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Preface

Most students are required to write essays and reports for exams and homework, yet one of the most difficult jobs students encounters is writing good academic English. This e-book Practice: Academic Reading & Writing has been designed to assist students in achieving this goal. This e-book practice will be divided into two series:

- (1) E-book practice: Academic Reading & Writing (1st series)
- (2) E-book practice: Academic Reading & Writing (2nd series)

There are six (6) components in this first series of the e-book Practice: Academic Reading & Writing. Each section is separated into short units with practices for use in class and self-study. The units are properly organised based on the weekly lesson plans, starting with practice on reading skills, where students have to read for information which will be utilised as the input for writing, followed by the writing components where students will polish their writing. These practices will allow instructors and students to get the assistance they require with assigned tasks. This helpful and user-friendly book will prove to be a useful resource for those students looking to maximise their academic potential when it comes to writing in English for their degree programmes.

TOPIC 1



INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC WRITING



Types and Purposes of Academic Writing

Academic writing is classified into four types: descriptive, analytical, persuasive, and critical. Each of these sorts of writing has distinct language characteristics and goals.

Task 1: Read the following descriptions and identify the different forms of writing.

Question 1

Title: Why Moving North is The Best Decision of my Life

Moving up to our north cabin and spending time there had always been something that I enjoyed and looked up to. It was a nice, beautiful, and serene place. It offered a lot in terms of peace and serenity that you will not find in cities.

We used to look forward to our summer vacations. So that we can go up north and experience things that we cannot do in the city. Even though the time has changed and things are not as they used to be, the memory is still fresh.

The atmosphere up north was quite different than in the city. When in the cabin, I used to marvel at how different the atmosphere and life here is than the city. Life in the city is full of noise and tension. You have to get up for work, and the noise of traffic would never let you relax and enjoy nature.

Only if you are lucky to have it around. Things up north were different, you can enjoy the sunshine and greenery, and there is no hustle-bustle. The air was fresh, healthy, and clean. The nights are quiet, and you can hear the animals coming out to hunt for food.

Source: <https://ieltsing.com/writing/why-moving-north-is-the-best-decision-of-my-life-jrWE1>

Type: _____



Question 2

A _____, sometimes referred to as an argumentative essay, is a type of academic writing in which you demonstrate your point of view's superiority over all others through logic and reason. You must present convincing facts and logical justifications to back up your clear claims. Some topics under this type of essay are:

- Should university education be free to all students?
- Should music with offensive language come with a warning label?
- Does doing homework actually help students learn more?
- Does excessive social media use lead to depression/anxiety?

Type: _____

Question 3

A _____ explains the relevance of the issue as well as your personal perspective on it. It delves deeply into a subject and demonstrates its complexities. Instead of just summarising an issue, a _____ essay analyses it in several settings and points of view. Logic and argument are the most effective ways to distinguish a _____ essay from a descriptive one.

Below is one of the topics you can use:

- Gain a deeper understanding of homelessness in your city. Why is it a problem and which resources can the city use to help?

Type: _____

Question 4

This type of essay is often regarded as the most difficult type of writing. Simply said, an _____essay is one in which you analyse a subject. This type of essay uses strong arguments and substantiating claims to provide a comprehensive examination of a certain phenomenon. Below are some examples of what an _____ essay could be about:

- Changing gender roles
- Obesity in society
- A person in society: the problems of loneliness and privacy
- Why people do not like criticism?

Type: _____

Choices for your answers:

Descriptive writing

Analytical writing

Persuasive writing

Critical writing



The Structure of Academic Writing

Task 1: Have a quick look at the essay and then fill in the columns to identify each part of the essay structure.

Disadvantages of Technology

Technology has highly evolved over time. In fact, nowadays almost everybody has some sort of machine at hand, be it computers, cars, or even washing machines. But although machinery was devised to benefit mankind, it has also brought along many flaws to match.

Firstly, when it comes to technological equipment such as computers, disruption most often arises between the person using the computer, and the household he or she is surrounded by, or living with. For example, many old family traditions such as eating meals with your relatives at the dining table seldom take place now that one of the family members might be too busy working on his Mac. laptop. Thus, family values and morals have changed in order to adapt to this technological age.

Secondly, having many kinds of machinery at hand is not only destroying family traditions, but is also very harmful to our environment. Many people are careless about allowing their car engines to run haphazardly, or leaving their laptops on for long periods of time, however they do not seem aware of the fact that all this energy and electricity consumption is dangerous to not only our local environment, but to the world as a whole. Additionally, it is the over-usage of machinery, big or small that is bringing our society ever closer to Global Warming, and we must stop.

As I mentioned in my introduction, technological equipment was never programmed to damage nature per se, but to help people all around the globe. Now that nuclear families aren't as closely intact compared to the 1950s or 1990s, technology has given us an alternative method to keep in touch with our relatives thanks to computer applications such as SKype, or even cell phone applications such as VIBER or WhatsApp. Machinery has most definitely done wonders in our lives, and we as people should be grateful to easily possess cars, and/or phones when poorer countries do not even have the chance to.

However, with all the advantages machinery has brought to us all, I personally believe that possessing too many cars or phones, or even consuming too much of their energy and battery, is beginning to get out of hand and needs to be controlled.

Source:

<https://www.examples.com/education/academic-essay-examples.html>



Task 2: Preview the essay and *identify thesis statement, topic sentences and restatement of thesis.*

Why Online Learning Is Good

Online learning depicts an education system where learners do not necessarily attend physical classes. The learning mode has become an approach to attaining educational goals for different reasons (Zhang et al., 2021). Some of these reasons include the flexibility and cost of education, accessibility, and recognition of the graduates who undertake the training through online platforms. Hence, online learning has the potential to provide an individual with the desired education in a competitive environment. The approach by learning institutions has been evidenced to offer such a mode of education during the current pandemic of Covid-19, which attacked all nations across the world (Zhang et al., 2021). Furthermore, online learning is beneficial since it offers an opportunity to develop time management skills, is affordable, and supports workplace preparation.

Online learning has the benefit of ensuring that learners get to plan and utilize their time efficiently. The situation occurs since online learning has a high level of flexibility, which ascertains that students can undertake their studies from different places. The strategies allow the learners to engage in the management of their time so that they can gain the desired knowledge and skills (Chyr et al., 2017). When students engage in individual planning and scheduling for online classes, they develop skills to manage their time effectively without supervisors. The process of time management also leads to learning skills in scheduling work, identifying priorities, and planning for them in life. Such are vital elements that students need to learn from online learning. Hence, it becomes possible for the students to grow and develop academic and social and work-life skills. In addition, learners get the chance to learn how to be self-disciplined. The situation also makes individuals self-realization and propels them to realize success in their lives.

Online learning is more affordable than physical learning. Students who have to undertake their studies physically in learning institutions have to spend a lot on accommodation and other costs in addition to tuition fees. However, for online learners, education costs are limited to tuition fees only. Such indicates that online learning is affordable compared to physical understanding. Besides, the learning mechanism affordability is also attributed to the ease of access for the learners (Chyr et al., 2017). Moreover, affordable life-long learning is promoted through online studies. Students understand that they can undertake further studies online without physically attending institutions of education. Therefore, a nation that supports online learning stands a good chance of realizing a high volume in numbers of intellectuals. Online learning also ensures that learners have the opportunity to enjoy individual attention, which is extended to them by the tutors. Such is evidenced by the fact that learners can directly interact with their tutors on matters regarding education.

Across the globe, organizations are shifting their working structures from physical to remote workstations. The trend has been enhanced by recent technological developments and societal advancements (Bettinger et al., 2017). Thus, as the number of workplaces implementing online working structure increase, the demand for individuals who can work under such circumstances is increasing. Therefore, online learning creates an opportunity

for students to learn how to work in such situations. What's more, the workplace preparation supported by online learning also ascertains that students can comprehend the dynamics involved in the workplace, including leadership and how to interact with virtual leaders. Hence, learners who complete their studies through online learning have an added advantage in the job market, especially in organizations operating in such a work structure.

In conclusion, online learning is beneficial since it offers an opportunity to develop time management skills, is affordable, and supports workplace preparation. The positive outcomes of online learning have been illustrated by the current Covid-19 pandemic, where institutions of higher learning have continued to provide education to students at their homes. Moreover, online learning accurately indicates the global acceptance of recent technological developments.

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Source:<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fessaywriter.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2FWhy-Online-Learning-Is-Good.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

Write your answers here:

Thesis statement: _____

Topic Sentence 1: _____

Topic Sentence 2: _____

Topic Sentence 3: _____

Restatement of: _____

thesis

TOPIC 2



READING ACADEMIC TEXTS, SEARCHING THE
INTERNET & USING LIBRARY DATA RESOURCES



Reading Academic Texts

Reading academic text can be challenging as it requires a multifaceted approach to engagement where the reader uses a variety of reading techniques (prediction, surveying, skimming, scanning, analysis, reading in detail, and summarising) to assess the scope and relevance of a piece and choose which sections should be read in more detail.

Task 1: Preview the articles. Then, identify **ONE (1)** article that is not relevant to be used in writing an essay with the title of *'The Awareness of The Impact of Body Shaming Among Youth'*. Circle your answer.

Article 1

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The Awareness of the Impact of Body Shaming among Youth

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Abstract References Citation Copyright Full PDF

The United Nation defines youth as those between 15 to 24 years of age, without prejudice as to those defined by its Member States be reduced to 30 years old among Malaysian youth. Body shaming is nothing new compared to cyber bullying as it has negative in technological advances today is welcomed in a lot of perspectives and the youth are the class that utilise them the most, however rampant among the youth throughout the social media. This scenario can be seen as a hindrance to achieve what the United Nations Development Goals (SDG) in 2015 for a better and more sustainable future for all in relation to good health and well-being (number 3) and strong institutions (number 16). This paper focused on youth's awareness of the impact of one of the social illnesses pertaining to b from all relevant parties. Hence, this paper aimed to identify whether the youth have grasped the consequences of such an ill more doctrinal in nature extracting its data through library research and internet resources; together with the distribution of questionnaire outcome of this paper may alert the legislature, policy makers and enforcement parties on the seriousness of the impact of body s

Article 2

INVICTUS BLOG

CREATING AWARENESS AROUND DIFFERENT FORMS OF BODY SHAMING

NUTRITION



Creating Awareness Around Different Forms of Body Shaming
Written by Fritz Nugent & Charissa Sutliff

We're excited to write this blog. We want to openly talk about our body struggles and how comments made to us in the gym space impact us.

Some of our intentions for writing this article:

- Raise awareness that body struggles do not discriminate, they can impact anyone, and you never know who is struggling with them.
- Raise awareness of the comments or compliments you give people and how they might negatively impact people.
- Help start to normalize and change the narrative and conversation around body struggles.
- Help ourselves see more in others.
- Help you consider and start to change comments and compliments you give to people.

For those of us who have had any sort of struggle with our bodies, whether that be a negative body image, body dysmorphia, or eating disorders, we have likely been self-conscious of our bodies our entire lives and have spent years trying to change our bodies to fit socially-defined

Article 3

Kaylan's Blog

BLOG POSTS

BLOG POSTS MAJOR PAPERS ABOUT KAYLAN MARIE

The Youth and Social Media Awareness

| DATE | POSTED BY | COMMENTS |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| December 14, 2020 | kaylan | 0 |

As social media continues to develop, it has integrated itself into our everyday lives. It is hard to ignore social media's presence and influence in present day society.

Social media has become a part of our daily lives and has changed the way we communicate, interact, and learn.

In the modern world of technology, social media has transformed the definition of activism. The youth has become involved in utilizing social media as a way of educating



Task 2: The steps to help you improve your academic reading skills are in incorrect order. Read the tips carefully and rearrange them from 1 - 5.

TIPS TO IMPROVE ACADEMIC READING SKILLS



TAKE BREAKS

Academic texts can be dense and difficult to read. Take frequent breaks to rest your mind and come back to the text with fresh eyes.

SKIM THE TEXT FIRST

Skim the text first: Before diving into the text, skim through the headings, subheadings, and summary or abstract to get a general idea of what the text is about. This will help you understand the structure and main points of the text.



READ ACTIVELY

When you start reading the text, read actively by taking notes and highlighting key information. This will help you stay focused and engaged with the material.

SUMMARIZE THE POINTS

After you finish reading the text, summarize the main points in your own words. This will help you retain the information and connect with other texts you've read.





LOOK UP FOR UNFAMILIAR WORDS OR CONCEPTS


If you come across a word or concept, you're unfamiliar with, look it up. This will help you understand the material better and make connections between ideas.


Write your answers here. Only state the key ideas.


TIPS TO IMPROVE READING ACADEMIC TEXTS

 1. _____

2. _____ 

 3. _____

4. _____ 

 5. _____



Skimming for Main Idea

While skimming, one of the most important elements that we need to focus on is the main idea of a sentence, paragraph or text. Basically, skimming helps us to search for the main idea quickly. For example, you may use the technique to skim many articles in the newspaper to look for the main idea without needing to read the whole article. It will help to save time in completing your task.

Task 1: Identify the title and general idea for each of the paragraphs. Circle your answer.

Paragraph 1

Almost everyone would agree that cleaning up the environment and keeping it that way is a good thing. The obvious negative impacts on human health and the ecosystems on Earth are well understood. Yet, there are underlying consequences to compliance to this most basic need that need to be studied, as well. The government of the U.S. has requested voluntary action from citizens and industry, and it has also legislated action in order to start the clean-up process. An example of this is the Clean Air Act. The good news is that this law requires that emissions into the air meet certain standards that will help clean up the environment. Under this act, cars have to reduce emissions of nitrous oxides by 60%, and "clean coal" technologies have to reduce harmful emissions by 20%. Industry is required to reduce emissions of over 200 compounds that are known to cause health problems. The bad news is the cost of compliance. Estimates of consumer costs for a cleaner environment go as high as \$50 billion a year, and that study does not even take into account the loss of jobs from reshaping industries to meet the new standards.

Source: <http://testprep.about.com>



1. What is the **BEST** title for the text?

- A. The Environment
- B. Clean Air Act
- C. The Clean Environment
- D. Gas emission

2. Which of the following statements best expresses the **main idea** of the paragraph?

- A. Industries in nations across the United States need to unite to maintain the standards created by the Clean Air Act despite the costs to the country.
- B. Industries are doing their part to reduce emissions that are known to have ill effects on the environment and human health.
- C. Although legislation that supports cleaning up the environment is a good idea, the costs of such efforts need to be evaluated.
- D. Cleaning up the environment is best accomplished through both legislation like the Clean Air Act and volunteerism from humans impacted by emissions.

Paragraph 2

A moderate Netizen will probably use between five to fifteen usernames or password combinations to log to email accounts, social networking sites, and discussion boards, news and entertainment sites, online stores, online banking accounts, and so on. People who are heavy users of email and Internet applications at work may even have more than 30 required username/password combinations. Some of these accounts require a specific number of symbols and digits, while others need to have the password changed every 60 days. The number of passwords becomes mind-boggling when you have to memorize all the codes to access things like your Internet banking account, the ATM, home alarm systems, and voicemail, in addition to the former list of password combinations. The frustration caused by having to memorize such a long list of login credentials has grown so prevalent that now actually has a name: password fatigue.

Source:<http://englishforeveryone>

1. What is the **BEST** title for the text?

2. What is the **main idea** of the paragraph?

- A. People are required to memorize too many passwords due to work obligations.
- B. The need to memorize too many passwords has become a widespread problem.
- C. Technological environment has resulted in too many security requirements.
- D. Password combinations are becoming too complicated to memorize.

Paragraph 3

Compared to children and teenagers, adults have special needs and requirements as learners. The field of adult learning was pioneered by Malcolm Knowles. He discovered that adults are largely autonomous and self-directed. To be effective, teachers must actively involve adult participants in the learning process and serve as facilitators for them - guiding participants to draw their own conclusions rather than supplying them with facts. They must also show the adult participants how the class will help them reach their goals. After all, adult learners appreciate an educational programme that is organized and has clearly defined elements.

Source: <https://www.mtecp.org/pdfs/30%20Characteristics%20of%20Adult%20Learners%20docx.pdf>

1. What is the **BEST** title for the text?

2. What is the **main idea** of the paragraph?



Scanning for Specific Information

Scanning is a reading skill that involves quickly searching for specific information within a text. Scanning is useful when you already know what you are looking for and want to find it quickly.

Task 1: Scan the text and determine whether the statement is **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

Article Full-text available

PLASTIC SURGERY ON BODY IMAGE, BODY SATISFACTION AND SELF-ESTEEM

January 2020 · *Acta Chirurgiae Plasticae* 61(1-4):3-9

Evanthia Asimakopoulou · H Zavrides · T Askitis

Abstract and figures

Introduction: Plastic surgery is the medical specialty that enables moulding and reforming the human body. Cosmetic surgery can improve aesthetic appearance and subsequently self-esteem and self-confidence. Over the past 20 years, much of the research on the psychological aspects of aesthetic plastic surgery has focused on the psychological construct of body image. This study aims to investigate whether aesthetic surgery has an effect on an individual's body image, body satisfaction and general self-esteem in the Cyprus population. Material and methods: Questionnaire data from 128 cosmetic surgery patients in a Plastic Surgery Clinic in Nicosia, obtained at two time points: one week before and three months after the surgery. The questionnaire was developed by the authors for the purpose of this study and consisted of measures on body image, body satisfaction and self-esteem. Pre- and postoperative values were compared. Results: The majority were women (81.9%) and respondents mean age was 35.35 years. One out of two participants who responded has undergone breast augmentation (47.6%). Prior to treatment, only 7.3% of participants reported they were very satisfied with their physical appearance/body image, while after treatment this figure rose to 38.6%. Before treatment, 17.7% of the participants reported they felt bad/very bad about their body during sex and this dropped to 2.5% after the treatment. Conclusions: The study provides evidence of improvement in individuals satisfaction with their body image and self-

Source:https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341276174_PLASTIC_SURGERY_ON_BODY_IMAGE_BODY_SATISFACTION_AND_SELF-ESTEEM



State whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE.

- 1. Cosmetic surgery can enhance physical appeal, which in turn raises one's self-worth and confidence. _____
- 2. The purpose of this study is to see if aesthetic surgery affects an individual's body image, body satisfaction, and having intention to commit suicide in Cyprus population. _____
- 3. 128 patients who underwent cosmetic surgery in a Nicosia plastic surgery clinic completed two questionnaires at different times. _____
- 4. 7.3% of participants said they were extremely satisfied with their physical appearance or body image after the treatment. _____
- 5. The study shows that individuals' satisfaction with their body image and self-confidence improve after having aesthetic surgery. _____



Searching the Internet for Academic Resources

When searching the Internet, it is important to use reliable sources. Use search engines such as Google Scholar or academic databases like JSTOR to find academic articles and research studies. You can also search for information on the websites of reputable organisations, government agencies, and universities. However, you should always evaluate the credibility of the source before using the information.

Task 1: You are going to write an essay entitled '*The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning*'. In order to do this, find articles from various sources as listed below. Once you've found your articles, fill in the template.

Article 1: Journal

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Author(s) | |
| Year of publication | |
| Title | |
| Name of journal | |
| Volume number (Issue no) | |
| Page no | |
| Link | |
| DOI (if applicable) | |



Article 2: Newspaper

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Author(s) | |
| Year of publication | |
| Title | |
| Name of newspaper | |
| URL | |

Article 3: Website

| | |
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| Author(s) | |
| Date | |
| Title | |
| Site name | |
| URL | |

Article 4: Book/eBook

| | |
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| Author(s) | |
| Year of publication | |
| Title | |
| Edition no | |
| Publisher | |
| URL | |
| DOI (if applicable) | |





Using Library Data Resources

Libraries offer a wealth of data resources, including books, journals, and databases. When using library resources, make sure to use a variety of sources to get a broad understanding of the topic. Be sure to search the library catalog, as well as academic databases such as EBSCO, ProQuest, or PubMed. If you are having trouble finding what you need, ask a librarian for help.

Task 1: You are going to write an essay entitled '*The Impacts of Using Social Media on University Students*'. In order to do this, find articles from various academic databases as listed below. Once you've found your articles, fill in the template.

Database: ProQuest

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Type | Scholarly Journal |
| Author(s) | |
| Year of publication | |
| Title | |
| Name of journal | |
| Edition | |
| Page no | |
| DOI (if applicable) | |

Database: _____

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TOPIC 3



READING STRATEGIES



Identifying Main Ideas & Supporting Details

The main idea is the most important part of the text because it tells the reader what the text is mostly about. On the other hand, supporting details are important points that support the main idea of the text. Identifying main ideas and supporting details in a text help students to find relevant information to support their argument in writing.

Identify the main idea and supporting details in the following paragraphs.

Paragraph 1:

A study conducted by North-eastern University and the Massachusetts SPCA in the US found that people who abuse animals are five times more likely to commit violent crimes against humans. Behavioural profiles of criminals by the FBI have consistently shown that many serial murderers and rapists had abused animals in their childhoods. Many notorious killers, including Mary Bell, Robert Thompson and Jon Venables as well as serial murderers Ian Huntley, Ian Brady and Raoul Moat all started out by deliberately harming animals.

Source: 'Cruelty to Animals', *Peta.org*.

Main Idea : _____

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____



Paragraph 2:

Animals also frequently become victims in homes plagued by violence. Many batterers try to control their victims, such as a partner or spouse, by threatening, torturing and/or killing the victim’s animals. The RSPCA has found that cruelty to animals was present in 20 percent of their high-risk assessments. Many human victims of domestic violence are reluctant to leave the situation for fear of what will happen to their animals if they aren’t there to protect them. That is why it is crucial for social service, animal-protection and government agencies to work together to protect all victims of domestic violence.

Source: ‘Cruelty to Animals’, *Peta.org*.

Main Idea : _____

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

Paragraph 3

Teaching children to empathise with other living beings from an early age, both in school and by leading through example, is hugely important to combat animal cruelty. Kind parents who go out of their way to help animals in need can inspire future generations to make compassionate choices, and educational establishments also play an important role. Help children develop empathy for animals by leading by example: always speak to animals kindly and handle them gently; treat animals as family members by letting them live indoors, brushing them, playing with them and walking them daily and never take kids to zoos, circuses or other places that exploit animals.

Source: ‘Cruelty to Animals’, *Peta.org*.

Main Idea : _____

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

Paragraph 4:

Over the last few years, TikTok has become one of the largest learning platforms in the world: It is available in over 150 markets and is one of the most downloaded apps in 40-plus countries. On the app, which is available in 75 languages, creators make a variety of short-form videos on everything from cooking hacks to dance moves to crafts and maths skills. The hashtag #LearnOnTikTok currently has more than seven billion views.

Source: 'TikTok is a thriving learning community—and may be the future of education', Fastcompany.com.

Main Idea : _____

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

Paragraph 5:

While TikTok illuminates many of the trends defining the future of learning, it also has its clear limitations. The maximum video length it supports is 60 seconds, which makes a full education or deeper skills training impossible on the platform. TikTok also does not provide live connection or accountability—two essential components that were also missing from the first generation of online learning. When online classes got their start, they mostly provided access to educational content, but struggled with follow-through: On average, only 4% of people will complete an online class, mostly because online classes lack a community. And it is the community that provides the accountability and peer pressure that helps keep people going.

Source: 'TikTok is a thriving learning community—and may be the future of education', Fastcompany.com.

Main Idea : _____

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____

Paragraph 6:

TikTok is a powerful tool for education because it is both a learning platform and a social network. People find their friends, scroll through content, and along the way find new groups with shared interests. TikTok's 500 million active users now put it ahead of better-known social sites such as LinkedIn, Twitter, Pinterest, and Snapchat.

Source: 'TikTok is a thriving learning community—and may be the future of education', Fastcompany.com.

Main Idea : _____

Supporting Detail 1: _____

Supporting Detail 2: _____



Making Inferences & Drawing Conclusions

Effective readers "read between the lines", "create connections", and "draw conclusions" about the meaning and purpose of the text by using inferences as a comprehension approach. On the other hand, drawing conclusions is the process of giving meaning to unclear information by using information that is hinted or inferred.

Task 1: Write an inference and a conclusion for each of the paragraphs.

Paragraph 1:

Diabetes is a lifelong disorder in which the body is not able to produce or use insulin as it should. The problem starts when the blood glucose or sugar in a person's body is too high and the body does not produce or use insulin as it is supposed to. Glucose comes from the food that we eat, while insulin is a hormone that helps our cells to absorb the glucose in order to give us energy. It is a manageable disease if diagnosed early but can be deadly if not treated and controlled. Statistics show that about 5.9 million people are unaware that they have the disease.

Source: 'Diabetes', Medlineplus.gov.

Inference : _____

Conclusion : _____



Paragraph 2:

Homeschooling is on the rise and, today, more than two million children are taught at home. Parents choose to homeschool their children for numerous reasons, including religious beliefs and a desire for their offspring to have a better education. There are many groups throughout the country that assist homeschooling families by offering classes that would be difficult to take at home. However, homeschooling is often misunderstood by the general public, particularly by those who fear that homeschooled children will miss out on socialization or that parents would not be able to teach their children adequately.

Source: 'Homeschooling: An Overview', Pbs.org.

Inference : _____

Conclusion : _____

Paragraph 3:

Eating and exercising go hand in hand. When and what you consume can be crucial to how you feel when you exercise. If you intend to exercise in the morning, do wake up early enough to finish your breakfast at least 60 minutes before the workout. This is advisable as most of the energy from the previous night is depleted by morning and your blood sugar level might be low. If you do not eat, you might feel lethargic or light-headed while exercising. Besides that, if you plan to exercise within an hour after having breakfast, do eat or drink something light, such as breakfast bar or a sports drink, to raise your blood sugar level.

Source: 'Fitness', MayoClinic.org.

Inference : _____

Conclusion : _____



Paragraph 4:

Outdoor air pollution is a perennial problem in China and has contributed to the deaths of an estimated 1.6 million people every year or about 4,400 people a day, according to a newly released scientific paper. The most dangerous pollutants are fine airborne particles, measuring less than 2.5 microns in diameter, which are composed sulphate, nitrates, ammonia, soot, dust, and other chemical compounds. These particles are produced from activities such as burning fossil fuels. If these particles are absorbed into the bloodstream and lungs, it can cause a host of health problems, such as lung cancer, asthma, heart attack and stroke. The study revealed that the geographic source of China's toxic air and smog which resemble a nuclear winter comes from various industrial zones. In some places, visibility has been reduced to a few hundred metres due to air pollution.

Source: 'China Smog: "The Air is So Polluted It's Darkened the Sky"', BBC.com.

Inference : _____

Conclusion : _____

TOPIC 4



ACADEMIC ESSAY STRUCTURE:
INTRODUCTION



The Structure of An Introduction

A successful paper must have a solid essay opening format. It establishes the mood for the reader and sets their attention in your work. Thus, an introduction informs the reader about what to expect in the body of the essay. This is where you briefly outline your points. The introduction normally consists of three (3) elements such as hook sentence, background information (general and specific information) and thesis statement.

Task 1: Read the short paragraph. Then, identify the components of an introduction.

Technology has highly evolved over time, and it comes in a variety of forms because we utilise it to do a variety of jobs. In fact, nowadays almost everybody has some sort of machine at hand, be it computers, cars, or even washing machines. But although machinery was devised to benefit mankind, it has also brought along many flaws to match. Among the flaws are destroying family traditions and harming the environment whilst its advantage is it connects people around the world.

1

2

3

Source: <https://academic-englishuk.com/introduction/>

Answers:

[1] _____

[2] _____

[3] _____



Task 2: Rearrange the sentences to make a complete introduction paragraph by numbering them with 1, 2 and 3.

- Overall, Fair Trade develops increased economic stability, higher salaries compared to conventional producers and educates community diversification.
- International trade has been predominately controlled by developed countries for centuries and developing countries have struggled to access this market.
- Fair Trade is a worldwide initiative aimed at improving the livelihood of producers and empowering workers in developing countries by generating better terms and sufficient wages (Fair Trade International, 2017).

→ No : ____

→ No : ____

→ No : ____

Task 3: Using the content from Task 2, identify the components for the paragraph.

Hook sentence : _____

General information: _____

Thesis statement : _____



Hook Sentence

In an academic paper, the hook appears in the first line or two of the introductory paragraph and functions as both an introduction and an attention grabber.

Task 1: Write several hook sentences for the essay. The title of the essay is 'The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning'.

1. Statistic hook

2. Question hook

3. Statement hook





Background Information

The extra knowledge a reader needs to understand your work is known as background information. It might contain definitions, historical contexts, current events that have an impact on your writing, or other details.

Task 1: Provide some relevant background information to write an essay entitled "The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning".

Information #1

Information #2

Information #3 (optional)





Thesis Statement

A thesis statement (or controlling idea) is a sentence that indicates the primary idea and/or fundamental aim of a work in an essay, report, research paper, or speech. It is normally located at the end of introduction paragraph. A good thesis statement should be concise, contentious and coherent.

Task 1: Read the main ideas listed below. Then, write a thesis statement for an essay entitled "The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning'. Remember, your thesis statement should be concise and clearly state the main ideas you want to convey.

Main Idea #1

TikTok as an active learning and collaborative tool

Main idea #2

TikTok fosters the development of students' creativity

Main Idea #3

TikTok promotes learning in fun and exciting ways.

Thesis statement:





Writing an Introduction Paragraph

Task 1: Complete this template with all of the responses from the preceding pages to construct your introduction paragraph. For hook sentence, choose the most interesting ones from Page 28. The title of your essay is '**The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning**'.

Hook sentence

Background information #1

Background information #2

Thesis statement



TOPIC 5



ACADEMIC ESSAY STRUCTURE:
BODY PARAGRAPHS



The Structure of A Body Paragraph

A good body paragraph contains three main sections: a topic sentence, relevant supporting details, and a concluding sentence. This structure keeps your paragraph focused on the main idea, hence providing clear and concise information.

Task 1: Read the body paragraph. Then, identify its structure by choosing your answers from the options given below.

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| supporting details | topic sentence | concluding sentence |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|

Firstly, when it comes to technological equipment such as computers, disruption most often arises between the person using the computer, and the household he or she is surrounded by, or living with. For example, many old family traditions such as eating meals with your relatives at the dining table seldom take place now that one of the family members might be too busy working on his Mac. laptop. Thus, family values and morals have changed in order to adapt to this technological age.

1

2

3

Source: <https://academic-englishuk.com/introduction/>

Answers:

- [1] _____
- [2] _____
- [3] _____





Topic Sentences

A topic sentence is one of the most important parts of writing a paragraph because it states the central focus and provides cohesion to the whole paragraph. It is critical for students to learn how to write clear and concise topic sentences.

Task 1: Read the short paragraph and identify the topic sentence.

Paragraph 1

The best trip my family ever took was to Kuala Terengganu. We drove there in two hours. I did not think it would be very interesting, but I was wrong. We strolled along the beautiful beach, ate fresh seafood, and visited famous landmarks around the city. I liked the food best, especially the famous Nasi Dagang.

Topic sentence: _____

Paragraph 2

The negative effects of social media on communication are the effect it can have on kids through cyberbullying and unwanted exposure. Younger people are using mass communication without realizing the consequences. (Wallis, 2012). There have been instances where young folks have committed suicide as a result of negative things that have been posted about them on the internet. Parental controls are available on websites to control inappropriate content to be accessed by certain age groups but they cannot protect young folks from what is being posted by their peers. Social media and networking are often used as an outlet and peers can post things that are potentially hurting others.

Source: <https://www.ukessays.com/essays/media/social-media-and-networking-and-the-role-media-essay.php>

Topic sentence: _____



Paragraph 3

Newspapers remain an important source of news for several reasons. The first of these is that the older generation still prefers to read their news this way, which is because they have traditionally bought a newspaper over the years and so do not wish to change or simply do not know how to do so online in some cases. In addition to this, a newspaper also comes with other supplements, such as magazines and television guides, and sources of entertainment, such as crosswords. This makes it more attractive for some than going online.

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/internet-vs-newspaper-essay.html>

Topic sentence: _____

Paragraph 4

To begin with, the fact that we cannot escape from advertising is a significant cause for complaint. Constant images and signs wherever we look can be very intrusive and irritating at times. Take for example advertising on the mobile phone. With the latest technology, mobile companies are now able to send advertising messages via SMS to consumers' phones whenever they choose. Although we expect adverts in numerous situations, it now seems that there are very few places we can actually avoid them.

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/essay-for-ielts.html>

Topic sentence: _____

Paragraph 5

It is common these days for older people who need employment to compete with people much younger for the same type of work. While this can create problems, there are steps that can be taken to reduce the impacts. The main problem is that older people may find it more difficult to secure work, which arises because younger people are more likely to have up-to-date qualifications and experience. For example, information technology is integral to a variety of jobs these days and the skills needed for this are rapidly changing. Young people may well have recent knowledge through university or through using technology in their leisure time. If older people cannot secure work, this leads to other problems. As they are likely to have a family to support, they may not have an adequate income to provide for their children's education or other such necessities.

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/competing-for-jobs-essay.html>

Topic sentence: _____

Task 2: You are going to write an essay entitled "**The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning**". Using these **THREE (3)** main ideas, write a complete topic sentence for each body paragraph.

Main idea #1

TikTok as an active learning and collaborative tool

Main idea #2

TikTok fosters the development of students' creativity

Main idea #3

TikTok promotes learning in fun and exciting ways.

Body paragraph #1

Topic sentence 1: _____

Body paragraph #2

Topic sentence 1: _____

Body paragraph #3

Topic sentence 1: _____



Supporting Details

Supporting details provide information that supports the topic sentence. You may include descriptions, examples, reasons, explanations and comparisons to strengthen your topic sentence.

Task 1: Look at each of the following paragraphs and then identify the supporting details for each paragraph.

Paragraph 1

Celebrity life can be difficult. Let us start with the fact that celebrities have to look perfect all the time. It seems that there is always a photographer willing to take an unflattering picture of a famous person in his old clothes looking dumpy and unattractive. In addition to their fame, celebrities also sacrifice their private lives. Whether it is their personal struggles, their divorces, or their family tragedies, they all find themselves as front-page news. Finally, and most importantly, celebrities are always at risk of getting the wrong kind of attention due to their fame and popularity. It is not uncommon for celebrities to receive threatening letters from crazy fans, and even to be physically attacked by them.

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____



Paragraph 2

Having a good command of English is one of the most important aspects that will definitely help you when you wish to further your studies. As a matter of fact, most university books, regardless of what subject you are studying, are written in English. Furthermore, it is mandatory for any candidate to pass the English language exam with credit prior to entering any university. You will lose your chance for a better education if your English is poor, or worse yet, you will have a hard time studying at university if you have poor English skills. In addition, studying abroad can also be challenging if you can not speak English well and understand their culture.

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____

Paragraph 3

The principal way in which relationships have been affected is that they tend to be at a distance rather than face-to-face. The advent of the internet has made it easy for business owners to communicate across the world, with remote job opportunities one call away. Online educational programs are available for people residing in different countries, and it is no longer a dream to attend live classes from the comfortable environment of a home. Not only this, social platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube have revolutionized relationships, be it making online friendships with people from other countries or staying in touch with loved ones. Based on this perspective, technology has influenced relationships in a positive way.

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/communication-technology-essay.html>

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____

Paragraph 4

It is a fact that working from home provides a lot of freedom, which is one of its advantages. Home workers can organise their work around their home life as they can stop or start work as they please, and thus, if they have children, they can easily arrange to take them and pick them up from school. They can also undertake any other tasks they need during the day, such as doing the laundry or shopping and then finish work later. Overall then, employees have more control over their lives.

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/working-from-home-essay.html>

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____

Paragraph 5

In the food and beverages industry, chemicals are used for a variety of reasons. Firstly, it is to improve the product to the eye, which is achieved via the use of colourings that encourage people to purchase food that may otherwise not look tempting. Another reason is to preserve the food. Much of the food we eat would not last that long if it were not for the chemicals they contain, so again this is an advantage to the companies selling food as their products have a longer shelf life. Finally, it is to ensure the safety of the product when eaten. The preservatives and other chemicals are intended to prevent food from spoiling before it reaches the consumer and is used to prevent botulism and other similar diseases.

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/food-additives-essay.html>

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____

Task 2: Based on the topic sentences that you have written in Task 2 (Page 36), write **THREE (3)** supporting details to be included in your body paragraphs. Your essay entitled "**The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning**".

Body paragraph #1

Topic sentence 1 : _____

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____

Body paragraph #2

Topic sentence 2 : _____

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____

Body paragraph #3

Topic sentence 3 : _____

Supporting detail 1: _____

Supporting detail 2: _____

Supporting detail 3: _____



Closing Sentence

The closing sentence is the last sentence in a paragraph. The purpose of the sentence is to summarise the main idea of the paragraph. Other than that, the closing sentence also acts as a transition to the next paragraph if the paragraph is part of an essay.

Task 1: Read the paragraphs below and complete them with suitable closing sentences.

Paragraph 1

Taking part in outdoor activities has many benefits. It is scientifically proven that exposing yourself to the sun while playing outside can help you overcome seasonal depression. Secondly, playing a game that gets your body moving, such as basketball or tag, can greatly benefit your physical health. Finally, while running around or playing outside, you will be able to relieve your built-up stress and frustration

Closing sentence:



Paragraph 2

I find night markets to be lively and fun to attend. It is not uncommon to see local musicians performing music at night markets. A variety of fabulous foods are also available from local food vendors. One of the best parts, however, is the abundant selection of cheap and affordable goods such as clothes, shoes and home appliances that are being sold at the night market.
.....

Closing sentence:

Paragraph 3

Having friends is definitely advantageous for your children as a child’s friends can motivate them to try activities they might not do on their own because of fear or embarrassment. Thus, some children dabble in sports or the arts because their friends are doing the same. Friends are also a source of help and encouragement when things are tough in school or the family.....

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/influence-of-childrens-friends-essay.html>

Closing sentence:

Paragraph 4

These days it is common to observe children spending significant amounts of time on electronic devices such as computers and tablets. The benefit of this development is that it will keep children occupied. There is no doubt that raising children and taking care of them can be stressful at times for parents. Allowing them to play on a device allows the parents to have a break and not have to continuously entertain them.

Source: <https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/are-tablets-and-computers-good-for-children-essay.html>

Closing sentence:

Paragraph 5

Television programmes that portray violence are a paramount concern for parents nowadays. Recent research has shown that children may copy the acts of violence they saw on television. This is especially true when violent acts are committed by well-known action 'heroes'. For example, when they watched their favourite cartoon figures committing violent acts on TV, they will tend to copy that in real-life situations.

Closing sentence:



Writing a Body Paragraph

Task 1: Complete this template with your responses from Page 40 to construct your body paragraph. Then, write an appropriate closing sentence for each body paragraph. The title for your essay is **'The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning'**.

Body paragraph 1

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| Topic sentence | : | _____ |
| | | _____ |
| Supporting detail 1 | : | _____ |
| | | _____ |
| Supporting detail 2 | : | _____ |
| | | _____ |
| Supporting detail 3 | : | _____ |
| | | _____ |
| Closing sentence | : | _____ |
| | | _____ |
| | | _____ |



Body paragraph 2

Topic sentence : _____

Supporting detail 1 : _____

Supporting detail 2 : _____

Supporting detail 3 : _____

Closing sentence : _____

Body paragraph 3

Topic sentence : _____

Supporting detail 1 : _____

Supporting detail 2 : _____

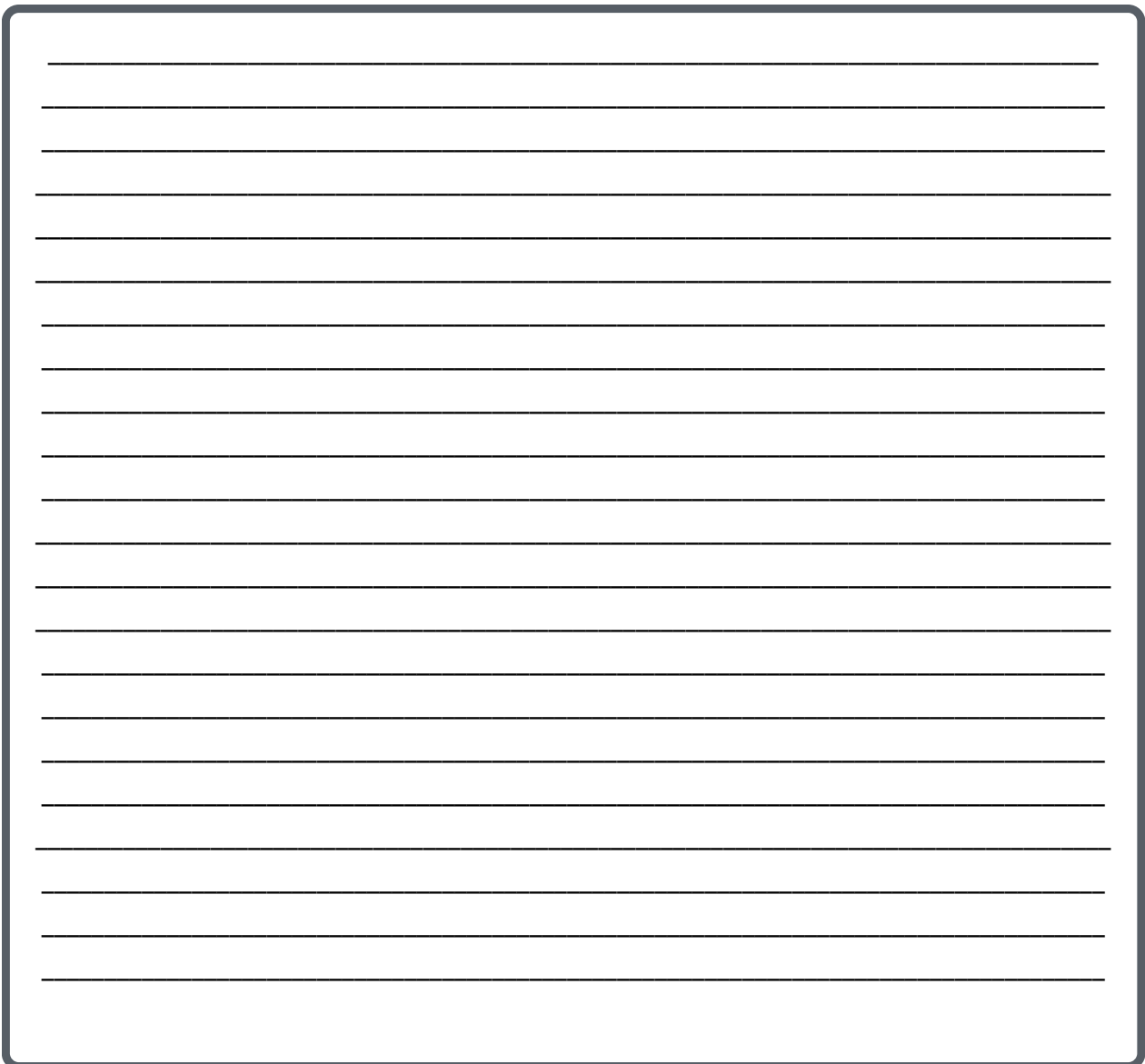
Supporting detail 3 : _____

Closing sentence : _____

Task 2: The last step is to write complete body paragraphs for your essay. You may start your body paragraphs by writing a topic sentence, supporting details and closing sentence. A reminder, each of your body paragraph should **NOT exceed 200 words**.

Title: The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning

Body paragraph 1

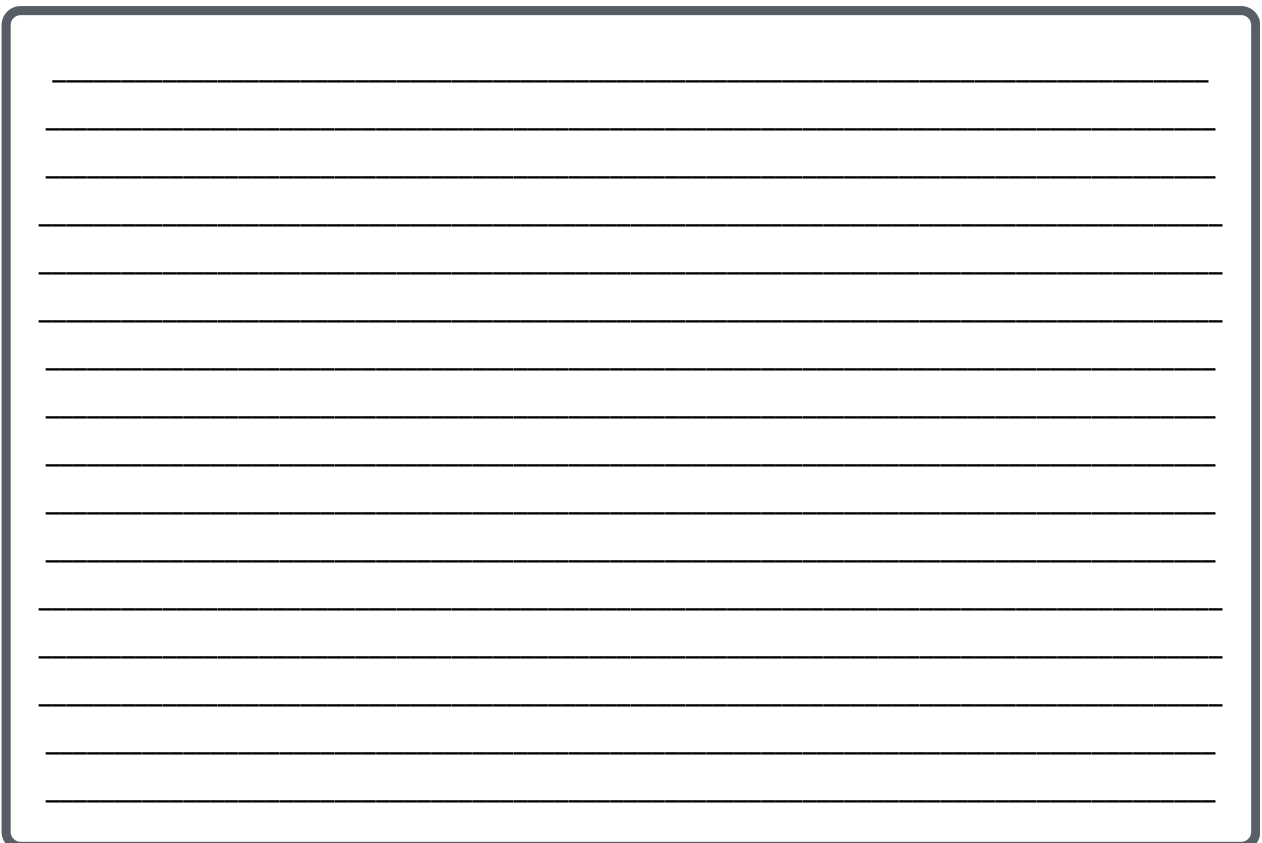
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Body paragraph 2



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Body paragraph 3



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TOPIC 6



ACADEMIC ESSAY STRUCTURE:
CONCLUSION



The Structure of a Conclusion

A powerful conclusion paragraph should include restatement of the thesis, summary of key points and concluding remark. In this paragraph, the writer should be able to explain the importance of the topics while recapping the main idea and signaling the end of the writing.

Read the text and complete all tasks.

1. Though it poses a few negative effects, it also provides a wide range of positive benefits in areas of education, general welfare and health.
2. Learning about these impacts help in taking steps to recognise and reduce them so that you can make the most out of its positive impacts.
3. In short, technology is an eminent part of our daily life.

Task 1:

The conclusion sentences above are in the incorrect order. Rearrange and rewrite the conclusion sentences in the space provided below. A reminder, the concluding paragraph normally start with **Restatement of the Thesis** > **Summary of key points** > **Concluding Remark**.



Task 2: Based on the answer provided above, answer the questions below:

a. Identify the transition word used to signal conclusion:

b. Suggest other transitions that can be used apart from the answer mentioned above:



Restatement of Thesis

Restate the thesis statement in an introductory paragraph by using your own words. The sentence should include your main ideas.

Task 1: Rephrase the thesis statements given as you would in the beginning of a conclusion paragraph.

a. There are many reasons for the deplorable reading habits of Malaysian students either due to parental, school-related or personal habits.

Rephrase: _____

b. To overcome the stress and depression in study, students should eat well, get enough sleep and be physically active.

Rephrase: _____

c. A successful retention strategy must include recognition, competitive compensation offers and career advancement.

Rephrase: _____





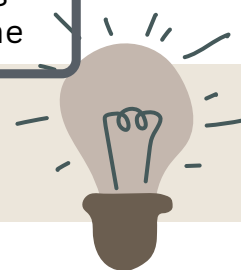
Summary of All Key Points

Summarise the main ideas to support the thesis statement.

Task 1: Read through the article and fill in the space provided by summing up the points discussed in the body paragraph.

Nowadays, most students are less keen on developing their reading habits. Still, to be able to stand on the same ground as other leading countries, this habit should be instilled on the students. There has been a debate on who is responsible for these students who are lacking in reading. Many parties especially the government and teachers are concerned with the students declining reading habits. However, parents are unaware of this problem or choose to turn a blind eye towards it. Parents choose to leave this problem for teachers to handle. The government, teachers, and parents have their own views on this matter.

The government is very much concern on this matter. Based on the statistics issued by the National Statistics Department during the year 2002, Malaysian students only read two books a year. Studies in the past have shown that the exam-oriented educational system in Malaysia promotes routine learning and that there needs to be a standard shift in how we view education and about the way we teach (Chitravellu, 1997). Reading skills are important throughout our lifespan, particularly as we respond to new demands and changes in jobs and reading for pleasure or recreational has been found to improve reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, spelling and grammatical development (Krashen, 1993). The positive and rewarding effects of recreational reading have been demonstrated in numerous studies (Burgess, 1994; Krashen, 1984, 1993). In other words, it is important that Malaysia must aim to re-evaluate the present education system, not to reverse it or simply oscillate forward and backward within the same unchanging parameters, without ever conducting a critical evaluation of where, how, and why things went wrong. The



government must therefore set up an educational re-evaluation or reform program or a national enquiry committee to look seriously into the Malaysian education and develop a set of realistic, practical, and forward-looking ideas for improving the national education system in accordance with the requirements and ideals of Vision 2020. However, the more immediate task is to prepare the future human resource of the nation with the ability and intellectual skills to adapt to the expansion of the Malaysian economy and its globalization.

Parents are the most influential people in the life of a child; students normally model the behaviours and attitudes of their parents after constantly observing them since they were in diapers. Logically, if the parents have positive attitudes the child will mimic and model after them. It goes the same if the parents have negative attitudes and behaviours. If the parents themselves do not make reading as a daily activity, they should not expect their child to cultivate reading as a daily activity. In this context, parents should be good role models to the students by including reading as one of their daily activities (Clark, 2007). Other than that, parents should allocate a small percentage of their monthly earnings to purchase books and suitable reading materials for their children. They should also designate a small section in the house specifically for reading. This allows their children to always have a place to read. If the child is still an infant or a toddler, allocate some personal time with and read a story book together. By the time child is starting his or her formal education, he or she will associate reading with not only for exams but also for pleasure. Parents also can bring their child to the local library and allow them to read books which discuss the topics of their interest. If the child is fond of cars then allow him to read a book regarding the anatomy of a car. By doing so, the child is reading for pleasure and personal interest. This can translate into good academic performance and personal development in the future.

Other than parents, the school which is the primary educational institution of the society also has a crucial role to play in improving students' reading habits. The school library is one of the usual facilities found in a public school. However, it is not fully utilised by the students. Students will seldom go and read at the school library unless it is for some special reading programme which is conducted once or twice a week by the school. This may be due to the school's library lacking certain attractive factors. The school should allocate some money to ameliorate the facilities of the school's library. Computers should be provided to enable the students to utilise the internet for research and also to locate online reading materials. Air-conditioners



Concluding Remark

A concluding remark is the final sentence of an essay's conclusion. It is known as a concluding remark since it condenses the essay's entire goal into a single sentence. This last sentence wraps up the whole writing, such as the thoughts of the writer, the significant result of the writing, future focus etc. to show to the readers that the writing is worth reading and also for better understanding of the topic.

Task 1: Complete the paragraph with a concluding remark.

In summary, the essay has considered the positive and negative aspects of using Facebook at a tertiary level. Research has identified how Facebook can facilitate social interaction and rich collaboration between peers. Therefore, it has the potential to complement face-to-face modes of delivery. However, if Facebook is going to be effectively and safely used in tertiary teaching and learning, then students and teachers need careful guidance. Concerns about use center on the tendency of Facebook to distract students, as well as the need to support students to better control privacy settings. In conclusion, _____

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Writing a Conclusion

Task 1: Identify the thesis statement in the essay, so that you can craft the conclusion for the essay. The conclusion **SHOULD NOT exceed 100 words** which consist of:

- Restatement of the thesis
- Summary of key points
- Concluding remark

Assignment essays are developed from set questions that give students a period of time to research a topic and produce their answer with references to their sources of information. While there are some disadvantages with using assignment essays as an assessment tool, there are sound educational purposes underpinning this practice. This essay examines the reasons why assignment essays are beneficial for student learning and considers some of the problems with this method of assessment.

Assignment essay tasks are set to assist students to develop mastery of their study subject. Firstly, assignment tasks enhance understandings about subject matter. Yang and Baker (2005) reason that “to master your learning materials and extend your understandings, you need to write about the meanings you gain from your research” (p. 1). Secondly, research (Jinx, 2004; Zapper, 2006) clearly demonstrates that students learn the writing conventions of a subject area while they are researching, reading and writing in their discipline. This activity helps them to “crack the code” of the discipline (Bloggs, 2003, p. 44). Thus, students are learning subject matter and how to write in that disciplinary area by researching and writing assignment essays.



Task 2: Complete this template with your responses from Page 46 -47 to construct a conclusion for your essay. The title for your essay is '**The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning**'.

Restatement of thesis:

Summary of key points:

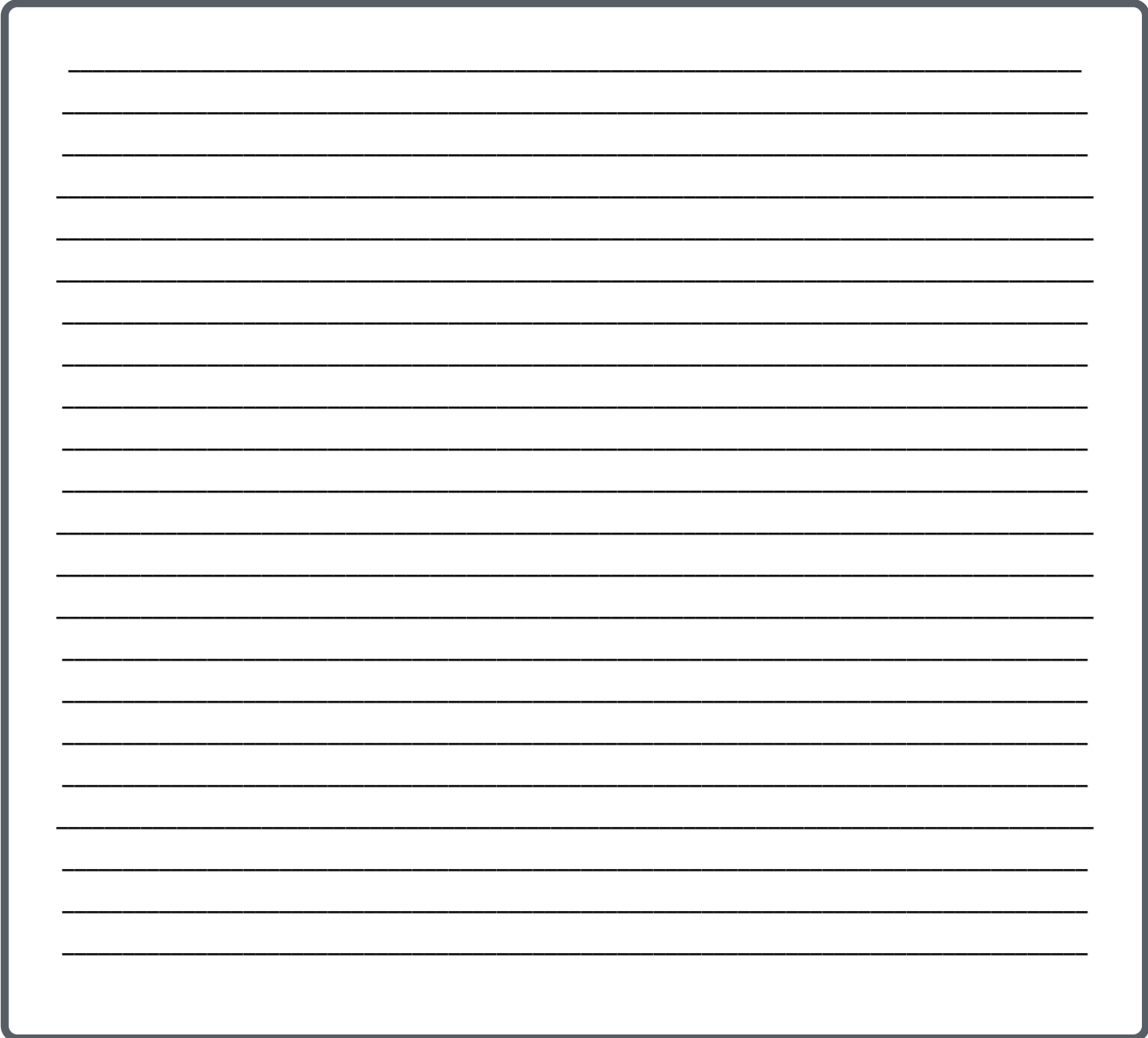
- Summary of main idea 1:

- Summary of main idea 2:

- Summary of main idea 3:

Concluding remark:

Task 3: The last step in writing an academic essay is to write a conclusion. Based on Page 57, write a complete conclusion by restating your thesis, summarising all key points and writing a concluding remark for your essay entitled '**The Influence of TikTok on Students' Learning**'. A reminder, your conclusion **SHOULD NOT exceed 100 words**.



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Reading Strategies for Academic Texts

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PREVIEW

Read the title, the back of the book, and table of contents. Scanning this information can give you an initial idea of what you'll be reading and some useful context for thinking about it.



READ

Circle or highlight key concepts. Write questions or comments in the margins or in a notebook. This will help you remember what you are reading and also build a personal connection with the subject matter.



SUMMARISE

It's worth taking the time to write a short summary—even if your instructor doesn't require it. The exercise of jotting down a few sentences or a short paragraph capturing the main ideas of the reading is enormously beneficial.



REVIEW

It may not be practical to thoroughly reread assignments from start to finish, but before class discussions or tests, it's a good idea to skim through them to identify the main points, reread any notes at the ends of chapters, and review any summaries you've written.



Transition Words

Transition words are used at the beginning of each new paragraph. A piece of writing flows better when transitional words and phrases are used to link one concept to the next. Here are some examples of transition words and phrases that you can use in your writing.

Beginning

- First
- Initially
- In the beginning
- To start
- First of all
- To begin

Middle

- Next
- Then
- Also
- Later
- In the middle
- Furthermore
- Additionally

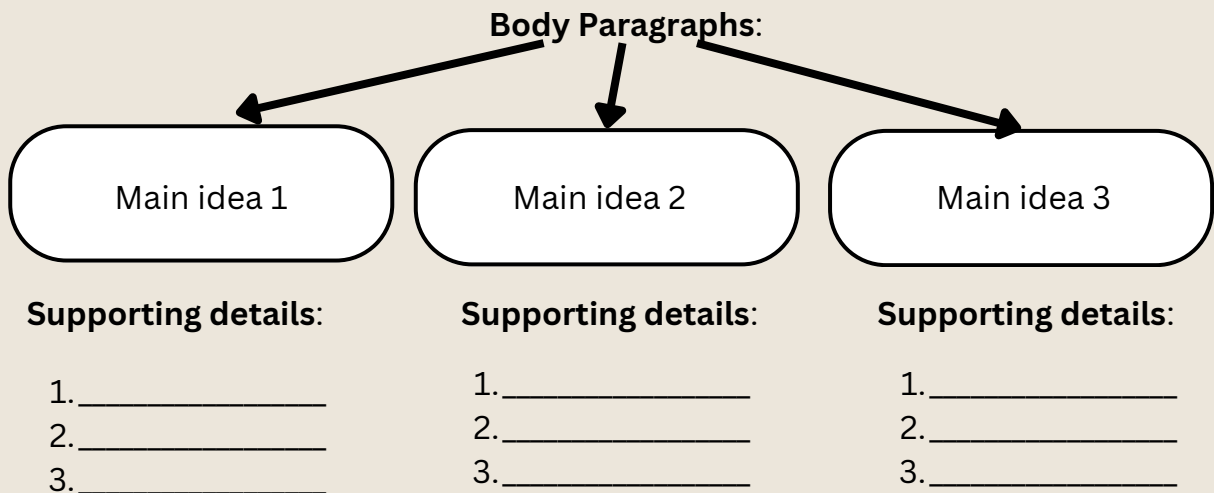
End

- Last
- Finally
- In the end
- In conclusion
- Eventually
- At last
- All in all

Academic Writing Outline

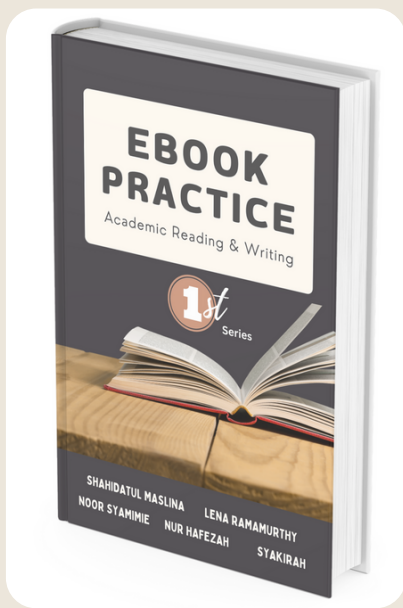
Topic: _____

Introduction:

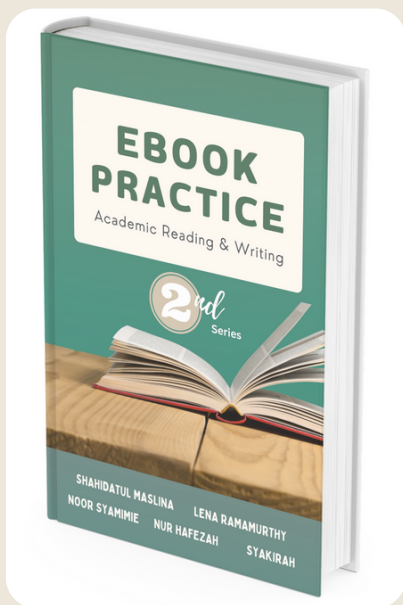


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