

WRITING

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HOW TO WRITE A GOOD ESSAY

WOW

WRITING WORKSHOP



ESSAY

(Some tips for you!)



Certain leeway.....запас времени

Counterarguments = crunchКонтраргументы = момент истины

*Each paragraph must be relevant to the question.
Do not get side-tracked by irrelevant details!*

REM - rapid eye movement (to the point)

5-Paragraph Essay Structure



1. Some people believe that..., while others claim...

1. Although many would argue..., I think that... has a far greater impact.

2. Personally, I think...

3. However, some people claim...

4. Nevertheless, I still stand on my ground...

5. All in all, I firmly believe

1. Introduction
2. Your opinion
3. The opponents' opinion
4. Counterpoints
5. Conclusion



Introduction : Formula

Background
statement

Rewrite the
question

"This essay
will"
sentence



IT'S
YOUR
TIME
TO
SHINE

INTRODUCTION

- ✓ *Plan first*
- ✓ *Translate this plan into sentences (3 – 5)*
- ✓ *Answer:*

Is it better to live in the city or in the country?

Topic

Deciding *where to live* is one of life's more difficult choices. One may opt for life in the country, or in the city. In my opinion, life in the city is more advantageous *due to the fact/ because* the city offers better economic and social opportunities

What is the topic?

General

What is the question?

Theses

What is your opinion?

What are the reasons?



INTRODUCTION



... is a shared social problem.

Whether...has triggered spirited debate.

In the last decade, there has been considerable debate over the role of...

Youth violence is a shared social problem.

Whether women should be allowed to serve in the military has triggered spirited debate.

In the last decade, there has been considerable debate over the role of free speech in a free society.



INTRODUCTION



...is a phenomenon affecting all people in all walks of life.

Human history has been a journey from ignorance to knowledge.

...help people...but they also cause problems.

Climate change is a phenomenon affecting all people in all walks of life, from individual citizens to whole countries and huge multinational companies.

Some people think that human history has been a journey from ignorance to knowledge. Others argue that this underestimates the achievements of ancient cultures, and overvalues our accomplishments.

Motorways help people travel quickly and cover long distances but they also cause problems.

INTRODUCTION



In today's job market, it is far more important to have...

The question of whether we should... is _____ rather than _____ one.

The growth of...has impacted on... worldwide.

In today's job market, it is far more important to have practical skills than theoretical knowledge.

The question of whether we should oblige parents to immunise their children against common diseases is social rather than a medical one.

The growth of the fast food industry has impacted on the eating habits and the health of many societies worldwide.

INTRODUCTION



...is an issue of increasing concern...

People have different views with regard to the question of how to + v

Nobody can deny that there are certain...

Crime is an issue of increasing concern around the world, and more money than ever before is being spent on the detection and punishment of criminal activity.

People have different views with regard to the question of how to make our roads safer.

Nobody can deny that there are certain professionals like teachers and doctors who are essential to the fabric of society, and who should therefore be rewarded accordingly.

INTRODUCTION



...have brought about a profound change...

It is true that...are increasingly likely to + v...

In recent years,... have had to adapt to various...

Computers *have brought about a profound change* in the way most people live.

It is true that men are increasingly likely to take on the role of househusband, while more women are breadwinners in their families

In recent years, parents have had to adapt to various changes in our society.

INTRODUCTION



Humans are responsible for a variety of...problems

It is true that ... is becoming a serious problem in industrialized nations

In recent years, there has been a vast increase in the number of...

Humans are responsible for a variety of environmental problems but we can also take steps to reduce the damage we are causing to the planet.

It is true that illiteracy is becoming a serious problem in industrialized nations.

In recent years, there has been a vast increase in the number of students choosing to study abroad.

Two parts of the rubric

Some
people's
opinion

The question is:
"Should the
government
censor the media
to try to reduce
this phenomenon."

Many people believe that the increased presence of violence in films and television these days is responsible for the rising incidence of violent crimes among youths in society. They argue that governments have a duty to control the media so as to reduce this phenomenon.

Do you agree with this argument?

Introduction: 3-4 sentences

✓ *What is the topic?*

Because of the media there is violence in society

Topic sentence - general idea, no reasons, no details, no arguments

Youth violence is a shared social problem.

✓ *What is the question?*

Combine opinion and reason into one

Many people thus propose that governments need to tackle this issue by controlling the media, whom people see as responsible for inciting this violence through films and television

✓ *What is my opinion?*

✓ *Why?*

General reason that you will develop in the body paragraph

While youth are undoubtedly swayed by external influences, I disagree that it is a government's obligation to censor the entertainment industry; rather, it is up to society itself to handle the matter.

Body paragraph 1

has an introductory statement

One paragraph has one central idea

In other words..., I want to expand the *central idea*

Concrete example (You Tube)

Therefore... Change focus, prepare for the next paragraph

Today's young people can be influenced by many things, from films to websites to their peers.

*It's unreasonable, then, to single out films and sitcoms as a main influencer of violence. *In other words, kids may see violence and kindness, greed and generosity, and all other human behaviour in pretty equal measure everywhere. *They can witness all of these things in one news broadcast or viral You Tube clip just as easily as they can in an action flick. *Therefore, blaming the entertaining industry is not only unfair, it is also wrong in that it ignores the root causes of certain social behaviour. *To suggest that the government can control this is to avoid taking responsibility for ourselves.

Body paragraph 2

A topic sentence

You must have a transition to your next body paragraph, because you are shifting focus. (however, another reason, except)

Another shift -
Who has responsibility?

A horror film is a concrete example

Indeed, the government's role is not to act as parents to its citizens, but to maintain order and provide the tools for society to thrive; it should not tell people what they can or cannot do. *On the other hand, parents can and must oversee, what their children are exposed to, be it on line, a movie, a book or any other source. *Consequently, parents must decide whether they want their children to watch a horror film. *It is not for governments to ban studios from making it. *Furthermore, once we allow the government to engage in censorship in one area, it will be free to act in all spheres of our lives, because negative influences are everywhere and have always been so. *Restricting people's access to media will not stop violence. *In fact, it may increase it as citizens begin to fight for their freedom.

Conclusion

1-2 sentences

Restate your thesis

Don't use I or me or my

In conclusion, social behaviour patterns are impacted by many things, including but not limited to media products, and society should take care control of this. *Governments should not be allowed to restrict what film or TV programs produce because they will then have to spread their control to all areas of society.

Your opinion (clearly expressed) - in a statement; highlight your reasons



Conclusion

In conclusion, ...
To conclude, ...
To sum up, ...
To summarize, ...
In summary, ...
It is fair to conclude that, ...
Thus, with the above in mind, ...
In the final analysis, ...

Do's

- **Keep it short** – 1-2 sentences
- **Keep it simple** – boring is good!
- **Restate the thesis** – opinion to opinion, outline to outline
- **Restate highlights** – main points, reasons/ arguments, advantages/ disadvantages, etc.
- **Write a conclusion!**

IN CONCLUSION



Finally, ...
Lastly, ...
All in all, ...
~~As I have discussed above, ...~~

Don'ts

- **Introduce any new idea** – can't elaborate, confuses the reader, weakens the main arguments
- **You can add the points for future studies or actions related to the topic, but be general and relevant** (should, ought to, requires further..., etc.)
- **Use a personal pronoun (I, me, my)** – you already did this in the introduction
- **Overwrite** – keep it short and simple
- **Experiment with language** – do this in the body!



Give your views on the following statement:

“Advertisements encourage people to spend money on things they do not need.”

**Give your opinion
on the following
statements:**

- 1. Learning poems by heart strengthens your memory.*
- 2. Traditional school textbooks should be replaced by e-books.*
- 3. Video games develop your brain.*
- 4. Sport unites people.*
- 5. Clothes people are wearing can influence their behaviour.*

6. Education is the most valuable thing for a teenager.

7. An interesting job is more valuable than a high salary.

8. Tourism abroad helps to understand your own country.

9. Travelling in your own country is the best way to learn about it.

- 10. Money is the only way to success.***
- 11. The best thing in life is free.***
- 12. Young people are not as healthy as 50 years ago.***
- 13. It is easier to make friends than to keep them.***
- 14. Teachers are not as respected as it used to be.***
- 15. A University degree is a must for success in the modern world.***

16. It is easy to live without the Internet.

17. Technical devices do more harm than good.

18. Virtual reality is a part of our life these days.

19. Books or film versions.

20. Some people think that e- books are the death of paper books while others think that paper books will never disappear.

Thank you for your attention



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