



НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫЙ ИССЛЕДОВАТЕЛЬСКИЙ  
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# Structure and types of essays

- Opinion essay
  - Cause and effect essay
- Advantages-disadvantages essay



# 1. Opinion essay

## Main points :

## Sample opinion essay questions :

- Analyze carefully words

□ **Task** and ideas of the question  
State your position to all/strongly agree that + agree/disagree  
statement

BODY (2-3 paragraphs)

□ **Argument 1** To what extent do you agree?

- **Argument 2** Make sure your answer

□ **Concession**

□ **What is your opinion?** of the task

Write topic sentences for each body paragraph

Sequencing word + topic + point

Example: The main reason why I believe teachers is because they are

- essential for inspiring and motivating students

CONCLUSION (1 paragraph)

- **Stay true to your opinion**

Give your final opinion or recommendation/ restate your position

## 2. Cause and effect essay

### •Structure:

#### Var. 1

##### *Introduction*

*Body 1: Cause 1 - Effect*

*Body 2: Cause 2 – Effect*

*Conclusion*

#### Var 2.

##### *Introduction*

*Body 1: Causes*

*Body 2: Effects*

*Conclusion*

#### 3. Description of the "Effect" (!NOTE: logical steps )

Begins general; becomes increasingly specific

- What the specific effect is (or effects are)
- How we get from the specific conditions to the specific effects
- Specific illustrations of these effects
- How these specific illustrations are representative of (can stand in for) others

#### 4. Explanation of the meaning of the cause-and-effect relationship

(!NOTE: importance, consequences, recommendation)

More General

- Why this analysis is important
- How we might act upon the ideas the writer has presented

#### 1. Introduction

General

- Background for the topic
- Setting out the issues
- Focusing the argument—the purpose of the essay

#### 2. Description of the "Cause» (!note; enough details)

Begins general; becomes increasingly specific

- What the specific conditions are
- Specific illustrations of these conditions
- How these specific illustrations are representative of (can stand in for) other situations

#### 5. Conclusion

General

- Summing up
- How our understanding of the larger issue might be changed by the writer's analysis
- Appeal to the reader—how this situation affects us

# 3. Advantages-disadvantages essay

## Sample questions :

Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages and give your own opinion

## Structure:

### Introduction

Sent 1- Paraphrase question

Sent 2- Thesis statement (state which one outweighs the other)

Sent 3 Outline sentence

### Supporting Paragraph 1 (Advantages)

Sent 4- Topic sentence (Advantage 1)

Sent 5- Explain how this is an advantage

Sent 6- Example

S. 7,8, 9

### Supporting Paragraph 2 (Disadvantages)

Sent 10- Topic sentence (Disadvantage 1)

Sent 11- Explain how this is an disadvantage

Sent 12- Example

S. 13,14, 15

### + Main Body Paragraph 3 (Opinion)

Sentence 16- Explain opinion

Sentence 17- Explain or give example

### Conclusion

Sentence 16|18- Summary of main points