**

- *There is no doubt that technology gives students a lot of information, but the important doubts students get can only be solved by the lecturing method. And it also helps the students to acquire good knowledge and perform well.*

## **29. Living on earth would become difficult in the future. So, more money should be spent on researching other planets to live, like Mars. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

Nowadays, countries are investing a lot on space researches, as living on earth would become difficult in the future. I disagree with this as this money could be utilized to overcome the global issues we are facing on earth. Instead, the government should allocate this money to improve environmental issues on earth.

To begin with, there are several reasons why governments should spend this money to improve the conditions on earth. Firstly, global warming is one of the major threats. As the earth temperature is increasing drastically, the government could spend money to control global warming. For example, the government can start raising awareness among citizens to minimize the threat of global warming and make people aware of the consequences and encourage them to adopt an environment-friendly lifestyle. Secondly, governments should invest in research to control environmental damage. By doing this, they ensure having a wide range of scientists to support the country in the development of researches, which will add economic value to the country.

Furthermore, the government should focus on building an eco-friendly transportation system which connects all the parts of the cities and the country. As a result, people will start using public transport instead of using their cars which will reduce air pollution and the release of toxic, greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. For example, in the USA the government provides public buses and metro that covers all the parts of the country.

In conclusion, instead of allocating money for space researches, the money can be utilized to improve the living conditions on earth. It can be considered an effective and essential method

instead. In my opinion, the government must focus more on how to overcome environmental issues faced on earth and raise the quality of life instead of researching other planets to live.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- Do you agree that more money should be spent on researching other planets to live?
- or
- Do you disagree that more money should be spent on researching other planets to live?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it. **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Countries are investing a lot on space researches, as living on earth would become difficult in the future.*
- A thesis statement - *I disagree with this as this money could be utilized to overcome the global issues we are facing on earth. Instead, the government should allocate this money to improve environmental issues on earth.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Example of a central idea: *Global warming.*

Supporting points:

- *Firstly, global warming is one of the major threats. As the earth temperature is increasing drastically, the government could spend money to control global warming.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Building an eco-friendly transportation* Supporting points:

- *As a result, people will start using public transport instead of using their cars which will reduce air pollution and the release of toxic, greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.*

### **Conclusion**

- *Instead of allocating money for space researches, the money can be utilized to improve the living conditions on earth. It can be considered an effective and essential method instead.*

### **30. Some people believe that the whole family (grandparents, uncles and aunts) bringing up children is better than only parents.**

#### **What is your opinion?**

It is often said that raising children is not only the responsibility of the parents but the whole family. In my opinion, growing up in a huge family will teach the children the true value of family, to respect the elder people and an opportunity to bond with the family.

Growing in a joint family will help children know the importance of each other and every member of the family. It will help the children value their family and stand next to their family in any bad situations. Moreover, children get both moral and financial support when they have their relatives and grandparents living together with them during an emergency. This also gives them the courage to achieve their goals and strength to face any difficulties.

Bringing up children in a joint family becomes much easier as there are so many people to take care of the children. In nuclear families, parents are usually busy with their jobs and do not have much time to spend with their children and children feel lonely. But this is not the case in joint families, other members of the family will take care of the children, feed them and even help them with their homework. A joint family teaches the children the value of adjusting and teaches them how to be flexible in any environment and cope with all the situations and keep every member of the family happy and content. Whereas in nuclear families, children often become attention seekers due to the constant absence of their parents.

I completely agree that the children should be brought by the entire family, as the children are taken care of by all the members of the family. At the same time, it helps the children understand the relationship between their family members and to build their character by not being rigid and rude to other members of the family.

## STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side. So,

- Do you agree that that the whole family (grandparents, uncles and aunts) bringing up children is better than only parents?

or

- Do you disagree that the whole family (grandparents, uncles and aunts) bringing up children is better than only parents?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *It is often said that raising children is not only the responsibility of the parents but the whole family.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, growing up in a huge family will teach the children the true value of family, to respect the elder people and an opportunity to bond with the family.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Importance of growing up in a joint family.*

Supporting points:

- *Growing in a joint family will help children know the importance of each other and every member of the family. It will help the children value their family and stand next to their family in any bad situations.*
- *Children get both moral and financial support when they have their relatives and grandparents living together with them during an emergency. This also gives them the courage to achieve their goals and strength to face any difficulties.*

## Body Paragraph 2

Central idea: Students have different field of interest.

Supporting points:

- *In nuclear families, parents are usually busy with their jobs and do not have much time to spend with their children and children feel lonely. But this is not the case in joint families, other members of the family will take care of the children.*
- *A joint family teaches the children the value of adjusting and teaches them how to be flexible in any environment and cope with all the situations and keep every member of the family happy and content. Whereas in nuclear families, children often become attention seekers due to the constant absence of their parents.*

## Conclusion

- *I completely agree that the children should be brought by the entire family, as the children are taken care of by all the members of the family. At the same time, it helps the children understand the relationship between their family members and to build their character by not being rigid and rude to other members of the family.*

## 31. A lot of people think people are being over dependent on phones and the internet? Do you agree?

With the advancement in technology, people are becoming more dependent on their smartphones and internet for a lot of activities, which once seemed impossible at the click of a button. I agree that people are being over dependent on phones and the internet.

Even though the arrival of smart mobiles and other networking technologies have immensely benefited mankind in providing certain services instantly, it comes at a tremendous price. Because of the increasing dependence on their mobile screens for various reasons, people get glued to their devices much more than ever. For example, it is widely known that people to people interaction has drastically gone down in recent years, in most parts of the world. Not only does mobile phones increase the exposure to radiation, but also results in various life-threatening diseases. One clear example is the growth of cancer cells in the human body, as a result of increased radiation levels that the body is exposed to.

Additionally, since the arrival of the internet, people increasingly rely on them to perform various transactions from the comfort of their home, which in its absence would have required them to be present physically at particular offices and banks. Thus, because of decreased physical motion, we lead an inactive lifestyle. For instance, it is an accepted fact that people worldwide prefer to do their banking transactions online, rather than visiting the bank in person, which takes a lot more time and effort. Furthermore, people get easily distracted by various notifications on their mobiles that can decrease their productivity and efficiency levels at work. Hence, many international companies prohibit their employees to take phones into the office, because of the same reason.

In conclusion, even though the arrival of modern technological devices has benefited people tremendously, the negatives far outweigh the positives. And as it helps the public function better, it is going to stay for a while in this fast-paced life, it can also expose us to diseases due to unhealthy and easy-going lifestyle.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that a lot of people think people are being over dependant on phones and the internet?

or

- Do you disagree that a lot of people think people are being over dependant on phones and the internet?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *With the advancement in technology, people are becoming more dependent on their smartphones and internet for a lot of activities, which once seemed impossible at the click of a button.*

- A thesis statement - *I agree that people are being over dependant on phones and the internet.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Addiction to Mobile Phones.*

Supporting points:

- *Even though the arrival of smart mobiles and other networking technologies have immensely benefited mankind in providing certain services instantly, it comes at a tremendous price.*
- *Because of the increasing dependence on their mobile screens for various reasons, people get glued to their devices much more than ever.*

Example:

- *It is widely known that people to people interaction has drastically gone down in recent years, in most parts of the world.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Lack of physical movement and decreased productivity.*

Supporting points:

- *Since the arrival of the internet, people increasingly rely on them to perform various transactions from the comfort of their home, which in its absence would have required them to be present physically at particular offices and banks.*
- *People get easily distracted by various notifications on their mobiles that can decrease their productivity and efficiency levels at work. Hence, many international companies prohibit their employees to take phones into the office, because of the same reason.*



## Conclusion

- *Even though the arrival of modern technological devices has benefited people tremendously, the negatives far outweigh the positives. And as it helps the public function better, it is going to stay for a while in this fast-paced life, it can also expose us to diseases due to unhealthy and easy-going lifestyle.*

### **32. In school or universities, girls prefer subjects related to art and boys prefer subjects related science. Should this tendency be changed? What is your opinion?**

In the past, it was often believed that girls are supposed to pursue arts as they would ultimately get married. Science was considered to be a field of study for boys as they were believed to be the breadwinners of the family. As times changed, so has the perception of people. I believe that this has to change, both boys and girls should be able to choose what they want.

For generations, our girls were told what to do and what not to do by society. So, our girls were usually told not to choose subjects related to science because it wouldn't be of any use to them. Girls, in those days, got married at a very young age and so we're told to focus on subjects related to art to take care of the family and not waste their studies. Women who chose to pursue science subjects beyond all this were considered to be bold. Times have changed now as we have seen brilliant women scientists like Madame Marie Curie who has won 2 Noble Peace Prizes and was the first woman to do so.

On the contrary, we have also seen great artists like Beethoven, whose remarkable compositions are considered as gems. They are praised and loved all over the world to date. Imagine our plight if we'd told Beethoven that he is supposed to be studying science as he is supposed to be the breadwinner of the family. I believe that a girl or a boy should have the freedom to choose their subject of interest

The society deciding the guidelines what a girl or boy should study is completely unacceptable. As both boys and girls are equally talented and knowledgeable and can choose any field of interest whether it may be arts or science irrespective of gender.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that this tendency should be changed?

or

- Do you disagree that this tendency should be changed?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

## Introduction

- Question Paraphrased - *In the past, it was often believed that girls are supposed to pursue arts as they would ultimately get married. Science was considered to be a field of study for boys as they were believed to be the breadwinners of the family.*

- A thesis statement - *I believe that this has to change, both boys and girls should be able to choose what they want.*

## Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *Girls weren't allowed to choose their field of study.*

Supporting points:

- *For generations, our girls were told what to do and what not to do by society. So, our girls were usually told not to choose subjects related to science because it wouldn't be of any use to them.*
- *Girls, in those days, got married at a very young age and so we're told to focus on subjects related to art to take care of the family and not waste their studies. Women who chose to pursue science subjects beyond all this were considered to be bold.*

## Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: *Men were forced to choose science as their field of study.*

Supporting points:

- *We have also seen great artists like Beethoven, whose remarkable compositions are considered as gems. They are praised and loved all over the world to date. Imagine our plight if we'd told Beethoven that he is supposed to be studying science as he is supposed to be the breadwinner of the family.*

**Conclusion**

- *The society deciding the guidelines on what a girl or boy should study is completely unacceptable. As both boys and girls are equally talented and knowledgeable and can choose any field of interest whether it may be arts or science irrespective of gender.*

**33. The young should get advice from old people than young people. Do you agree or disagree?**

At some point in our lives we seek advice, we often reach out to our parents, grandparents, mentors and sometimes even friends. But we often tend to reach out to older people for better advice than young people, and I agree with that.

Older people have more experiences than we do. They would have come across some sort of similar situation at some point in their lives too, and so they have the wisdom to guide us through the situation and help us make the right decisions. Older people show us both the sides of the problem. Older people can provide us a deeper insight into the issue and give us advices which can be helpful both in our personal and professional life.

I believe there's a knack in which older people explain things to the younger generation. They could be in the form of stories or by talking about their past. For example, my grandparents used to give advices that were beyond me and when I did not understand it, they would tell me stories and explain the advice to me in a way that I can understand. We, as a young generation, should be open to listen to the advices that the older people have to offer.

When we reach out to an older person for advice often, we should have a sense of faith in them, I agree with the fact that it is better to take advice from older people than young people.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that the young should get advice from old people rather than young people?

or

- Do you disagree that the young should get advice from old people rather than young people??

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *At some point in our lives we seek advice, we often reach out to our parents, grandparents, mentors and sometimes even friends.*
- A thesis statement - *We often tend to reach out to older people for better advice than young people, and I agree with that.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Older people have more life experiences than younger ones.*

Supporting points:

- *They would have come across some sort of similar situation at some point in their lives too, and so they have the wisdom to guide us through the situation and help us make the right decisions.*
- *Older people show us both the sides of the problem. Older people can provide us a deeper insight into the issue and give us advices which can be helpful both in our personal and professional life.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Older people have a knack for explaining things.*

Supporting points:

- *They could be in the form of stories or by talking about their past.*

Example:

- *My grandparents used to give advices that were beyond me and when I did not understand it, they would tell me stories and explain the advice to me in a way that I can understand.*

### **Conclusion**

- *When we reach out to an older person for advice often, we should have a sense of faith in them. I agree with the fact that it is better to take advice from older people than young people.*

**34. It is too expensive to look after and repair old buildings. This money should be spent on building modern buildings instead. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

It is often argued that the maintenance of old buildings and repairing is too expensive and instead the money should be spent on building new buildings with modern amenities and I agree but it also depends on the type of building.

People often tend to spend a lot of money to repair their ancestral homes, which has sentimental value but causes a fortune for maintenance. Often due to rain and change in weather conditions, cracks can be seen and needs to be repaired again and again which leads to a hole in your pockets. Earlier, houses were built with mud and wood which tend to become weak as time passes and the building might fall at any point of time risking the lives of many due to accidental damage. Instead, it is better to build a new building that is strong and durable with the same money instead of repairing the old building.

However, when it comes to buildings that are considered as historic buildings or historical monuments, they must and should be preserved, maintained and taken care of. As these historic buildings represent our rich inherent cultural heritage and it represents the era of the finest constructions made, this is considered to be an aspect of pride. These monuments also spread awareness among the community about their culture and give them a sense of pride and belonging.

With all the points discussed above it is cheaper to build a new building instead of repairing the old buildings, but when it comes to old historic buildings that tell us about our history, we should preserve them.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that money should be spent on building modern buildings instead of old buildings?

or

- Do you disagree that money should be spent on building modern buildings instead of old buildings?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *It is often argued that the maintenance of old buildings and repairing is too expensive and instead the money should be spent on building new buildings with modern amenities*

- A thesis statement - *I agree but it also depends on the type of building.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *Repairing old buildings is a waste of money.*

Supporting points:

- *People often tend to spend a lot of money to repair their ancestral homes, which has sentimental value but causes a fortune for maintenance.*
- *Often due to rain and change in weather conditions, cracks can be seen and needs to be repaired again and again which leads to a hole in your pockets. Earlier, houses were built with mud and wood which tend to become weak as time passes and the building might fall at any point of time risking the lives of many due to accidental damage.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Historical buildings are an exception.*

Supporting points:

- *When it comes to buildings that are considered as historic buildings or historical monuments, they must and should be preserved, maintained and taken care of.*
- *As these historic buildings represent our rich inherent cultural heritage and it represents the era of the finest constructions made, this is considered to be an aspect of pride.*

### Conclusion

- *With all the points discussed above it is cheaper to build a new building instead of repairing the old buildings, but when it comes to old historic buildings that tell us about our history, we should preserve them.*

**34. Some people say it's a waste of time to plan for the future. We should live in the present. To what extent do you agree or disagree?**

Planning for the future is something all of us love doing. Many of them argue, that this is a waste of time though. Nonetheless, I believe thinking and planning about the future is the key to success.

To begin with, most of the people believe that the subconscious mind works like a controlled missile, once a target for the future is set, it follows the path that would lead to achievement. Someone without a thorough plan would be derailed from the track that would lead to the success of their dreams. This example denies the idea that planning for and thinking about the future is a waste of time.



Also, individuals who plan ahead of time, are better equipped to deal with the problems that life throws at them than their counterparts who choose to live in the moment. People who have anticipated the future would have a better understanding of the issues that come along with it. They would tackle the issues much easier. We are often told to live in the moment and enjoy life as it comes to reduce stress and anxiety about the future. I don't think that people who live their life in the moment are less stressed or anxious, that is just a myth. Planning for the future only makes us better equipped to handle life problems and be less stressed in the future.

As a result, due to the higher probability of achieving one's goals and enhanced ability to deal with unexpected consequences, it is clear that planning for and thinking about future is not a waste of time. I feel that people should dedicate enough time to think about the future.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that it's a waste of time to plan for the future?

or

- Do you disagree that it's a waste of time to plan for the future?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - Planning for the future is something all of us love doing. Many of them argue, that this is a waste of time though.
- A thesis statement - Nonetheless, I believe thinking and planning about the future is the key to success.

## Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: Planning for the future leads to success.

Supporting points:

- Someone without a thorough plan would be derailed from the track that would lead to the success of their dreams.
- Most of the people believe that the subconscious mind works like a controlled missile, once a target for the future is set, it follows the path that would lead to achievement.

## Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: People who plan ahead are better equipped.

Supporting points:

- People who have anticipated the future would have a better understanding of the issues that come along with it. They would tackle the issues much easier.
- We are often told to live in the moment and enjoy life as it comes to reduce stress and anxiety about the future. I don't think that people who live their life in the moment are less stressed or anxious, that is just a myth.

## Conclusion

- Due to the higher probability of achieving one's goals and enhanced ability to deal with unexpected consequences, it is clear that planning for and thinking about future is not a waste of time. I feel that people should dedicate enough time to think about the future.

## **DISCUSSION ESSAYS Structure of essay**

If you are given a discussion essay, you have to write about both sides of the statement.

Offer your opinion, only if you are asked to.

Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

A discussion essay should have:

- Introduction
- 3 Body Paragraphs (3rd body paragraph is optional)
- Conclusion

### **Introduction**

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement (if asked for opinion) – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

### **Body paragraph 1**

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

## Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

## Body Paragraph 3

It should contain your opinion along with supporting points for your opinion. This can be done in the conclusion paragraph too but it may be a bit weird. Thus, it's always better to have a body paragraph with your opinion.

## Conclusion

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

**35. Some people think sports are important for society, while others believe they should be taken as leisure activities. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.**

### Sample answer:

The existence of sports dates back to 2000 BC. Every country had practised it in some way like gymnastics, javelin, fishing, swimming, etc. It is more organised and structured now. Some people think sports and games are vital for society, whereas others believe they should be treated only as a pastime. I think that sports and games should occupy an important place in society. In the following paragraphs, I shall discuss both the ideas and explain which is beneficial for society.

Sport dissolves barriers and binds people together. For example, in a cricket team, there are players from all the states of India, and fans from across India cheer for them. So a feeling of

one-ness builds up. A cricket match between India and Australia may be scheduled in Chennai, and a fan from Australia may visit Chennai to watch the game. This way, sports improve the tourism sector and contribute to the economy.

Research shows that sport has a positive impact on people. People who play sports such as football or tennis improve their cardiovascular system and are at less risk of conditions like blood pressure. So it helps in maintaining good health. Also, a person learns how not to get demotivated during failures. So it helps manage stress effectively.

On the flip side, sports has become one of many businesses to make money. So players are under tremendous pressure to win and resort to drugs to get the extra energy. This ruins their health and brings down the image of the nation they represent. Under severe compulsion to win, they treat their opponent as an enemy (Eg: boxing), and sometimes the referee has to penalise a player for harming the other. These may be the reason people argue that sports have to be practised only as a leisure activity and not taken seriously.

To recapitulate, sports helps a great deal in creating an ideal society and should be given utmost importance. But we should also be careful not to make it a business.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

**Introduction (Question Paraphrased) :** The existence of sports dates back to 2000 BC. Every country had practised it in some way like gymnastics, javelin, fishing, swimming, etc. It is more organised and structured now. Some people think sports and games are vital for society, whereas others believe they should be treated only as a pastime.

**Opinion -** I think that sports and games should occupy an important place in society.

**A thesis statement** - In the following paragraphs, I shall discuss both the ideas and explain which is beneficial for society.

**Body Paragraph 1:**

**Topic : Why sports are important for society?**

**Supporting points:**

- Acts a binding force
- Improves tourism
- Contributes to economic development
- Reduces the risk of diseases
- Teaches stress management

**Body Paragraph 2:**

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**Topic : Why should sports be taken only as leisure activity?**

**Supporting points:**

- Professional sports has become a business
- Players are pressured to win
- Players resort to drugs and ruin their health
- In a game, they treat each other as enemies

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated that sports is important for creating an ideal society and supported the side taken in introduction.

**36. Some people believe that mobile phone conversations should be banned in crowded and social places. Others disagree. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.**

**Sample answer:**

Following the cell phone revolution, almost every Tom, Dick, and Harry owns a mobile phone. It has reshaped the way we communicate and has occupied an indispensable part of our lives. But some people think that we should avoid using mobile phones in public places. Others feel that it is much ado about nothing. I agree with the former view. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall discuss both ideas and explain which is beneficial to society.

Primarily, cell phones are devices that emit electromagnetic radiation. According to the traffic laws, these devices could cause an explosion of fire in petrol bunks if not switched off. Secondly, they are chief sources of distraction. There have been many accidents reported due to talking over mobile phones while driving. If used by doctors or nurses in hospitals, it may cost the patient's life. In public places like libraries, cell phone tunes disturb the people reading books. In places of religious worship, people talking over cell phones in loud voices are a hindrance to people praying sincerely. People who talk or listen to music on cell phones while walking on roads are more prone to accidents.

On the other hand, defendants of mobile phone use in public places argue that mobile phones are the best way to convey an emergency message. For instance, an ailing mother could contact her son, driving a car and asking him to admit her to a hospital. In tourist spots, smartphones come handy to capture pictures and videos. Moreover, they have electronic mailing facilities, which are helpful in many ways. For example, an office-goer who is on his way to the office and suddenly gets a message that his wife is admitted into the hospital can email his boss about his leave.

To recapitulate, there are both merits and demerits in using cell phones in public places. Though cell phones are useful in conveying information, there are an increasing number of road accidents reported due to the use of cell phones in public areas. So it is without a doubt that they should be banned in public places.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - Following the cell phone revolution, almost every Tom, Dick, and Harry owns a mobile phone. It has reshaped the way we communicate and has occupied an indispensable part of our lives. But some people think that we should avoid using mobile phones in public places. Others feel that it is much ado about nothing.

**Opinion** - I agree with the former view.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall discuss both ideas and explain which is beneficial to society.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Topic** : Why is it harmful to use cell phones in public places?

#### **Supporting points:**

- Causes fire explosion in petrol bunks
- Talking while driving causes accidents
- Use in hospitals may cost the patient's life
- Talking over phone while walking on the road causes accidents



## Body Paragraph 2:

**Topic : Merits of cell phones**

### Supporting points:

- Useful in conveying emergency information
- Comes handy in capturing images
- Has emailing features which are useful

### Conclusion:

Reiterated the dangers of using cell phones in public places and supported the side taken in introduction.

**37. Human activities have negative effects on plant and animal species. Some people think it is too late to do anything about this problem. Others believe that effective measures can be taken to improve this situation. Discuss both views and give your opinion.**

### Sample answer:

Industrialisation and deforestation carried out by humans have destroyed the biodiversity. Some exotic species of wild animals and plants are diminishing, declining or disappearing. Many ecosystems are disturbed. All these are a threat to human survival as well. Some think that the damage cannot be undone while others believe that some measures could be taken to improve the present situation. I firmly believe that the situation could be improved. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall examine both sides and also explain how things can be ameliorated.

History cites many examples of extinct species. According to a survey, 3 to 5 billion passenger pigeons or wild pigeons were in the US before European settlement. But just after this, due to habitat loss and demand for pigeon meat, these birds became extinct in the early 20th century.

*Acalypha dikuluwensis*, a plant species native to Congo, became extinct due to copper extraction activities in the area. The freshwater crayfish, which lost its habitat due to water being drained by local farmers, became extinct. The Bermuda hawk became extinct due to hunting.

Some people think that we have lost these exotic species and will never see them again.

On the other hand, it is true that we can still work towards preserving the environment. Firstly, governments should impose strict rules against deforestation, illegal felling of trees, and ban hunting. Proper water governance must be in place to preserve the freshwaters and marine ecosystems. Eco-friendly agricultural practices must be followed, which lay emphasis on the conservation of the variety of species. There have been successful examples of preserving animals that were on the verge of extinction. The 'Bengal Tiger' is a classic example.

To summarise, human activities have indeed damaged the animal and plant species. But we can still work towards preserving the rest of the species.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - Industrialisation and deforestation carried out by humans have destroyed the biodiversity. Some exotic species of wild animals and plants are diminishing, declining or disappearing. Many ecosystems are disturbed. All these are a threat to human

survival as well. Some think that the damage cannot be undone while others believe that some measures could be taken to improve the present situation.

**Opinion** - I firmly believe that the situation could be improved

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall examine both sides and also explain how things can be ameliorated.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Topic : Human activities that led to extinction of species**

#### **Supporting points:**

- Urbanisation and selling pigeon meat
- Copper extraction activities
- Draining freshwater resources
- Hunting

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Topic : Preventive measures that can be taken for conservation**

#### **Supporting points:**

- Stopping deforestation
- Banning hunting activities
- Strict laws against illegal felling of trees
- Proper water governance

- Eco friendly agricultural practices


**Conclusion:**

Reiterating that situation could be improved and supported the side taken in introduction.

**38. Some people think it is more beneficial to take part in sports which are played in teams, like football, while other people think that taking part in individual sports is better like tennis and swimming.**

**Discuss both views and give your own opinion.**

**Sample answer:**

 Team sports such as football, basketball, rugby, and individual sports such as tennis, chess, and swimming are equally popular. Each sport has its advantages. In fact, some people play football and tennis. However, in my opinion, team sports have an edge over their individual counterpart. In the following paragraphs, I shall discuss both sides and explain which is beneficial for the community in the long run.

Team sports help develop the overall personality. Given a chance between exhibiting heroism and the team's victory, one has to sacrifice the former for the latter. For example, in cricket, a batsman has to give priority to the team's achievement over gaining individual scores. It also teaches the joy of togetherness and nurtures leadership skills. It also helps a person improve his relationship with others and develop communication skills, which are essential for survival. Above all, playing as a team is fun.

On the other hand, individual sports have their own merits. A person is solely responsible for success or failure. So, there is an increased sense of ownership. One has to concentrate more on the activity because any small distraction will lead to failure. All the more, one has to depend on his skills for success. So, he/she learns to work hard to improve their skills. There is also unlimited freedom when playing individual sports. The choices are wholly made by the player, and there are no cases of disagreements with others. The player is the captain, as well as the team member.

In conclusion, both sides have their merits and demerits. Though individual sports allow a person to be the complete owner of his success, I think team sports are the need of the hour. Team sports impart essential life skills like teamwork and sacrifice, which mould an individual into a better citizen of the world.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

Question Paraphrased - Team sports such as football, basketball, rugby and individual sports such as tennis, chess, and swimming are equally popular. Each sport has its advantages.

Opinion - However, in my opinion, team sports have an edge over their individual counterpart.

A thesis statement - In the following paragraphs, I shall discuss both sides and explain which is beneficial for the community in the long run.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

Topic: Team sports

Supporting points:

Overall personality development

Builds sacrificial tendencies

Improves relationships

Improves leadership skills and communication

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Topic: Individual sports

Supporting points:

sole ownership of success

improves concentration

makes the person work hard

Gives freedom of choice

### **Conclusion:**

Reiterated the importance of team sports and supported the side taken in introduction.



### **39. Some people think that music plays an important role in society, others think it's just a form of entertainment. Discuss both the sides and give your opinion.**

Music is a unique language which is understood by everyone on this planet. It is the soul of the universe. There are different views on the importance of music. Some say it is purely for entertainment. Others opine that it has many other functions. In the following paragraphs, I shall put forth both sides of the argument.

There is no doubt that music is a good source of entertainment. Music helps to cheer everyone up. When people come home after a hectic day's work and they need some entertainment, they play music and it calms them and they feel relaxed. Music is also played in parties and ceremonies to entertain everyone. Young people dance to the beat of the music and release their pent-up energy.

Music also links us to our culture and tradition. Folk songs are sung by our great artists like Gurdas Mann is heard everywhere. His lyrics represent a significant part of our culture which is alive today because of these folk songs. Otherwise, under the influence of western culture people forget their roots. Moreover, music is a lucrative profession these days. Our famous singers and musicians like Lata Mangeshkar and A.R.Rehman have earned millions from music and are famous around the world because of their musical talent.

To put it in a nutshell, Music is not just for entertainment. It has many roles in society such as connecting people to their culture, making them rich and famous and also for relaxation. Music is all around us. Right from the first lullaby that the mother sings to the cradle, to the dirge of the funeral pyre, music accompanies us.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

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#### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *There are different views on the importance of music. Some say it is purely for entertainment. Others opine that it has many other functions.*

- A thesis statement - *In the following paragraphs, I shall put forth both sides of the argument.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Music is a good source of entertainment'*

Supporting points:

- *Music helps to cheer everyone up. When people come home after a hectic day's work and they need some entertainment, they play music and it calms them and they feel relaxed.*
- *Music is also played in parties and ceremonies to entertain everyone. Young people dance to the beat of the music and release their pent-up energy.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Music also links us to our culture and tradition.*

Supporting points:

- *Folk songs sung by our great artists like Gurdas Mann is heard everywhere. His lyrics represent a significant part of our culture which is alive today because of these folk songs. Otherwise, under the influence of western culture people forget their roots.*

### **Conclusion**

- *Music is not just for entertainment. It has many roles in society such as connecting people to their culture, making them rich and famous and also for relaxation.*



**39. Some people say that history has little or nothing to offer, while others say that the study of the past helps the present. Discuss both the view and give your opinion.**

People have different opinions about the importance of learning history. Some of them feel it is completely a waste of time, while others think that it is absolutely necessary to know about the past events that took place in our world. In my opinion, though it takes a lot of time to learn history it gives us not only an insight into our culture and tradition but also a sense of identity.

History refers to all the things that happened in the past, especially the social, political, or economic development of a nation. Literally, everything, including a nation, a city, a town, a subject, a business, and even a product, has its unique history. Some individuals are of the opinion that studying the past history is useless today but others believe it is very essential to know history to better understand the present.

Undoubtedly, the present is the continuation of the past. Therefore, studying the past history can enable us to better understand what is going on around us. For example, if we are equipped with relevant knowledge of history, it will be easier for us to understand the evolution of mankind. It would also tell us how we progressed and reached where we are today. We would also know how technology developed step by step. History can serve us as a guide because of which we would not repeat the mistakes done in the previous years. We also get inspiration from the great men of the past through history.

In conclusion, studying the past history can not only deepen and widen our knowledge but also help us develop the power of analysis. Thus, we are able to look at what is happening at present from a historical perspective and better understanding.

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### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *People have different opinions about the importance of learning history. Some of them feel it is completely a waste of time, while others think that it is absolutely necessary to know about the past events that took place in our world.*
- A thesis statement – *In my opinion, though it takes a lot of time to learn history it gives us not only an insight into our culture and tradition but also a sense of identity.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'History reveals the past for us'*

Supporting points:

- *History refers to all the things that happened in the past, especially the social, political, or economic development of a nation.*
- *Literally, everything, including a nation, a city, a town, a subject, a business, and even a product, has its unique history. Some individuals are of the opinion that studying the past history is useless today but others believe it is very essential to know history to better understand the present.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Present is the continuation of the past.*

Supporting points:

- *Studying the past history can enable us to better understand what is going on around us.*

Example:

- *If we are equipped with relevant knowledge of history, it will be easier for us to understand the evolution of mankind. It would also tell us how we progressed and reached where we are today.*

Conclusion:

- *Studying past history can not only deepen and widen our knowledge but also help us develop the power of analysis.*

#### **40. Some people believe that money is the best gift for teenagers while others disagree. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.**

Nowadays giving presents is very common. The main concern about giving a present to the youngsters is that people get confused about whether to give cash as a present or anything which they are fond of. Some people agree that giving cash as a present will be useful, while others disagree with this fact. In my opinion, giving cash as a present to teenagers, instead of giving them things which they might not like at the end is better.

On one hand, people think that the teenagers who receive cash as their gift will be excited and happy because they are able to fulfil their immediate needs and also, they will get an idea of how to manage their finances in the future. Also, the person who wants to give something as a present might be in a dilemma as to what exactly to gift them because modern teenagers will be in need of trendy things.

On the other hand, people think that instead of giving cash to them as a present, they can fund them for schooling purposes or getting them any useful things related to education. Also, people may think that students are not mature enough to spend the money and they probably might spend their money on buying some unwanted things.

According to me, I think that giving cash to teenagers instead of giving them things which they might not like is better. If you end up buying something not useful for teenagers, they might just throw it away or keep it unused for a very long time. Alternatively, if you give them cash, they might buy something that they need.

In conclusion, we can say that giving money to the teenagers is better than giving them things. Because ultimately it depends on their happiness. They will buy the things which will make them happy. And it will be also helpful for them to choose the kind of things they actually want.

#### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

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## **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Nowadays giving presents is very common. The main concern about giving a present to the youngsters is that people get confused about whether to give cash as a present or anything which they are fond of. Some people agree that giving cash as a present will be useful, while others disagree with this fact.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, giving cash as a present to teenagers, instead of giving them things which they might not like at the end is better.*

## **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Teenagers should receive cash as gifts.'*

Supporting points:

- *People think that the teenagers who receive cash as their gift will be excited and happy because they are able to fulfil their immediate needs and also, they will get an idea of how to manage their finances in the future.*
- *People may think that students are not mature enough to spend the money and they probably might spend their money on buying some unwanted things.*

## **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *People giving gifts and not cash.*

Supporting points:

- *People think that instead of giving cash to them as a present, they can fund them for schooling purposes or getting them any useful things related to education.*
- *People may think that students are not mature enough to spend the money and they probably might spend their money on buying some unwanted things.*

### Body paragraph 3

This should be your opinion paragraph.

- *I think that giving cash to teenagers instead of giving them things which they might not like is better. If you end up buying something not useful for teenagers, they might just throw it away or keep it unused for a very long time.*
- *Alternatively, if you give them cash, they might buy something that they need.*

### Conclusion

- *We can say that giving money to the teenagers is better than giving them things. Because ultimately it depends on their happiness. They will buy the things which will make them happy. And it will be also helpful for them to choose the kind of things they actually want.*

**41. In some countries, a few people earn extremely high salaries. Some people think that this is good for a country, while others believe that the government should control salaries and limit the amount people can earn.**

**Discuss both views and give your opinion.**

In many countries, there is a huge income difference among people. This is because some people are earning high salaries. At the same time, there are many more who are struggling to meet their needs. Some people, therefore, argue that the government should control salaries. I do not agree with this view. In my opinion, this difference in salary is good for the economy because it encourages people to work harder.

If there is a limit to what people can earn, most of them will lose the motivation to work harder. The reason that encourages people to work harder and harder is their urge to earn higher salaries. Therefore, if the government controls the salaries, it will hurt the morale of employees. Also, having a small number of people who earn too much is not necessarily a bad thing. They act as an inspiration for the poor. These super-wealthy people can also start enterprises that create jobs and improve the living standards of the poor people.

Of course, income disparity is not a good thing. It makes the poor feel inadequate. But at the same time, it encourages many of them to work harder and earn more. As human beings, we have a natural tendency to want more. We get inspired by the affluent lifestyle of the rich and

want to be like them. This human desire to improve their living standards is the factor that drives all economies. The government can certainly do something to lessen the difference in the salaries. For example, it can impose higher taxes on rich people. It can also launch welfare schemes for the poor. By offering free education and health care for people living below the poverty line, the government can put them in a position to work and earn.

In conclusion, controlling salaries is not the solution to overcome the income difference. Instead, the government should empower the poor people. Help and encourage them to earn a good salary by offering them free education and training.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

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### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *In many countries, there is a huge income difference among people. This is because some people are earning high salaries. At the same time, there are many more who are struggling to meet their needs.*
- A thesis statement - *I do not agree with this view. In my opinion, this difference in salary is good for the economy because it encourages people to work harder.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Motivation to work harder'*

Supporting points:

- *The reason that encourages people to work harder and harder is their urge to earn higher salaries. Therefore, if the government controls the salaries, it will hurt the morale of employees.*

## Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: *Income disparity is not a good thing*

Supporting points:

- *It makes the poor feel inadequate. But at the same time, it encourages many of them to work harder and earn more.*

## Conclusion

- *Controlling salaries is not the solution to overcome the income difference. Instead, the government should empower the poor people. Help and encourage them to earn a good salary by offering them free education and training.*

## 42. Does the educational success of a student depend on the teacher or the attitude?

**Discuss both sides and give an opinion.**

Teaching is considered as a very noble profession because teachers play a huge role in everybody's life. To which, it is believed by some people that the effectiveness of study depends on the quality of teaching while others believe that it is the perspective of students that matter the most. In my opinion, neither of them alone is efficient, it requires equal and active involvement from both student and teacher to justify the quality of education and educational success.

To begin with, a good teacher always has a great impact on their students. As a student, people learn very important things about life from their teachers, not only the syllabus but also about the attitude towards life. Moreover, a better teacher has the power to plant seeds of curiosity, which is one of the crucial attributes that build the eagerness to learn something new and set the course of their lives. For example, IITs and IIMs are widely popular because of its world-class professors. But if teachers are not at teaching, it will affect children so deeply that they lose interest in those subjects for the lifetime. Thus, the importance of a standard teacher is crystal clear.

However, the perception of the receiver is equally important for educational success. It does not matter how effective and good a teacher is if their students do not have an intention to learn or study, the teaching will be useless. Also, attentive and smart students can make up for poor quality teachers by self-study without any supervision, which is very essential for success in the future. Hence, the willingness to study is also very important for a better learning experience.

In conclusion, some believe the academic achievements depend on the teacher while others believe it depends on the child's willingness and attitude. From my point of view I believe both quality teacher and student's attitudes towards education are equally important and therefore active and positive participation is the key to successful education rather than blaming anyone alone.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

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Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

#### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *It is believed by some people that the effectiveness of study depends on the quality of teaching while others believe that it is the perspective of students that matter the most.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, neither of them alone is efficient, it requires equal and active involvement from both student and teacher to justify the quality of education and educational success.*

#### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'The impact of a great teacher.'*



Supporting points:

- *As a student, people learn very important things about life from their teachers, not only the syllabus but also about the attitude towards life.*
- *But if teachers are not at teaching, it will affect children so deeply that they lose interest in those subjects for the lifetime.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Perception of a receiver.*

Supporting points:

- *It does not matter how effective and good a teacher is if their students do not have an intention to learn or study, the teaching will be useless.*
- *Attentive and smart students can make up for poor quality teachers by self-study without any supervision, which is very essential for success in the future.*

### **Conclusion**

- *Some believe the academic achievements depend on the teacher while others believe it depends on the child's willingness and attitude, from my point of view I believe both quality teacher and student's attitudes towards education are equally important and therefore active and positive participation is the key to successful education rather than blaming anyone alone.*

### **43. Some people think the best way to stay fit is to join the gym/health club, while others think doing everyday activities such as walking and climbing stairs is sufficient. Discuss both views and give your opinion.**

Some people have an opinion that to stay fit, it is necessary to join a gym/health club. Others insist that doing everyday activities and going for a walk or jog should be enough. In my opinion, it depends on the fitness goals of that particular person. If staying healthy and having a reasonably attractive frame is the goal, leading a physically active lifestyle is enough. However, hitting the gym is required if a person wants to stay healthy and also attain a perfect body with abs.

On the one hand, a person's decision to join the fitness centre depends on their fitness goals. These days, a lot of people are very conscious of their body. They get inspired by models, actors and athletes and want to have perfect bodies like their favourite celebrities. It is not possible to achieve this without joining a gymnasium and making adequate changes to their lifestyle and dietary habits. The perfect body with zero fat is not a natural phenomenon and it is not possible to achieve it by doing everyday activities alone.

On the other hand, if a person only wants to stay healthy and eliminate excess body fat, they do not have to work out every day. Walking to the bus stop, taking the stairs of the office and doing errands on foot will burn the excess calories and help them stay in shape. A lot of people have physically demanding jobs. For example, door to door salesmen has to do a lot of walking. Likewise, some jobs involve the lifting of weights. People who engage in such jobs are unlikely to have to do anything extra to achieve fitness.

In conclusion, joining a fitness studio is not mandatory for everyone who wants to be healthy. However, if they require to achieve body transformation, intense workouts and proper supervision are necessary and they should join a gym.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

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### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Some people have an opinion that to stay fit, it is necessary to join a gym/health club. Others insist that doing everyday activities and going for a walk or jog should be enough.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, it depends on the fitness goals of that particular person.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'These days, a lot of people are very conscious of their body..'*

Supporting points:

- *They get inspired by models, actors and athletes and want to have perfect bodies like their favourite celebrities. It is not possible to achieve this without joining a gymnasium and making adequate changes to their lifestyle and dietary habits.*
- *The perfect body with zero fat is not a natural phenomenon and it is not possible to achieve it by doing everyday activities alone.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *If a person only wants to stay healthy and eliminate excess body fat, they do not have to work out every day.*

Supporting points:

- *Walking to the bus stop, taking the stairs of the office and doing errands on foot will burn the excess calories and help them stay in shape.*
- *A lot of people have physically demanding jobs.*

### **Conclusion**

- *Joining a fitness studio is not mandatory for everyone who wants to be healthy. However, if they require to achieve body transformation, intense workouts and proper supervision are necessary and they should join a gym.*

**44. Discipline is an ever-increasing problem in modern schools. Some people think that discipline should be the responsibility of teachers, while others think that this is the role of parents. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.**

Discipline is important for the all-round development of children, however, nowadays many students seem to lack it. According to some people, parents are responsible for inculcating the

value of discipline in their children, others insist that it is the duty of teachers. I agree with the former view.

Different schools have different subjects depending on the child's age and each subject is taught by a specific teacher. It is highly unlikely that each teacher teaches the same standards of discipline to all pupils across all grades. Each child is different and has to be moulded depending on the child's behaviour. To illustrate further, the school near my house has 40 students in one class. The teacher often finds it very difficult to control the class and teach the lesson within the allotted time. The teacher is more concerned about explaining the lesson and completing the course and gives less attention to those who misbehave in their class.

Furthermore, parents observe their kid very closely since their birth. They tend to spend a lot of time with their children during their free time at home. Since they interact more with their child, they have an opportunity to teach them discipline and mend their behaviour. Children often try to imitate their parents and learn behavioural skills from them. For example, Children wake up early in the morning and get ready for school as their parents get ready for their offices. This behaviour is not taught by the parents rather it was something he learned from his own observation.

To conclude this essay, teachers in this modern era find it extremely difficult to discipline all the children and mend their ways within the allotted time. It is the responsibility of the parents to discipline their child and show them what is right and wrong.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Discipline is important for the all-round development of children, however, nowadays many students seem to lack it. According to some people, parents are responsible for inculcating the value of discipline in their children, others insist that it is the duty of teachers.*
- A thesis statement - *I agree with the former view.*

### Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *'Teachers are concerned about finishing the lesson.'*

Supporting points:

- *Different schools have different subjects depending on the child's age and each subject is taught by a specific teacher. It is highly unlikely that each teacher teaches the same standards of discipline to all pupils across all grades.*
- *Each child is different and has to be moulded depending on the child's behaviour.*

### Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Children learn from their parents.

Supporting points:

- *They tend to spend a lot of time with their children during their free time at home. Since they interact more with their child, they have an opportunity to teach them discipline and mend their behaviour.*
- *Children often try to imitate their parents and learn behavioural skills from them.*

### Conclusion

- *Teachers in this modern era find it extremely difficult to discipline all the children and mend their ways within the allotted time. It is the responsibility of the parents to discipline their child and show them what is right and wrong.*

**45. Some people think that formal education should start for children as early as possible. While others think that it should not start until 7 years of age.**

**Discuss both views and give your opinion.**

Some people have the opinion that the ideal time for children to begin their formal education is as soon as possible, others believe that it should not start until they are 7 years old. I believe that it is better to not start until they have at least reached the age of 7.

Those who believe in beginning formal education for children early have their reasons. Firstly, they believe that the earlier the children start to learn, smarter they will be. This is because they will have a head-start over those children who start late. Another reason is that children will learn to be independent, motivated and competitive as they aim to get the best scores and to complete their homework on their own.

Even after these arguments, I believe starting at age 7 is the right choice. This is because overburdening them with study and trying to beat others in the competitive environment simply leads to stress. This is not a good thing for very young children, who should be encouraged to enjoy their lives and make friends. Also, parents should focus on play-based activities at home, which will help them both learn and play and develop cognitive abilities more effectively. For example, in countries such as Sweden and Finland children start formal education later and they have shown better results than many other countries. And this is clear evidence of its benefits.

I think that children should not start school until the age of 7 because they can learn more through play-based activities than formal education. Formal education at an early age simply leads to stress and does not help children achieve higher grades long-term as it builds up pressure.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

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Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased -*Some people have the opinion that the ideal time for children to begin their formal education is as soon as possible, others believe that it should not start until they are 7 years old.*

- A thesis statement - *I believe that it is better to not start until they have at least reached the age of 7.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Reasons to begin formal education early.'*

Supporting points:

- *They believe that the earlier the children start to learn; smarter they will be.  
This is because they will have a head-start over those children who start late.*
- *Children will learn to be independent, motivated and competitive as they aim to get the best scores and to complete their homework on their own.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Reasons to start formal education late.*

Supporting points:

- *This is because over-burdening them with study and trying to beat others in the competitive environment simply leads to stress. This is not a good thing for very young children, who should be encouraged to enjoy their lives and make friends.*
- *Parents should focus on play-based activities at home, which will help them both learn and play and develop cognitive abilities more effectively.*

### **Conclusion**

- *I think that children should not start school until the age of 7 because they can learn more through play-based activities than formal education. Formal education at an early age*

*simply leads to stress and does not help children achieve higher grades long-term as it builds up pressure.*

**46. Some people argue that it is best to accept a bad situation, such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money. Others believe that it is better to try and improve such situations.**

**Discuss both the view and give your opinion.**

Every person has different ways to deal with a bad situation. Some people believe it is best to accept bad situations such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money but some attempt to work hard and overcome the situation. In this essay, we will be discussing both the sides, but I personally believe that it is important to work hard to overcome any bad situation.

Some people often try to find satisfaction in their bad situations, be it a financially unstable situation or an unsatisfactory job, they try to make peace with it due to the fear of making things worse if they try to take any risks. This is mainly because some individuals do not have any other option other than to survive in these conditions.

However, some people show a more positive side and try to improve any bad situation. This positive attitude towards life is called optimism and these kinds of people who portray a positive attitude are called as optimists. There's a popular quote that says "if life gives you lemons, make lemonade out of it."

I agree completely with this view and in my opinion, irrespective of the challenges faced, it is more important to try improving situations. Life in itself is dynamic and will always provide better opportunities when people continue to strive, refuse to give up and most importantly, never give up. In conclusion, it is important to maintain a positive mindset in difficult times is the key to achieving success in life.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *Every person has different ways to deal with a bad situation. Some people believe it is best to accept bad situations such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money but some attempt to work hard and overcome the situation.*



- A thesis statement - *In this essay, we will be discussing both the sides, but I personally believe that it is important to work hard to overcome any bad situation.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Making peace with bad situations.'*

Supporting points:

- *Some people often try to find satisfaction in their bad situations, be it a financially unstable situation or an unsatisfactory job, they try to make peace with it due to the fear of making things worse if they try to take any risks. This is mainly because some individuals do not have any other option other than to survive in these conditions.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Optimism and overcoming other challenges.*

Supporting points:

- *However, some people show a more positive side and try to improve any bad situation. This positive attitude towards life is called optimism and these kinds of people who portray a positive attitude are called as optimists. There's a popular quote that says "if life gives you lemons, make lemonade out of it."*

### **Conclusion**

- *I agree completely with this view and in my opinion, irrespective of the challenges faced, it is more important to try improving situations. Life in itself is dynamic and will always provide better opportunities when people continue to strive, refuse to give up and most importantly, never give up. In conclusion, it is important to maintain a positive mindset in difficult times is the key to achieving success in life.*

**47. Some people believe anyone can make art (paint, music, poetry) while others believe people with specific ability can. Discuss both views and give your opinion.**

One of the highly controversial issues today is whether some people are genetically equipped with what it takes to be a gifted person, such as a skilled musician or athlete, or that it is possible to acquire such a gift through the conventional methods of learning and challenging work.

On one side of the argument, some people opine that if a person is born with an inherent talent, they need not put in much effort to exhibit one's skills. The main reason behind this belief is that many famous actors, musicians, dancers and sportspeople have shown remarkable achievements from an early age. Take, for example, legendary Bollywood singer Lata Mangeshkar, her god-gifted voice led her to become the most successful and celebrated playback singer. Moreover, she belonged to a musical family, so singing was in her genes, which was enhanced further by expert classical training. Thus, it seems realistic and fair to support this notion.

On the other hand, it is also possible to make the opposing case. It is often argued that innate talents and hard-work are not mutually exclusive. People often have this opinion because under appropriate circumstances and good preparations, people can acquire skills that enable them to excel in a profession or talent such as music or sport. Nowadays, modern behavioral science and research can analyze the criteria and the factors that lead to success. A particularly good example here is the national women boxer Mary Kom, who won world championship multiple times and has set a record by achieving excellent results by motivation and training. Thus, their viewpoint is credible and realistic.

In conclusion, although with hard work and dedication one can acquire any talent, I am also inclined to believe that both an inherent talent and expert training are the best combinations to achieve admirable results.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

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### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased - *One of the highly controversial issues today is whether some people are genetically equipped with what it takes to be a gifted person, such as a skilled*

*musician or athlete, or that is it possible to acquire such a gift through the conventional methods of learning and challenging work.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'People with inborn talents have the ability to practice art.'*

Supporting points:

- *The main reason behind this belief is that many famous actors, musicians, dancers and sportspeople have shown remarkable achievements from an early age.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Anyone can make art if they work hard.*

Supporting points:

- *People often have this opinion because under appropriate circumstances and good preparations, people can acquire skills that enable them to excel in a profession or talent such as music or sport.*
- *Nowadays, modern behavioural science and research can analyze the criteria and the factors that lead to success.*

### **Conclusion**

- *Although with hard work and dedication one can acquire any talent, I am also inclined to believe that both an inherent talent and expert training are the best combinations to achieve admirable results.*

**48. In some countries, people encourage students to find part-time jobs while some people don't. Discuss both sides and give your opinion.**

In recent years, students have taken up a lot of part time jobs. A lot of countries offer part-time jobs to students. Some people support students taking up part time jobs while others don't. There are both advantages and disadvantages to doing part time jobs. In my opinion, I believe it has more advantages than disadvantages.

On one hand, Part-time job provides exposure to students and helps them understand how real jobs work. Also, it provides students with work experience which in turn adds value to their resume and puts them a step ahead in the rat-race we're all running in. A part-time job teaches you how to manage time and provides you with an opportunity to do something productive in your spare time. It also helps you earn extra pocket money which can be used for your future studies or investment plans. A part-time job also teaches students how to manage their own expenses and be independent. It also helps them build their career-network which will be helpful in the long run.

On the other hand, the downside of this would be that students who take up part-time jobs might fall out of school, result in absenteeism or not be involved in school activities. Students who work and study are more likely to be stressful, this might affect their grades and performance in their studies such as not having enough time to complete their homework or assignments.

Though there are pros and cons to students taking up part-time jobs, I think that the pros outweigh the cons. I believe that part-time jobs teach a lot of skills to the students and help them become more independent and financially stable.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.

Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Question Paraphrased -. *A lot of countries offer part-time jobs to students. Some people support students taking up part time jobs while others don't. There are both advantages and disadvantages to doing part time jobs.*
- A thesis statement - *In my opinion, I believe it has more advantages than disadvantages.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Benefits of part time job.'*

Supporting points:

- *Part-time job provides exposure to students and helps them understand how real jobs work. Also, it provides students with work experience which in turn adds value to their resume and puts them a step ahead in the rat-race we're all running in.*
- *A part-time job teaches you how to manage time and provides you with an opportunity to do something productive in your spare time. It also helps you earn extra pocket money which can be used for your future studies or investment plans.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *'Disadvantages of a part-time job.'*

Supporting points:

- *The downside of this would be that students who take up part-time jobs might fall out of school, result in absenteeism or not be involved in school activities.*
- *Students who work and study are more likely to be stressful, this might affect their grades and performance in their studies such as not having enough time to complete their homework or assignments.*

## Conclusion

- *Though there are pros and cons to students taking up part-time jobs, I think that the pros outweigh the cons. I believe that part-time jobs teach a lot of skills to the students and help them become more independent and financially stable.*

### **49. Limited money should be spent on computer equipment or good teachers. Discuss both views and state your opinion.**

Technology has become an integral part of our lives just like education. Computer equipment has become very common in our schools as it's essential to be aware of the latest technologies. This, in turn, brings us to the big question, so do we spend more on computer equipment or good teachers? In my opinion, money shouldn't be spent much on computer education.

On the one hand, a good teacher is the most important aspect of quality education. A teacher trains you with all the skills required to become someone you aspire to be. Everyone who became a doctor, an engineer or even an entrepreneur had a teacher to guide them throughout their life. But there aren't a lot of teachers today because they are underpaid. Like every other employee, fair pay motivates them to do their job with utmost satisfaction and sincerity. Not paying them enough wages or not investing in them might be a considerable loss not only to the students but to the whole education system.

On the other hand, computers are beginning to play a major role in our education system. We might be able to access every information that teachers do provide us with, without any teachers at all. A good amount of money should be spent on computers too as they're the future of the education system. Once a student steps out of school, everything that he/she accesses is related to technology. Moreover, computers being used in the classroom can also create a new atmosphere for students rather than the mundane classroom. These might result in students being interested to come to schools.

Computers do have their own advantages, but a teacher is the one who teaches you how to use a computer. So, it is very important to invest in a good teacher, as a teacher shares their knowledge and builds a strong foundation for students. Computers have their own perks but we can use limited resources or limited money on computer equipment and invest more in quality education and a good teacher.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

*You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.*

Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- *Question Paraphrased - Technology has become an integral part of our lives just like education. Computer equipment has become very common in our schools as it's essential to be aware of the latest technologies.*
- *A thesis statement - In my opinion, money shouldn't be spent much on computer education.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: 'A good teacher is the most important aspect of quality education.'

Supporting points:

- *A teacher trains you with all the skills required to become someone you aspire to be. Everyone who became a doctor, an engineer or even an entrepreneur had a teacher to guide them throughout their life.*
- *But there aren't a lot of teachers today because they are underpaid. Like every other employee, fair pay motivates them to do their job with utmost satisfaction and sincerity. Not paying them enough wages or not investing in them might be a considerable loss not only to the students but to the whole education system.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: 'Computers are beginning to play a major role in our education system.'

*Supporting points:*

- *We might be able to access every information that teachers do provide us with, without any teachers at all. A good amount of money should be spent on computers too as they're the future of the education system.*
- *Once a student steps out of school, everything that he/she accesses is related to technology. Moreover, computers being used in the classroom can also create a new atmosphere for students rather than the mundane classroom. These might result in students being interested to come to schools.*

**Conclusion**

- *So, it is very important to invest in a good teacher, as a teacher shares their knowledge and builds a strong foundation for students. Computers have their own perks but we can use limited resources or limited money on computer equipment and invest more in quality education and a good teacher.*



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## **ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES ESSAYS**

### **STRUCTURE OF THE ESSAYS**

If you are given an advantages/disadvantages essay and you have to decide whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you have to list the advantages and disadvantages and decide which outweighs the other.

Once you are clear about the advantages and disadvantages, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

#### **Introduction**

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

#### **Body paragraph 1**

- It should contain the advantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

#### **Body paragraph 2**

- It should contain the disadvantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

#### **Conclusion**

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

**50. Young people are often influenced by their peers. This is called peer group pressure.**

**Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?**

### **Sample answer:**

A peer group is a group of people of almost the same age, passions, tastes, and pursuits. Every man is a piece of the continent. Be it a kid or an older adult, everybody has peers, the former to play, and the latter to chew thoughts together. There is no one in the world who does not take advice and suggestions from others of his age. So, it is no wonder that young people are influenced by their peers. It is so common to want to think alike and follow the crowd. No one can resist peer pressure. It has both merits and demerits but is most often a positive element in one's life.

It is a general human tendency to imitate others. People can learn good things from their peers. For example, person A may not be interested in sports. But peers of his age may be interested in playing football. Slowly, person A will be inclined to play. In due course of time, person A may become one of the best players, and he may owe it to his peers. A first rank holder may influence a dull student at school. Eventually, the dull student may work hard to secure a good rank. School pupil leaders who are kind, soft-spoken, and honest will cast an impression on others. Peers are needed in one's life to share thoughts, get advice on important decisions, and for moral support.

As every rose has a thorn, peer pressure too has some disadvantages. The weak-minded capitulate to wrong peers and end up getting addicted to alcohol and other drugs. A bright student at school may perform poorly in studies due to the wrong peer group. They may be trapped in unwanted affairs due to negative peer pressure. Wrong peer groups are mostly established at adolescence. Young people are very receptive at that age. So care must be taken so that they don't fall prey to wrong peer pressure.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that peer pressure is unavoidable and positive in most cases. Parents must keep an eye on their children to avoid them from yielding to negative peer pressure.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You were given an advantages/disadvantages essay and you have to decide whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Once you are clear about the advantages and disadvantages, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

**Introduction:** Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

**For example:** A peer group is a group of people of almost the same age, passions, tastes, and pursuits. Every man is a piece of the continent. Be it a kid or an older adult, everybody has peers, the former to play, and the latter to chew thoughts together. There is no one in the world who does not take advice and suggestions from others of his age. So it is no wonder that young people are influenced by their peers. It is so common to want to think alike and follow the crowd. No one can resist peer pressure. It has both merits and demerits but is most often a positive element in one's life.

### Body Paragraph 1

#### Advantages:

- May become interested in what others do.
- May become ambitious
- Influenced by good qualities of others
- Seek advice from others
- Look up to peers for moral support

#### Supporting examples:

- May start playing games
- A dull student may secure good marks
- School pupil leaders are imitated

### Body Paragraph 2

#### Disadvantages:

- May develop addiction to drugs
- May be trapped in unwanted affairs
- May perform poorly in studies

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated that advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

**For example:** In conclusion, I firmly believe that peer pressure is unavoidable and positive in most cases. Parents must keep an eye on their children to avoid them from yielding to negative peer pressure.

**51. In some countries, young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.**

**Sample answer:**

There is a mixed opinion on whether countries should encourage young people to take up jobs or travel after finishing high school. Some think that is a mere waste of time and money, while others feel that the experience they gain from work or travel will help them fare better in the university. There are advantages and disadvantages involved in taking up job opportunities or travelling before attending the university.

Primarily, a school is a restricted environment. They concentrate on academics, sports, and certain extracurricular activities. A young person fresh out of school is innocent and has no practical knowledge of tackling real-life problems. They are spoon-fed in schools. The practical knowledge gained will help in a better understanding of the concepts taught in the university. For example, a student who works on mini projects in electronics will excel in his university study in Electronic Engineering. Moreover, the person develops communication skills and becomes a bit more knowledgeable of the world around him.

However, some people think that the break between high school and university education is unnecessary. The university will provide ample opportunities for internships, which will equip the person with the required practical knowledge. Some of them may lose interest in pursuing studies as they have started making money. There will be an unnecessary gap in education, which will be questioned in job interviews. If not justified properly, the person may end up losing an opportunity.

In summary, there are both benefits and drawbacks to taking up jobs after high school. Once they start earning, there is the risk of not joining the university at all. But if they enter the university right after high school, they may struggle out of lack of experience.

### **Structure of the essay:**

You are asked to write an advantages/disadvantages essay. This precisely means that you have to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Remember to jot down all the points (advantages & disadvantages) before you begin the essay. Do not give your opinion.

**Introduction:** There is a mixed opinion on whether countries should encourage young people to take up jobs or travel after finishing high school. Some think that is a mere waste of time and money, while others feel that the experience they gain from work or travel will help them fare better in the university.

**Opinion** - Not required

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

#### **Advantages:**

- Gains experience on real-life problems
- Prior practical knowledge will help to excel in studies

- Develops communication skills

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

#### **Disadvantages:**

- University itself provides internship opportunities
- Possibility of losing interest in pursuing university education
- Unnecessary gap in education

#### **Conclusion:**

Summarised the advantages and disadvantages.

## **52. Demand for gas and oil is increasing and so finding new resources in remote and untouched areas is a necessity.**

### **Do the advantages of this outweigh its disadvantages?**

The increasing demand for oil and gas has made it necessary to look for these sources of energy in remote and untouched natural places. Some people think the advantages of locating oil and gas in these places outweigh the disadvantages of damaging these places.

There are benefits to such a strategy. People wish to improve their living standards, particularly in developing countries, and fuels such as oil and gas contribute to it as they enable the running of cars and planes and machinery for the production of goods. All of these result in higher living standards, and thus we need to keep finding new sources as we will eventually run out.

However, despite this, there are major problems with exploiting fossil fuel in natural places. They could cause a great threat to ecology and the environment. For example, a serious oil spill accident happened in the Gulf of Mexico several years ago, resulting from a mishandled operation within the process of oil drilling. This accident caused a series of problems, such as mass fish deaths and ocean water pollution. Furthermore, extensive extraction of oil could lead to earthquake and ground sinking. All of these activities will ultimately lead to global warming and

health issues; thus, we should no longer be seeking to use such forms of energy. It is evident that the use of these fuels on a large-scale has led to the pollution of many cities and resulted in poor health of its citizens. Therefore, we should be aiming to utilise more eco-friendly options such as solar energy and wind energy for power and electricity for cars.

In conclusion, although there is an advantage of finding new places to get oil and gas, the negative impacts outweigh this as we will damage our environments, as well as harm our health.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given an advantages/disadvantages essay and you have to decide whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Once you are clear about the advantages and disadvantages, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

### **Introduction**

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

For example, *The increasing demand for oil and gas has made it necessary to look for these sources of energy in remote and untouched natural places. Some people think the advantages of locating oil and gas in these places outweigh the disadvantages of damaging these places.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

#### *Advantages*

- *People wish to improve their living standards, particularly in developing countries, and fuels such as oil and gas contribute to it as they enable the running of cars and planes and machinery for the production of goods*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

*Disadvantages.*

- *They could cause a great threat to ecology and the environment.*
- *Extensive extraction of oil could lead to earthquake and ground sinking. All of these activities will ultimately lead to global warming and health issues.*

Example:

- *A serious oil spill accident happened in the Gulf of Mexico several years ago, resulting from a mishandled operation within the process of oil drilling. This accident caused a series of problems, such as mass fish deaths and ocean water pollution.*

**Conclusion**

- *Although there is an advantage of finding new places to get oil and gas, the negative impacts outweigh this as we will damage our environments, as well as harm our health.*

### **53. Some of the local languages are becoming extinct. What are the advantages and disadvantages?**

It is a fact that there are a lot of languages in this world, but every year several of the languages disappear. A group of people believe that the extinction of some languages is not a severe problem since communication will be more effective with fewer languages. Although some people think that the extinction of some languages is a serious problem, I do believe that the diversity of languages around the world has a lot of benefits for an individual and as a society as well.

First of all, the uncountable number of languages that have existed shows the uniqueness of world cultures. It is necessary to maintain the diversity of world languages since each of the languages represents the identity of a community or a tribe. Besides that, although some of the languages might only be spoken by a few people, it has an important function. Many of the traditional myths are written or documented in the minority languages, and if they die out, then the culture would not be known about.

However, it is undeniable that out of hundreds of languages that have existed, few languages become extinct every year. It is believed that the disappearance is due to globalisation of European and American countries, which have forced people to communicate in international languages such as English, German or French. Other people have an opinion that the extinction of the languages is not a serious threat to the world since most of the languages that die are minority languages which are not spoken by several people. Therefore, they would not make a



significant impact on the world. Besides that, the usage of several international languages has made business interaction or diplomatic negotiation among nations or continents easier.

In conclusion, I disagree with the opinion that with only some languages in the world, life will be easier. I believe that the variety of languages shows the richness of the world civilisations and diversity in the culture and they should be passed to the next generation.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You are asked to write an advantages/disadvantages essay. This precisely means that you have to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Remember to jot down all the points (advantages & disadvantages) before you begin the essay. Have an opinion about it before you start writing.

### **Introduction**



- *It is a fact that there are a lot of languages in this world, but every year several of the languages disappear.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

*Advantages.*

- *The uncountable number of languages that have existed shows the uniqueness of world cultures. It is necessary to maintain the diversity of world languages since each of the languages represents the identity of a community or a tribe.*
- *Many of the traditional myths are written or documented in the minority languages, and if they die out, then the culture would not be known about.*

### **Body Paragraph 2**

*Disadvantages.*

- *It is undeniable that out of hundreds of languages that have existed, few languages become extinct every year. It is believed that the disappearance is due to globalisation of European and American countries, which have forced people to communicate in international languages such as English, German or French*
- *Other people have an opinion that the extinction of the languages is not a serious threat to the world since most of the languages that die are minority languages which are not spoken by several people. Therefore, they would not make a significant impact on the world. Besides that, the usage of several international languages has made business interaction or diplomatic negotiation among nations or continents easier.*

## Conclusion

- *I disagree with the opinion that with only some languages in the world, life will be easier. I believe that the variety of languages shows the richness of the world civilisations and diversity in the culture and they should be passed to the next generation.*

## 54. People are becoming famous with the help of TV programmes and the internet. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages.

Television and especially the internet have made it possible for an everyday person to become a celebrity much more easily compared to the past. However, this aspect has also led to a situation where a regular, innocent person can have their lives destroyed. Therefore, it seems that despite the positive aspects of this development, the negative effects are more obvious.

The ability to become popular through digital media leads to the opportunity to become rich and famous. In the past, this was controlled by film studio executives and record labels, but now a typical person can become a star by word of mouth. For example, many popular YouTube stars became famous and wealthy just by their fans sharing their content and then things started rising from there.

Although, the dark side to fame is that it can lead to putting your lives out in the public platform. For every example, a new star emerging from the internet or a TV talent show may have their lives ruined because of public scrutiny. Furthermore, this can arise when someone is completely innocent, in the case of online bullying, or even when someone seeks out attention, they might be ruthlessly mocked for trying to do something creative.

Overall, an increase in the ability for people to express themselves and their creativity is a desirable thing in general. However, in reality, the opportunity to become popular is also dangerous.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You are asked an advantages/disadvantages essay. This precisely means that you have to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Remember to jot down all the points (advantages & disadvantages) before you begin the essay. Have an opinion about it before you start writing.

### **Introduction**

- *Television and especially the internet have made it possible for an everyday person to become a celebrity much more easily compared to the past. However, this aspect has also led to a situation where a regular, innocent person can have their lives destroyed.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Advantages.

- *The ability to become popular through digital media leads to the opportunity to become rich and famous. In the past, this was controlled by film studio executives and record labels, but now a typical person can become a star by word of mouth.*
- *Example: many popular YouTube stars became famous and wealthy just by their fans sharing their content and then things started rising from there.*

### **Body Paragraph 2**

Disadvantages.

- *For every example, a new star emerging from the internet or a TV talent show may have their lives ruined because of public scrutiny.*
- *Furthermore, this can arise when someone is completely innocent, in the case of online bullying, or even when someone seeks out attention, they might be ruthlessly mocked for trying to do something creative.*

## Conclusion

- *An increase in the ability for people to express themselves and their creativity is a desirable thing in general. However, in reality, the opportunity to become popular is also dangerous.*

## **55. Young people are leaving their homes from rural areas to study or work in the cities.**

### **What are the reasons?**

### **Do the advantages of this development outweigh its disadvantages?**

Every year an increasing number of youths are leaving from rural areas to work or study in other cities. The out-migration from small towns and remote villages is increasing, in this case, young people's most productive years are being spent in cities instead of contributing to the developing countryside.

To begin with, living in the city possesses many positive impacts compared to rural life. The endless opportunities in cities push many youths to leave the rural areas. Firstly, children have access to education easily because cities have multiple colleges and universities that can provide them with quality education. Professionals also have access to infinite possibilities of amazing career opportunities with competitive salaries and benefits. Secondly, convenience is another important factor. In cities, one can get all the amenities of modern life and also, the standard of living in the city is higher. Transportation, for instance, cities have well-structured transport network systems that connect key areas. So, people can travel easily in a city because of multiple commute options such as buses, metro trains and cabs.

Turning to the other side of the argument, it is obvious that most cities are overcrowded and overpopulated. Traffic congestion is one of the major disadvantages of living in a city. The spike of vehicles on the road that causes jams and hassle-free travel is next to impossible. The growth in the number of vehicles used decreases the quality of life in cities. Due to the overpopulation lack of accommodation can also be a major problem which makes the cost of living expenses.

However, the negative effect of traffic problems cannot overshadow the amazing advantages such as countless options of entertainment, restaurants and the opportunity to explore international cuisine that make city living enjoyable.

To sum up, life in the city is generally better than in rural areas because of convenience and access to education. Although many youths appreciate the sense of community that exists in villages, yet, there is the issue of scarcity and lack of opportunity in the rural areas and the advantages far exceed the disadvantages.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You are asked an advantages/disadvantages essay and told to outweigh the options. This precisely means that you have to give your opinion on the question after you explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Remember to jot down all the points (advantages & disadvantages) before you begin the essay. Have an opinion about it before you start writing.

### **Introduction**

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
  - *The out-migration from small towns and remote villages is increasing, in this case, young people's most productive years are being spent in cities instead of contributing to the developing countryside.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

- It should contain the advantages.
  - *The endless opportunities in cities push many youths to leave the rural areas. Firstly, children have access to education easily because cities have multiple colleges and universities that can provide them with quality education. Professionals also have access to infinite possibilities of amazing career opportunities with competitive salaries and benefits.*
  - *Secondly, convenience is another important factor. In cities, one can get all the amenities of modern life and also, the standard of living in the city is higher. Transportation, for instance, cities have well-structured transport network systems that connect key areas. So, people can travel easily in a city because of multiple commute options such as buses, metro trains and cabs.*

### **Body Paragraph 2**

- It should contain the disadvantages.
  - *Traffic congestion is one of the major disadvantages of living in a city. The spike of vehicles on the road that causes jams and hasslefree travel is next to impossible.*

- *The growth in the number of vehicles used decreases the quality of life in cities. Due to the overpopulation lack of accommodation can also be a major problem which makes the cost of living expenses.*

### **Body Paragraph 3**

- This paragraph consists of your opinion on whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.
  - *However, the negative effect of traffic problems cannot overshadow the amazing advantages such as countless options of entertainment, restaurants and the opportunity to explore international cuisine that make city living enjoyable.*

### **Conclusion**

- To sum up, life in the city is generally better than in rural areas because of convenience and access to education. Although many youths appreciate the sense of community that exists in villages, yet, there is the issue of scarcity and lack of opportunity in the rural areas and the advantages far exceed the disadvantages.



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## **CAUSE/SOLUTION ESSAYS Structure of the essays**

If you were given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions.

Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

A cause/solution essay should have:

- Introduction
- 2 Body Paragraphs ○ Each paragraph can contain:
  - Either a problem solution paragraph.
  - Problems in one paragraph and solutions in the other. ●



- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

### **Body Paragraph 1**

- Problems
- Real-life examples

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

- Solutions
- Real-life examples

### **Conclusion:**

Your conclusion paragraph should paraphrase the question.

**56. Car drivers and cyclists share the same roads, and this can cause problems for both of them. Why is this the case? What measures can be taken to solve these problems?**

**Sample answer:**

Of late, there has been an increase in the number of accidents when cyclists and car-drivers share the same lane. There have been cases where cyclists are thrown off their cycles onto the road. Primary causes are careless drivers from both categories and improper road planning by the government. But, the situation could improve if the government takes appropriate safety measures.

In slow-moving traffic, accidents occur when cyclists overtake a car by pedaling past them. Accidents happen in cases when car-drivers change lanes without checking their mirrors or blind spot before they change direction. There have been cyclists hit by motorists at night times because of cyclists not having their lights on. This is mere carelessness by the cyclists. Also, the road may have potholes. A cyclist unaware of the pothole and driving close to a motorist is more prone to an accident.

But there are practical solutions to prevent these conflicts. Firstly, cyclists need to think twice before overtaking four-wheelers. In cases where the car is travelling at great speed, the cyclist must not attempt to overtake the vehicle. Car drivers need to be aware of the highway code that says cyclists may encounter sudden obstacles on the road, and motorists need to consider this fact. Cyclists need to be wary of the road conditions before they use it. A cyclist needs to be careful when driving on a poor road amidst motorists. The government must implement separate lanes for cyclists and motorists and penalise anyone who bypasses the lanes. Strict policing must be done in T-junctions and roundabouts to avoid accidents.

In conclusion, accidents occur due to carelessness from the drivers of both categories and improper road planning. The problems could be solved by implementing separate lanes for cyclists and motorists and careful driving from both ends.



## Structure of the essay:

If you were given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions.

Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

### Introduction:

**Question paraphrased** - Of late, there has been an increase in the number of accidents when cyclists and car-drivers share the same lane. There have been cases where cyclists are thrown off their cycles onto the road. Primary causes are careless drivers from both categories and improper road planning by the government. But, the situation could improve if the government takes appropriate safety measures.

### Body Paragraph 1:

**Central idea** : Reasons why conflicts occur between cyclists and motorists.

### Supporting points:

- Cyclist's tendency to overtake in slow moving traffic
- Motorists not paying attention to mirrors or blind spots
- Cyclists not having their lights on, at night.
- Poorly maintained roads.

### Body Paragraph 2:

**Central idea** : Steps that can be taken to avoid conflicts between motorists and cyclists

### Supporting points:

- Cyclists should not try to overtake a car which is at its full speed.
- Separate lanes for cyclists and motorists.
- Motorists need to be considerate of the fact that cyclists may encounter sudden obstacles on the road.

### **Conclusion:**

Summarised the causes and solutions - In conclusion, accidents occur due to carelessness from the drivers of both categories and improper road planning. The problems could be solved by implementing separate lanes for cyclists and motorists and careful driving from both ends.

**57.If an individual acts in an anti-social way, such as committing the crime, who is to be blamed: society or the individual? What are the causes behind such behavior? Who should be responsible for this?**

### **Sample answer:**

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Antisocial behaviours are errant actions of a person that are considered to be harmful to society. This can be exhibited in different ways, such as violence and unfriendliness towards fellow human beings. A person becomes a criminal due to various reasons. People hailing from broken homes, children raised by step-mothers, orphaned children abandoned by the society are some examples. The community is to be blamed for people committing crimes. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall examine this in detail.

Primarily, people become criminals because of circumstantial pressures. In situations where parents have divorced and found different partners, the children born to the earlier partner may be neglected. Such children envy the attention and care given to their siblings and eventually develop hatred towards society in later life. Secondly, some people join terrorist groups. This is primarily due to unemployment and people with moral anger towards society. Unemployed people engage in unlawful activities due to social estrangement, while the highly educated people become terrorists due to religious fanaticism and dogmas of faith they have developed from young.

The government, parents and educational institutions should take responsibility for creating an ideal society. The government should create ample employment opportunities and encourage self-employment activities. It should curb religious bigotry at all levels. Parents should ensure that their relationship problems do not affect their children adversely. Teachers should pay special attention to children undergoing challenging situations at home.

In conclusion, society should take the blame for people developing antisocial tendencies. Childhood environment, societal negligence and articles of faith instilled from childhood are the causes of developing differences with society. The government, along with parents and teachers, should take equal responsibility to solve these problems.

### **Structure of the essay:**

If you were given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions.

Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question paraphrased** - Antisocial behaviours are errant actions of a person that are considered to be harmful to society. This can be exhibited in different ways, such as violence and unfriendliness towards fellow human beings. A person becomes a criminal due to various reasons. People hailing from broken homes, children raised by step-mothers, orphaned children abandoned by the society are some examples. The community is to be blamed for people committing crimes.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea :** Causes for anti-social behaviour

### **Supporting points:**

- Children hailing from broken homes

- Unemployment
- People with moral anger towards the society
- Articles of faith instilled as a child

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Steps that can be taken to meet food demand

### **Supporting points:**

- Government should encourage self-employment
- Parents with relationship problems with their partners should ensure that it does not affect their children
- Teachers should pay special attention to children having problems at home.

### **Conclusion:**

Summarised the causes and solutions - In conclusion, society should take the blame for people developing antisocial tendencies in a person. Childhood environment, societal negligence and articles of faith instilled from childhood are the causes of developing differences with society. The government, along with parents and teachers, should take equal responsibility to solve these problems

**58.The demand for food is increasing worldwide. Why has it happened? What measures could the international community take to improve the situation?**

### **Sample answer:**

The demand for food has exceeded production. This is worrisome because hunger and starvation will increase the death toll. Two major causes can be attributed to the current situation. They are

population explosion and changes in diet patterns of people, such as becoming protein savvy. However, it can be mitigated by taking the necessary steps.

In the 21st century, the global population has seen a four-fold increase. According to a survey, the world consisted of only 1.8 billion people in 1915. According to the numbers estimated by the UN, we are 7.3 billion people now, and we are expected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050. This growth is fuelling demand for food. The demand for food is estimated to increase between 59% to 98% by 2050. There has been a change in food consumption of people in developed and developing countries who have started using superior grains. Climate changes such as extreme weather conditions and depletion of water resources have led to low crop yields.

However, some steps can be taken to overcome this issue. Firstly, deforestation should be stopped. They don't serve the purpose at all. Defendants of deforestation claim that the forests were cleared to make more agricultural lands. But deforestation has many dangerous after-effects which impact the production of crops. Farmers need to resort to organic fertilizers and modern farming practices to increase the yield of crops. The government should lessen the loan burden of farmers. The global community must ensure that there are good storage and transportation facilities so that starving nations get food from those who produce it in surplus. Awareness must be created that people need not resort to superfoods to meet their protein needs.

In conclusion, though population explosion and change in food consumption have fuelled demand for food, we can meet it by adopting measures such as stopping deforestation, resorting to organic fertilizers, and following modern agricultural practices.

### **Structure of the essay:**

If you were given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions.

Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question paraphrased** - The demand for food has exceeded the production. This is worrisome because hunger and starvation will increase the death toll. Two major causes can be attributed to the current situation. They are population explosion and changes in diet patterns of people such as becoming protein savvy. However, it can be mitigated by taking necessary steps.

**Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea :** Factors fuelling food demand

**Supporting points:**

- Population explosion
- Change in food consumption
- Climatic changes leading to low crop yields

**Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Steps that can be taken to meet food demand

**Supporting points:**

- Stopping deforestation
- Adopting modern agricultural practices
- Lessening the loan burden on farmers

**Conclusion:**

Summarised the causes and solutions - In conclusion, though population explosion and change in food consumption have fuelled demand for food, we can meet it by adopting measures such as stopping deforestation, resorting to organic fertilizers, and following modern agricultural practices.

## **59. Teenagers face a lot of problems in school and at home. What is the cause of this? How can parents solve this problem?**

Teenage years are the most delicate years of a person's life. It is believed that they usually face a lot of problems and hesitate to share their difficulties with others so parents, as well as tutors, can play a prominent role to solve their problems.

It is certainly true that a person at his teenage is not able to adapt to all things like an adult. They face huge problems in their academic and other extracurricular activities. For example, most of the parents compel their children to choose a particular stream in which they have no interest in. Thus, it puts a negative effect on their studies and future. Additionally, the teacher may be partially dealing with some students so some of the left-out students are unable to understand various technical subjects such as mathematics and science. Therefore, they lose their courage and cannot put best efforts to achieve success in life.

However, the parents should give full freedom to children to select a field of interest in their study. They also should spend enough time with their children so that they can gain knowledge about their traditions, customs and family history. The educational institution can organise a sports event at least once in a month so teenagers develop their traits like team-work, coordination, team-spirit and tolerance. It is crystal clear that these measures will help to boost up the confidence of teenagers.

It has been proved that it is the responsibility of both parents as well as teachers to help them in every problem. It is undoubtedly true that teenagers are not fully mentally sturdy to take the crucial decision for their foreseeable future.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a cause/solution essay for which you had to talk about the problem and the solution to the problem.

Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

## Introduction

- *Teenage years are the most delicate years of a person's life. It is believed that they usually face a lot of problems and hesitate to share their difficulties with others so parents, as well as tutors, can play a prominent role to solve their problems.*

### Body Paragraph 1 Problems:

- *They face huge problems in their academic and other extracurricular activities.*
- *The teacher may be partially dealing with some students so some of the left-out students are unable to understand various technical subjects such as mathematics and science.*

Example:

- *For example, most of the parents compel their children to choose a particular stream in which they have no interest in. Thus, it puts a negative effect on their studies and future.*

### Body Paragraph 2:

Solutions:

- *The parents should give full freedom to children to select a field of interest in their study. They also should spend enough time with their children so that they can gain knowledge about their traditions, customs and family history.*
- *The educational institution can organise a sports event at least once in a month so teenagers develop their traits like team-work, co-ordination, team-spirit and tolerance.*

### Conclusion:

- *It has been proved that it is the responsibility of both parents as well as teachers to help them in every problem. It is undoubtedly true that teenagers are not fully mentally sturdy to take the crucial decision for their foreseeable future.*



## **60. Overpopulation in urban areas has led to numerous problems.**

**Identify one or two serious ones and suggest ways that governments and individuals can tackle these problems.**

We all know that overpopulation is the major problem in most countries and is being increased day by day mostly in Urban areas. It is our duty as individuals alongside the government to find out the issues in the city and help overcome these problems.

Firstly, the major problem with overpopulation is providing people with housing facilities. The government is unable to provide people with appropriate housing facilities. To overcome this situation, we have to urge the government to make use of their funds to build many houses, in order to rent it to the migrated people. We as individuals can also offer to help solve the issue by renting one or two extra rooms in our house to students who have come from other countries or cities.

Secondly, people choose to travel in their vehicles rather than travelling in public transport because public transport is overcrowded and people feel inconvenient to travel in overcrowded transportation. And this, in turn, may also cause a lot of air pollution as well, which ultimately results in ruining the health of the people. To overcome this problem the government should come up with more transport facilities to make travel easier. We as individuals can overcome this issue by walking for short distances so that people who travel for long distances can use the transport facilities, and the problem of air pollution will be reduced.

To sum it up, there a lot of problems or issues that come up due to overpopulation. But, if we as individuals help the government solve these problems. I am sure all the issues will be solved.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a cause/solution essay for which you had to talk about the problem and the solution to the problem.

Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

### **Introduction**

- *We all know that overpopulation is the major problem in most countries and is being increased day by day mostly in Urban areas.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Providing housing facilities for everyone.'*

Problem:

- *The major problem with overpopulation is providing people with housing facilities. The government is unable to provide people with appropriate housing facilities.*

Solution:

- *To overcome this situation, we have to urge the government to make use of their funds to build many houses, in order to rent it to the migrated people.*
- *We as individuals can also offer to help solve the issue by renting one or two extra rooms in our house to students who have come from other countries or cities.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Public transport getting overcrowded.*

Problem:

- *People choose to travel in their vehicles rather than travelling in public transport because public transport is overcrowded.*

Solution:

- *To overcome this problem the government should come up with more transport facilities to make travel easier. We as individuals can overcome this issue by walking for short distances so that people who travel for long distances can use the transport facilities, and the problem of air pollution will be reduced.*

**Conclusion:**

- *To sum it up, there a lot of problems or issues that come up due to overpopulation. But, if we as individuals help the government solve these problems. I am sure all the issues will be solved.*

**61. Large businesses have big budgets for marketing and promotion and as a result, people gravitate towards buying their products.**

**What problems does this cause?**

**What could be done to encourage people to buy local products?**

Thanks to globalization, multinational companies have entered the local markets. They have huge marketing budgets to promote their products and attract buyers. Unfortunately, the aggressive marketing tactics employed by big companies lead to the death of local shops. However, local store owners can counter this by improving the quality of their products and offering personalized services.

Global business giants now have their outlets even in small villages. Since they offer huge discounts on most products, they can easily attract buyers. At first glance, this may seem beneficial for the customers but it is not. The presence of international retailers in the local market hurts local businesses and thus the local economy. For example, many local merchants have lost their livelihood because their products have no buyers. Instead of buying their handmade products, people now prefer to buy factory-made products that look more attractive. If local people lose their livelihood, eventually the purchasing power of the local community will decline.

The only way for local businesses to compete with international giants is to offer personalized services. While it is true that local traders cannot offer the kind of discounts or offers that multinational giants offer, they know their customers better. It is also possible for them to understand the exact needs of their target group. This knowledge puts them in a better position to cater to the specific needs of their buyers. In addition to this, the local businessmen should try to improve the quality of their products. This is essential to ensure that their customers will return. The government also needs to intervene and prevent multinational giants from entering certain sectors.

To conclude, when international companies woo local customers with great discounts and offers, the local economy suffers the most. However, local businessmen can overcome this threat by offering customized solutions to their buyers.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a cause/solution essay for which you had to talk about the problem and the solution to the problem.

Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

### **Introduction**

- *Thanks to globalisation, multinational companies have entered the local markets. They have huge marketing budgets to promote their products and attract buyers. Unfortunately, the aggressive marketing tactics employed by big companies lead to the death of local shops.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Problems:

- *Global business giants now have their outlets even in small villages.*
- *At first glance, this may seem beneficial for the customers but it is not. The presence of international retailers in the local market hurts local businesses and thus the local economy.*

Example:

- *Many local merchants have lost their livelihood because their products have no buyers.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Solutions:

- *The only way for local businesses to compete with international giants is to offer personalized services.*

- *The local businessmen should try to improve the quality of their products. This is essential to ensure that their customers will return.*
- *The government also needs to intervene and prevent multinational giants from entering certain sectors.*

**Conclusion:**

- *When international companies woo local customers with great discounts and offers, the local economy suffers the most. However, local businessmen can overcome this threat by offering customized solutions to their buyers.*



## **DIRECT QUESTION ESSAYS Structure of the essays**

If you are given a direct question essay.

All you have to do with direct question essays is, answer the questions given, in each body paragraph.

A direct question essay should have:

- Introduction
- Body Paragraphs vary according to the number of questions ●
- Conclusion

### **Introduction**

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

### **Body Paragraphs**

Your body paragraph should revolve around the answer to the question. But it should be according to this format:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (optional, would help you to score a higher band)

A central idea - The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

## Conclusion

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

### **62. Some people think that it is good to be ambitious. How important is it to be ambitious? Do you think it's a good characteristic?**

Ambition is nothing but a strong desire for achieving a goal through hard work and determination. The great achievers of history have all had it. Individuals with this trait are people who consistently drive towards their dreams and goals. So, there is not a shadow of a doubt that ambition is a positive trait which is essential to be successful.

To begin with, I oppose the thought that ambition is a negative characteristic. Ambition does not constitute a character flaw which causes dishonesty or an unquenchable thirst for outcomes beyond the reach of their goal. Instead, ambition is an aspiration for attaining something good where nothing even existed before.

Again, I firmly believe that ambition is the key to success whereas success can be defined as embracing a goal. However, the road to success is always filled with ups and downs, pain, uncertainty, and tremendous hard work. In this context, one needs great effort in order to be successful in attaining his goal and therefore he needs to be persistent and highly motivated in the goal. It goes without saying that it is absurd to have such motivation and determination without being ambitious. That is to say, that ambition creates zeal within the human that fuels motivation and instigates the aspiration to succeed. In addition, ambition leads to dedication which fosters perseverance. More or less, each of us has some goals, but only who has the ability to stick with his goal can taste the success. Thus, ambition plays a crucial role in achieving goals.

In conclusion, success is a phenomenon that all of us wish to attain. Success and ambition go hand in hand. This suggests that ambition can never be a negative trait. In achieving the goal, ambition and success are not divergent but interconnected in such a way that one can be explored through another.

## **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a direct question essay.

All you have to do with direct question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

### **Introduction**

- *Ambition is nothing but a strong desire for achieving a goal through hard work and determination. The great achievers of history have all had it.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Ambition isn't a negative characteristic.'*

Supporting points:

- *Ambition does not constitute a character flaw which causes dishonesty or an unquenchable thirst for outcomes beyond the reach of their goal. Instead, ambition is an aspiration for attaining something good where nothing even existed before.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Ambition is the key to success*

Supporting points:

- *In this context, one needs great effort in order to be successful in attaining his goal and therefore he needs to be persistent and highly motivated in the goal. It goes without saying that it is absurd to have such motivation and determination without being ambitious.*
- *Ambition creates zeal within the human that fuels motivation and instigates the aspiration to succeed. In addition, ambition leads to dedication which fosters perseverance.*

### **Conclusion**



- *Success is a phenomenon that all of us wish to attain. Success and ambition go hand in hand. This suggests that ambition can never be a negative trait. In achieving the goal, ambition and success are not divergent but interconnected in such a way that one can be explored through another.*

### **63. Some people say that watching TV programmes and movies related to crime are popular.**

#### **Why do you think it's popular and how does it affect society?**

Nowadays, people love to watch different shows and films on television and in the cinema theatres. They are keen to watch Tv shows and movies in the crime genre than other genres. In my opinion, they watch it because these are more entertaining and it creates awareness among the masses about different dangers in society.

To start with, people show great interest in watching crime content because it fascinates them more than drama shows and these are based on the real-life stories of the people. For example, there is a popular crime show, which is telecasted on Sony channel. In this programme, they broadcast the real stories of misdeeds that happened to the people in the past and it thrills the folks. As a result, the Television Rating Point (TRP) of the show is way more than the other drama shows telecasted at the same time on different channels. So, crime shows are more admired by people.

Moreover, it has a positive impact on the community because it alerts them from various dangers present in society such as kidnapping, molestation and murders. Also, it tells them about numerous laws that are there in the constitution to protect them against these heinous crimes. For example, there is a movie called Singham, released a couple of years ago and in this movie, they explained how to tackle the situation if any misdeed happens. It was a super hit film. Hence, it is apparent that it brings a positive change in society.

In conclusion, crime programmes are the most popular among individuals due to its ability to engage people and it also has a good impact on humankind as these are more knowledgeable than the drama shows and more shows and films in this genre should be made.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a direct question essay.

All you have to do with direct question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

### **Introduction**

- *Nowadays, people love to watch different shows and films on television and in the cinema theatres. They are keen to watch Tv shows and movies in the crime genre than other genres.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'It is more fascinating and based on real-life'*

Supporting points:

- *To start with, people show great interest in watching crime content because it fascinates them more than drama shows and these are based on the real-life stories of the people.*

Example:

- *There is a popular crime show, which is telecasted on Sony channel. In this programme, they broadcast the real stories of misdeeds that happened to the people in the past and it thrills the folks.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Positive impact on the community*

Supporting points:

- *It has a positive impact on the community because it alerts them from various dangers present in society such as kidnapping, molestation and murders.*
- *It tells them about numerous laws that are there in the constitution to protect them against these heinous crimes.*

Example:

- *There is a movie called Singham, released a couple of years ago and in this movie, they explained how to tackle the situation if any misdeed happens.*

## Conclusion

- *Crime programmes are the most popular among individuals due to its ability to engage people and it also has a good impact on humankind as these are more knowledgeable than the drama shows and more shows and films in this genre should be made.*



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**64. Many students are now refusing to choose science subjects at their university level.**

**Why do you think this is happening and what is the impact on the community?**

It is true that the number of science students are becoming inadequate in different parts of the world nowadays. There are two major factors that contribute to the common disinterest in science subjects.

Firstly, those subjects are often challenging and require a lot of intensity as well as a great deal of patience and intelligence. The number of researches that an average Biology student has to do is more than other subjects with a higher level of both difficulty and commitment, which stops many students from choosing science as their majors. Secondly, employment opportunities in this particular field are limited and extremely competitive. Although a huge amount of time and effort is spent on science study at school, there is still little chance for them to get a job after graduation.

Society greatly suffers from the scarcity of aspirants in science fields. As the number of science students is less, other majors such as business or economics have increased, hence the imbalance in the future workforce. Competitiveness increased due to too many degree holders of the same expertise pushing a worrying number of graduates to the verge of unemployment. Another problem is the shortage of science professionals as qualified employees are low in number. Unless more students decided to study science at university, sooner or later we would have to face a major human resource crisis.

In conclusion, some strict requirements of science subjects and employment opportunities are the reasons why a lot of students are not choosing science subjects to study, and there are serious problems arising from this situation, hence government should create more job opportunities to overcome this issue.

**STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a direct question essay.

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### **Introduction**

- *It is true that the number of science students are becoming inadequate in different parts of the world nowadays.*

### **Body Paragraph 1**

Central idea: *'Reasons why it's happening.'*

Supporting points:

- *Those subjects are often challenging and require a lot of intensity as well as a great deal of patience and intelligence. The number of researches that an average Biology student has to do is more than other subjects with a higher level of both difficulty and commitment, which stops many students from choosing science as their majors.*
- *Employment opportunities in this particular field are limited and extremely competitive. Although a huge amount of time and effort is spent on science study at school, there is still little chance for them to get a job after graduation.*

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

Central idea: *Scarcity of aspirants in science fields.*

Supporting points:

- *As the number of science students is less, other majors such as business or economics have increased, hence the imbalance in the future workforce. Competitiveness increased due to too many degree holders of the same expertise pushing a worrying number of graduates to the verge of unemployment.*

### **Conclusion**

- *Some strict requirements of science subjects and employment opportunities are the reasons why a lot of students are not choosing science subjects to study, and there are serious*

*problems arising from this situation, hence government should create more job opportunities to overcome this issue.*

**65. Art is considered an essential part of all cultures throughout the world. However, these days fewer and fewer people appreciate art and turn their focus to science, technology and business.**

**Why do you think that is?**

**What could be done to encourage more people to take an interest in the arts?**

Art has always played an important role in enriching cultures all over the world. However, people are showing less and less interest in art these days.

While it is true that art enriches our culture, it plays little or no role in improving our lives. For example, one does not have to admire great paintings or marvel at brilliant sculptures to live comfortably. This is not exactly the same as the contributions of science and technology. For example, electricity or computers. It is impossible to imagine a life without these technologies. It is okay to say, people are showing more interest in science than in arts. Science and business also create more jobs and sustain financially.

Another reason for the losing popularity of art is that it has lost the patronage of governments. During the monarchy, artists enjoyed considerable attention. While governments still support art and artists no special incentive is given to produce masterpieces of art. Art and culture co-exist. One cannot survive without the other. That explains the importance of preserving art. One way of doing this is to make art a viable career option. The government should create jobs in this sector by opening more and more art galleries and organizing exhibitions and cultural programmes. This will encourage more students to pursue art at school and colleges.

To conclude, the most effective way to nurture art is to capitalize on its economic potential. The government can do this by creating jobs in this sector.

### **Direct Question Essay**

You are provided with a Direct Question Essay, which is one of the easiest essays. All you have to do is answer the questions.

## Introduction

- *Art has always played an important role in enriching cultures all over the world. However, people are showing less and less interest in art these days.*

## Body paragraph 1

Supporting points:

- *While it is true that art enriches our culture, it plays little or no role in improving our lives. For example, one does not have to admire great paintings or marvel at brilliant sculptures to live comfortably. This is not exactly the same as the contributions of science and technology. For example, electricity or computers.*
- *Another reason for the losing popularity of art is that it has lost the patronage of governments. During the monarchy, artists enjoyed considerable attention. While governments still support art and artists no special incentive is given to produce masterpieces of art. Art and culture co-exist. One cannot survive without the other.*

## Conclusion

- *To conclude, the most effective way to nurture art is to capitalize on its economic potential. The government can do this by creating jobs in this sector.*

## **66. Many people are copying celebrities from magazines and on TV.**

**Why is this happening?**

**Do you think it's a good idea to copy celebrities?**

Today's young generation follow celebrities and desire to live a life like sportspeople, actors, actresses, singers, dancers etc. on all types of social platforms. They are getting information about their favorite celebrities and are prone to talk about their glamorous and luxurious life with their peers.

Due to the use of social media, there are new ways to peek into celebrities' life. People often think of celebrities as their ideals and tend to copy their lifestyle and follow their footsteps to achieve success. This can often lead us to an urge of leading a life we are unable to afford, which also creates a false expectation.

The luxurious lifestyle and beauty of celebrities often influence the younger generation. Trying to copy them, their styles, hairstyles, and looks can lead to disappointments when they aren't flawless like the celebrities in spite of trying. Some put themselves under tremendous pressure to look as beautiful as celebrities and forget that filters and camera applications also play a major role in the pictures.

This has also been one of the main causes of depression among the younger generation. I don't think that copying celebrities is a good idea as it only affects our mental health due to the constant comparison of our lives with theirs. We need to be happy and content with what we have and thus remove the influences of these celebrities from our life.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a direct question essay.

All you have to do with direct question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.



## Introduction

- *Today's young generation follow celebrities and desire to live a life like sportspeople, actors, actresses, singers, dancers etc on all types of social platforms.*

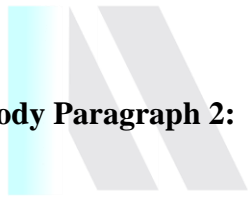
## Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *'Influence of lifestyle on the younger generation'*

Supporting points:

- *People often think of celebrities as their ideals and tend to copy their lifestyle and follow their footsteps to achieve success. This can often lead us to an urge of leading a life we are unable to afford, which also creates a false expectation.*

## Body Paragraph 2:



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Central idea: *'Influence of beauty on the younger generation'*

Supporting points:

- *Trying to copy them, their styles, hairstyles, and looks can lead to disappointments when they aren't flawless like the celebrities in spite of trying.*
- *Some put themselves under tremendous pressure to look as beautiful as celebrities and forget that filters and camera applications also play a major role in the pictures.*

## Conclusion

- *I don't think that copying celebrities is a good idea as it only affects our mental health due to the constant comparison of our lives with theirs. We need to be happy and content with what we have and thus remove the influences of these celebrities from our life.*

### **67. Online shopping is significantly increasing. What effect does this have on people, what are the demerits and what are the job opportunities?**

In today's busy lifestyle, going to the market for shopping has become a difficult task compared to online shopping. It's easier as you can see all the items on your mobile phones or laptops without any effort. We can see different variants of the item, compare prices and do not have to get through the hassle of multiple stores to find the perfect dress, colour and fit. It's also less time consuming.

Online shopping, like other businesses has both advantages and disadvantages. Online shopping has become a wide market in which goods are sold at cheaper and affordable prices to the customers. The growing competition in e-commerce business has led to huge discounts for customers. Online shopping is less time consuming, affordable and offers multiple options in just one click. There are also cases of fraud that has taken place as lower quality and cheaper quality products are delivered instead of original products that were promised. At the same time, it has affected the retail shops in the market and many of them have shut down due to lesser customers, which has resulted in many daily wage workers, retailer workers and sales agents losing their jobs.

On the bright side, Online shopping has provided job opportunities for the people in the IT sector. They design these online shopping websites and the technical team that maintains it. It has also created thousands of jobs such as customer Service agents, where the consumer can reach out for assistance and enquiries related to the product they want to purchase.

As mentioned earlier online shopping has made life easier without the hassle of going all the way to the market, or visiting various shops to find the right product and a lot of time is saved hence online shopping has significantly increased and made a tremendous impact.

## **Direct Question Essay**

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### **Introduction**

- *In today's busy lifestyle, going to the market for shopping has become a difficult task compared to online shopping.*

### **Body paragraph 1**

- *Online shopping is less time consuming, affordable and offers multiple options in just one click. There are also cases of fraud that has taken place as lower quality and cheaper quality products are delivered instead of original products that were promised.*
- *At the same time, it has affected the retail shops in the market and many of them have shut down due to lesser customers, which has resulted in many daily wage workers, retailer workers and sales agents losing their jobs.*

### **Body Paragraph 2**

- *Online shopping has provided job opportunities for the people in the IT sector. They design these online shopping websites and the technical team that maintains it.*
- *It has also created thousands of jobs such as customer service agents, where the consumer can reach out for assistance and enquiries related to the product they want to purchase.*

### **Conclusion**

- *As mentioned earlier online shopping has made life easier without the hassle of going all the way to the market, or visiting various shops to find the right product and a lot of time is saved hence online shopping has significantly increased and made a tremendous impact.*

**68. Some companies have uniforms for their staff which must be worn at all times.**

**What are the advantages for a company having a uniform?**

**Are there any benefits of having a uniform for the staff?**

Uniforms are a necessity for employees working in a certain company. They add a lot of benefits to the company.

Employers wearing uniforms in a company shows the unity of a company and makes all staffs feel like their equals. Companies that have uniforms for their staff expect them to wear it every day to maintain the discipline of the company and follow the rules of the company. It also helps in security purposes by not allowing anyone without the uniform into the company.

Uniforms also help in brand promotion, uniforms with brand name and logos promote the company wherever the employee goes, it also becomes a free source of promotion and advertisement to the company. It also helps the company create a brand image as the uniform differentiate the employees from the other competitors in the market. It also provides numerous benefits to the staff of the company. As the uniform is provided by the employer, it saves the staff tons of money and they do not have to worry about what to wear to work. It also provides extra safety benefits as the uniforms are designed with Flame-Resistant workwear which protects them from accidental fire and electrical hazards.

Uniforms provide employees with a lot of benefits in terms of safety, promotion, security purposes and companies that force or have a rule that makes the employees wear a uniform isn't a bad idea at all.

### **STRUCTURE OF AN ESSAY**

You were given a direct question essay.

All you have to do with direct question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

## Introduction

- *Uniforms are a necessity for employees working in a certain company. They add a lot of benefits to the company.*

## Body Paragraph 1

Central idea: *'Benefits of an employee wearing uniform.'*

Supporting points:

- *Employers wearing uniform in a company shows the unity of a company and makes all staffs feel like their equals. Companies that have uniforms for their staff expect them to wear it every day to maintain the discipline of the company and follow the rules of the company*
- *It also helps in security purposes by not allowing anyone without the uniform into the company.*



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## Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: *Added benefits of an employee wearing uniform.*

Supporting points:

- *Uniforms also help in brand promotion, uniforms with brand name and logos promote the company wherever the employee goes, it also becomes a free source of promotion and advertisement to the company. It also helps the company create a brand image as the uniform differentiate the employees from the other competitors in the market.*
- *It also provides numerous benefits to the staff of the company. As the uniform is provided by the employer, it saves the staff tons of money and they do not have to worry about what to wear to work. It also provides extra safety benefits as the uniforms are designed with Flame-Resistant workwear which protects them from accidental fire and electrical hazards.*

## Conclusion

- *Uniforms provide employees with a lot of benefits in terms of safety, promotion, security purposes and companies that force or have a rule that makes the employees wear a uniform isn't a bad idea at all.*



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