



НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫЙ ИССЛЕДОВАТЕЛЬСКИЙ
УНИВЕРСИТЕТ

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
- Paraphrase the question

- Task** **Do you agree or disagree?**
State your position to all / strongly agree that + agree/disagree
statement

BODY (2-3 paragraphs)

- Task** **To what extent do you agree?**

- **Argument 1**
- **Argument 2**
- **Make sure your answer**

Concession

- Task** **What is your opinion?**

Write topic sentences for each body paragraph

Sequencing word + topic + point

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

- **Give a clear opinion**
essential for disciplining and motivating students

CONCLUSION (1 paragraph)

- **Stay true to your opinion**

Summarise main points
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 a 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