

LESSON 24: WRITING

Q 8 Write an opinion essay

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1. Instruction

- You would have 30 mins to complete Question No.8. The question will remain on the screen while you write. Your essay should have at least 300 words (about 30 lines).
- Opinions on common topics such as *workplace issues, family, friendships, career choices, education, transportation issues, city issues, shopping, leisure time.*
- This question will test your ability to develop an opinion essay with a clear thesis statement and supporting ideas.
- Make sure to check the time, you set 15 mins for basic outline, drafting, and 10 mins for writing your official essay. Last 5 mins for making final corrections. Checking that all sentences are complete, make sense, grammatically correct, correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation.
- Your response will be scored on
 - How well your opinion is supported by reasons and examples
 - The quality of the grammar used
 - The variety and accuracy of vocabulary
 - The organization.
- You will be asked to state your opinion on the topic in one of the following ways:

Agree or disagree with statement.

Do you agree and disagree with the following statement: Learning an additional language is a good way to improve one's job prospect in any field. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

State your preference for something.

Some people prefer to work for a large company, while others prefer to work in a small office. Which size of company do you prefer to work in? Use specific examples to support your choice.

Describe the advantages and disadvantages of a situation.

What are the advantages or disadvantages of living near work? Give reasons or examples to support your opinion.

Explain the importance of something.

References from previous employers are important for some employers when making hiring decisions. Why do you think that references are important to employers? Use specific reasons and examples to explain your answer.

2. Structure of the essay

Introduction	What to Include
Topic sentence	Introduce the main topic of the essay.
Thesis statement	Restate the prompt using your opinion. You may also briefly mention the three main points you will use to support your thesis.
Body paragraphs	What to Include
Topic sentence	Express the major point that supports the main thesis.
Details/examples	Mention the details/examples that you will use to support your opinion.
Transition Statement	Signal to the reader that you have finished talking about the point and will move on to the next point.

Conclusion	What to Include
Restate Thesis	Express the main supporting detail that supports the main thesis.
Review of Major Points	Briefly mention the three major points used to support the thesis, and be sure to mention how these points support your opinion.
Concluding Sentence	Wrap up the content of the paragraph.

TIPS:

- Write a thesis statement clearly and simply: *It is my belief that; I think that; Personally, I prefer to; There are several advantages of; In my opinion.*
- Think of 2-3 ideas to support your opinion, write one paragraph about each idea: *Firstly, Secondly, Lastly, Moreover, However, In addition, For example, For instance.*
- Restate your opinion in the conclusion: *To summarize; Finally, I think; In conclusion.*

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