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Opinion Essay

General Structure

Instructions to follow

- 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



Essay 1

Some people say it is more important to plant trees in the open spaces in towns and cities than to build more housing. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Sample Answer

The utilization of the open areas for planting or building more houses has become a debatable issue. In my opinion, I agree that trees and gardens play a vital role in human development. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view and give supporting reasons.

To begin with, the cultivation of more trees in urban settings benefits city dwellers in a variety of ways. For example, extra tree shade is generated when more trees are planted in open areas, which not only promotes the aesthetics of the city but also helps to lower the city's temperature. Also, it provides more space to elders and youngsters to do some physical activities in this relaxing environment.

Additionally, these plants assist in reducing urban air pollution and noise levels and promote higher living standards. Experts have discovered that tree leaves are great absorbers, especially of carbon dioxide and dust. In addition, trees generate oxygen, which can help to reduce pollution in cities and improve air quality.

However, it is true that more housing means more places to live. But it cannot be ignored that people are suffering from urbanisation induced air pollution and the only solution to protect them is to plant more trees.

To sum up, due to mass urbanization, the need for trees and gardens has drastically increased to improve the quality of life in overcrowded cities. Moreover, trees and gardens are natural combats that can help protect against various man-made disasters.



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 more important to plant trees in the open spaces in towns and cities than to build more housing?

(or)

- Do you disagree that it is more important to plant trees in the open spaces in towns and cities than to build more housing?

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

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Question Paraphrased - The issue of utilization of the open areas for planting or building more houses has grown to become a debatable issue.

Opinion - In my opinion, I agree that trees and gardens play a vital role in human development.

A thesis statement - In the forthcoming paragraph, I shall explain my point of view and give supporting reasons.

Body Paragraph 1:

Central idea: Benefits of planting trees over building houses

Supporting points:

- Promotes aesthetics of the city
- Provides opportunities to engage with other people
- Improves quality of life and give more relaxing environment

Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Benefits of planting trees over building houses

Supporting points:

- Improves air and noise quality
- Absorbers carbon dioxide and dust



Conclusion:

Reiterated that due to mass urbanization, the need for trees and gardens has drastically increased and supported the side taken in introduction.



Essay 2

Some believe it is important for cities and towns to invest heavily in building large outdoor public spaces. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Sample Answer

As we are progressing towards development and well-built infrastructure, many people claim that it is essential for cities to invest substantially in the creation of large outdoor public spaces. In my opinion, it is true that the authorities should invest in building huge outdoor spaces for the public, as it will promote tourism and public health. In the forthcoming paragraph, I shall explain my point of view in detail.

Primarily, as we are moving towards development, the demand for outdoor public space is also doubling. Outdoor public places are important for more than just aesthetic reasons. It provides a communal area for people to connect with nature and other people. It also allows youngsters to participate in a variety of outdoor activities, such as the famous Lodhi Garden of Delhi. This park helps appreciate the beauty of the town while also providing opportunities for people from various areas to come and spend leisure time and improve their general health.

Besides that, outdoor spaces also help to boost tourism. It attracts visitors from all over the world to view and enjoy the area's natural beauty. New York City's Central Park is a classic example. The city was well-known for business visits prior to its development. The construction of Central Park not only allowed locals to participate in a variety of activities but also attracted non-business visitors from all over the world.

However, some people think that spending too much money on outdoor spaces is a complete waste of money. But it is also equally true that we cannot overlook the reality of the growing demand for fresh air and greenery.

In conclusion, investing in outdoor spaces improves the look of a city and helps to promote tourism. Authorities should allocate a well-balanced budget based on the needs of the city's growth.



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 important for cities and towns to invest heavily in building large outdoor public spaces?

(or)

- Do you disagree that it is important for cities and towns to invest heavily in building large outdoor public spaces?

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

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Question Paraphrased - As we are progressing towards development and well-built infrastructure, many people claim that it is essential for cities to invest substantially in the creation of large outdoor public spaces.

Opinion - In my opinion, it is true that the authorities should invest in building huge outdoor spaces for the public, as it will promote tourism and public health.

A thesis statement - In the forthcoming paragraph, I shall explain my point of view in detail.

Body Paragraph 1:

Central idea: Benefits of public outdoor areas

Supporting points:

- Important, not only for aesthetic reasons
- Provides opportunities to engage with other people
- Improves quality of life

Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Ways outdoor spaces promotes tourism

Supporting points:

- Enhances area's natural beauty



- Boosts tourism
- Promotes economic development

Conclusion:

Reiterated that investing in outdoor spaces improves the look of a city and helps to promote tourism and supported the side taken in introduction.



Essay 3

Some countries import a large amount of food from other parts of the world. To what extent is this a positive or negative trend?

Sample Answer

Instead of creating their own food commodities, governments throughout the world are increasingly dependent on food imported from other countries. It is, in my opinion, a dangerous trend that will have a detrimental influence on the agricultural sectors of countries. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my thoughts in detail.

The disadvantage of depending on imported commodities rather than indigenous goods is that all local farmers in the nation who rely on crop sales would see a significant drop, lowering their living conditions. As a result, agricultural workers may need to seek alternative employment opportunities. Moreover, during times of crisis, nations that import products on a large scale will stop doing so, causing other countries that buy these items to suffer greatly.

Additionally, imported food is not necessarily nutritious. To preserve the food while it is transported to other parts of the world, specific chemicals are added to it. These preservatives have been linked to the development of deadly illnesses such as cancer. In addition, failing to maintain storage facilities results in significant food waste. Moreover, countries have to spend a huge amount to foreign countries in trade, and imported food is overpriced. It also has a negative impact on the nations' native cultures. In Japan, for example, where imported meals are growing more popular, people's knowledge of their own indigenous cuisines is dwindling.

However, in a way, it might also be true that importing goods can provide access to some foods that would otherwise be unavailable in certain countries. Preserved foods kept for extended periods, on the other hand, can induce a range of illnesses.

To summarise, imports are not always beneficial, and they have a negative influence on the country's agriculture sector, weakening the country's economic position.

Structure of the essay

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

- Do you agree with the idea that countries should produce their own goods instead of importing from other countries?



(or)

- Do you disagree with the idea that countries should produce their own goods instead of importing from other countries?

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 - Instead of creating their own food commodities, governments throughout the world are increasingly dependent on food imported from other countries.

Opinion - It is, in my opinion, a dangerous trend that will have a detrimental influence on the agricultural sectors of countries.

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

Body Paragraph 1:

Central idea: Dangerous consequences of importing food

Supporting points:

- Causes a significant drop in local farms' crop sales
- Deteriorates conditions of local farmers
- Makes country depend on other countries for goods

Body Paragraph 2:

Central idea: Negative effects of food importing

Supporting points:

- Imported goods are not nutritious
- Contains harmful chemicals
- Countries have to spend a huge amount on foreign trade



Conclusion:

Reiterated that imports are not always beneficial and supported the side taken in introduction.



Essay 4

Nowadays many people travel to foreign countries for pleasure. Some believe this travel has a negative impact on the countries travelled to. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Sample Answer

Travelling helps people to get away from a sedentary and often dull existence. Many people have begun to travel to foreign nations for enjoyment in recent years. Others think that travel may cause more harm than benefit to the nations visited. Travelling, in my opinion, helps people to open themselves up to different cultures and perspectives. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

Seeing other parts of the world and gaining immersive experiences in foreign cultures is educational and can open people's eyes in ways they never thought was possible. One becomes more aware of what is going on in other nations as a result of travel. It also allows an individual to meet new people and experience new things. It can also lead to new chances that they would never have imagined or dreamed about. One also gets to see the natural beauty of different parts of the world.

Additionally, travelling is less difficult. Travelling does not always need to cost millions of dollars. Nowadays, people have the option of going to places with cheap living costs. It also aids in the formation of meaningful connections. The people met while travelling may become some of their most valued contacts. Travelling may expose an individual to a wide range of lifestyles and cultures. Furthermore, the benefits of tourists spending foreign money in the nation would significantly boost the economy.

However, in a way, it might also be true that traveling to foreign countries devastates the local economy. Nevertheless, the tourism industry plays a significant role in the country's economic development. It helps in creating employment opportunities for a large number of people.

In conclusion, there are numerous benefits of international travel which cannot be overlooked. Travelling benefits not just people but also countries.



Structure of the essay

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

- Do you agree that travelling to foreign countries for pleasure can leave a negative impact on the nations?

(or)

- Do you disagree that travelling to foreign countries for pleasure can leave a negative impact on the nations?

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

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Question Paraphrased - Traveling helps people to get away from a sedentary and often dull existence. Many people have begun to travel to foreign nations for enjoyment in recent years. Others think that travel may cause more harm than benefit to the nations visited.

Opinion - Traveling, in my opinion, helps people to open themselves up to different cultures and perspectives.

A thesis statement - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

Body Paragraph 1:

Topic: Advantages of traveling

Supporting points:

- People learn and experience foreign culture
- Increases awareness of the world
- People get to see natural beauty of different regions

Body Paragraph 2:

Topic: Additional benefits of traveling

Supporting points:

- Cheap traveling alternatives



- Builds meaningful connections
- Boosts economy

Conclusion:

Reiterated that travelling benefits not just people but also countries and supported the side taken in the introduction.



Essay 5

Some people say that all popular TV programmes should aim to educate viewers about important social issues. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Sample Answer

It is widely discussed that all well-known television shows should attempt to raise public awareness about social concerns. In my opinion, such initiatives by well-known entertainment shows are necessary. The main reason for my viewpoint is that the general public extensively watches all popular entertainment programmes. Therefore, by communicating a social message, they may educate people about it. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

These days, entertainment shows are popular among all ages and genders. Suppose TV shows focus on teaching people about social concerns in their communities. Then it's without a doubt that it will reach the masses and subliminally inform and help people become more conscious of the country's problems. Moreover, these messages raise awareness of social concerns such as rising crime, environmental difficulties, and many others that occur on a daily basis and pose possible hazards and threats to people's lives. Hence it allows people to defend themselves and enhance their quality of life.

Another aspect to consider is that there aren't enough mediums for individuals to learn about the concerns. Because the publications that usually cover these topics, such as newspapers and magazines, are not regularly read by the general public, especially young people. The best method to reach out to them and pass on information, whether directly or indirectly, is through entertainment programmes. Even if a portion of the show's time is devoted to educational programming, this would have a ripple effect on society at large.

In a way, it might also be true that such inclusion would jeopardize the essence of the programs. However, program directors' creativity can assist in delivering the social message while still protecting the program's core in a unique way.



To conclude, popular entertainment programmes are the most successful means of reaching and influencing the public. Hence inclusion of social awareness segments is a laudable initiative from the program owner

Structure of the essay

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

- Do you agree that all TV programmes should aim to educate viewers about important social issues?

(or)

- Do you disagree that all TV programmes should aim to educate viewers about important social 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.

Question Paraphrased - It is widely discussed that all well-known television shows should attempt to raise public awareness about social concerns.

Opinion - In my opinion, such initiatives by well-known entertainment shows are necessary. The main reason for my viewpoint is that the general public extensively watches all popular entertainment programmes.

A thesis statement - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

Body Paragraph 1:

Topic: How TV Programs can help increase awareness about social issues

Supporting points:

- Reaches the masses
- Subliminally informs and raises awareness
- Helps enhance quality of life

Body Paragraph 2:



Topic: Consumed by the masses

Supporting points:

- Best method to reach out to people
- Ripple effect on society

Conclusion:

Reiterated that popular entertainment programmes are the most successful means of reaching and influencing the public by spreading awareness and supported the side taken in the introduction.



Essay 6

To succeed in a business, one needs to know math's. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Sample Answer

People have regularly shared their ideas for success in business. Many individuals feel that mathematics is essential for commercial success. In my opinion, I disagree with this concept. I believe that in order to thrive in business, one must have proper managerial skills. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

Many people believe that it is essential to excel in math's to be a great businessman. Math aids in gaining a good understanding of computations and figures. However, it's not true. One can always hire employees like accountants and financial experts to manage the business flow. The recruited personnel are specialists in their professions and can assist owners in predicting future earnings and losses.

Additionally, the business owner who does not even understand basic math can avoid being duped by their staff by purchasing business plan software's. Entrepreneurs just have to put in the appropriate numbers and the software will generate professional results. Besides that, the success of the firm is determined by the owners' managerial abilities, organizational skills, and capability to use employees for maximum efficiency. Furthermore, entrepreneurs must possess excellent leadership qualities, such as the ability to establish a clear company strategy and vision. Above all, an entrepreneur should be aware of their own strengths and weaknesses, as well as what they can contribute to the table.

However, it might be true that the nature of business involves calculations for monetary transactions. Therefore, all the activities in a company are indirectly related to math's, and not having the basic knowledge of math's is a significant disadvantage. Irrespective of this common belief, the recent technological advancements do not allow math's to impede anybody's success.



To sum up, commercial success is based not only on math but also on proper resource management in organizations.

Structure of the essay

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

- Do you agree that if a business wants to succeed, they need to know math's?

(or)

- Do you disagree that if a business wants to succeed, they need to know math's?

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

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Question Paraphrased - Many individuals feel that mathematics is essential for commercial success.

Opinion - Though I don't agree with this concept, I believe that in order to thrive in business, one must have proper managerial skills.

A thesis statement - In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall explain my point of view.

Body Paragraph 1:

Topic: Ways additional resources besides math's can help to run a business.

Supporting points:

- Using additional help like hiring experts
- Recruiting specialists

Body Paragraph 2:

Topic: Requirement of additional skills for business

Supporting points:

- Business software that help



- Importance of managerial and organizational skills
- Leadership qualities that help

Conclusion:

Reiterated that success of the business is not just based on math but also on proper resource management of resources and supported the side taken in the introduction.



Essay 7

Some educators believe that every child should be taught how to play a musical instrument. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Sample Answer

Many educators have been insisting on teaching students a musical instrument along with academic education to improve manual dexterity. As far as my opinion is concerned, I agree with this notion to a great extent as this method of learning is helpful in enhancing cognitive ability. In the next few paragraphs, I will be explaining my point of view.

There are multifarious advantages to learning a musical instrument from a young age. To begin with, playing an instrument can improve hand-eye coordination. To do so, a lot of time and practice is required. Consequently, this type of devotion fills up children with focus and patience. For instance, one of the studies conducted by the Oxford University has revealed that those students who are adept at playing a musical instrument generally perform much better in manual skills than those who don't know how to play.

Besides, as per the advanced research, early knowledge of playing musical instruments leads to an enhanced memory potential and learning abilities. It stimulates different parts of the brain development. Moreover, playing a musical instrument also teaches patience to children as they invest a lot of time learning to control the beats and different parts of the instruments.

However, if children are pressurized to hone their musical skills, they may feel overburdened. Thus, teaching these instruments at a young age to those who are literally interested in it can do wonders.

In conclusion, I firmly reiterate that learning a musical instrument at a young age can help enhance social skills and the concentration level.

Structure of the essay

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

- Do you agree that every child should be taught how to play a musical instrument?

(or)



- Do you disagree with the fact that every child should be taught how to play a musical instrument?

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

Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

Question Paraphrased - Many educators have been insisting on teaching students a musical instrument along with academic education to improve manual dexterity.

Opinion - As far as my opinion is concerned, I agree with this notion to a great extent as this method of learning is helpful in enhancing cognitive ability.

A thesis statement - In the next few paragraphs, I will be explaining my point of view.

Body Paragraph 1:

Topic: Benefits of learning musical instruments

Supporting points:

- Part of country's culture
- Brings children closer to roots
- Improves communication and social skills
- Improve interactive skills

Body Paragraph 2:

Topic: Benefits of learning musical instruments

Supporting points:

- Enhances memory potential
- Develops learning abilities
- Teaches patience to children

Conclusion:

Reiterated that musical instruments help improve social skills and concentration levels and supported the side taken in introduction.