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# Opinion Essays

## General Structure

If you are given an opinion essay, you have to pick sides.

You can either agree or disagree with the statement in the question.

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

## An opinion essay should have :

- Introduction
- 3 Body Paragraphs

★ The 3rd body paragraph is optional. It will get you a higher band score

- Conclusion

## Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

## Body Paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

## Body Paragraph 2

A central idea- The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

Supporting points - Added points that support your central idea.

Example - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

### **Body paragraph 3**

This paragraph is the trickiest of all. You need to convey to the examiner that :

- You are aware of the other side of the argument •
- Yet you believe that your side is logical or right.

### **Conclusion**

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion





## Essay 1

Although there is a lot of translation software available, learning a language still could be advantageous. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

### Sample Answer

Language translation software programs have gained popularity in recent times due to developments in the science and technology sector. Due to this development, web-based language translation applications have grown in the past few years. But learning a language from a human instructor can be far beneficial. I agree with the statement that there are manifold benefits in learning a language. In the subsequent paragraphs, I shall explain why learning a language from a human instructor is beneficial.

Language translation apps are becoming increasingly famous nowadays because they are free and easily accessible. But there are a variety of reasons why learning a language is essential. Primarily, learning a language has innumerable benefits. People who speak more than one language have improved memory, problem-solving and critical thinking skills and acquire the ability to multitask. Also, there are still certain parts of the world where internet facilities are not available. Softwares for translation are not available in such places. Learning a new language becomes necessary in these scenarios.

Secondly, the translations provided by these web-based translators are word to word translations. It merely gives the meaning of the word and fails to provide the true essence of the sentence. Translations apps are built in such a way that they cannot understand the slang and idioms used by people in everyday life. In contrast, an instructor can help you understand the true significance of a sentence. Sometimes there are multiple meanings to one word, and translation apps fail to convey its exact meaning. As a result, it can cause a lot of confusion and misunderstanding.

Even though web-based translation softwares are readily available and pocket friendly, they fail to provide the true meaning of the sentences.

To sum up, translation tools are not reliable. It fails to provide the sentences' accurate meaning, and one should not rely on language translation apps just because they are readily available.

### Structure of the essay:

You were given an opinion essay which means you had to pick a side.

So,

- Do you agree that even though there are a lot of language translation softwares available, learning a language still could be advantageous?

(or)

- Do you disagree that even though there are a lot of language translation softwares available, learning a language still could be advantageous?

Once you pick a side, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.  
Don't forget to state your opinion on it.

### **Introduction:**

**Question Paraphrased** - Language translation software programs have gained popularity in recent times due to developments in the science and technology sector. However, there are many translation apps available on mobile phones and laptops. But learning a language from an instructor can be far beneficial.

**Opinion** - I agree with the statement that there are manifold benefits in learning a language. A thesis statement - In the subsequent paragraphs, I shall explain why learning a language through a human instructor is beneficial.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Topic :** Why web-based translators are unreliable

#### **Supporting points:**

- knowledge acquisition is necessary
- Internet unavailable in certain parts of the world

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Topic :** Why learning a language is necessary

#### **Supporting points:**

- Translator apps are unreliable
- Fails to provide true meaning of the sentences
- Human instructors are reliable

### **Conclusion:**

Reiterated that translation software applications are unreliable and acquiring new language skills is necessary.

# Discussion Essays

## General Structure

If you are given a discussion essay, you have to write about both sides of the statement.

Offer your opinion, only if you are asked to.

Once you are clear about your opinion, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

## A discussion essay should have:

- Introduction
- 3 Body Paragraphs (3rd body paragraph is optional)
- Conclusion

## Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.
- A thesis statement (if asked for opinion) – This statement should clearly state your opinion (i.e) whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

## Body paragraph 1

Your body paragraph should revolve around:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (Optional)

**A central idea-** The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

**Supporting points** - Added points that support your central idea.

**Example** - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

## Body Paragraph 2

**A central idea-** The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

**Supporting points** - Added points that support your central idea.

**Example** - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

## Body Paragraph 3

It should contain your opinion along with supporting points for your opinion. This can be done in the conclusion paragraph too but it may be a bit weird. Thus, it's always better to have a body paragraph with your opinion.

## Conclusion

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion.

## Essay 2

Some people think governments should spend money on measures to save languages with few speakers from dying out completely. Others think this is a waste of financial resources. Discuss both views and give your opinion.

### Sample Answer

There is a rising concern that the government should invest more money to preserve the minority languages. Some people favour it, whereas others think that it's a waste of financial resources. I firmly believe that the government should invest more money to preserve minority languages. In the forthcoming paragraphs, I shall examine both sides and explain why the government should maintain the importance of minority language.

On the one hand, saving the language of minorities is essential as this is the only way to preserve its importance. Moreover, language plays a crucial role in forming the nation's distinct identity by contributing to its customs and traditions. Also, language helps the younger generation to connect with their ancestors. Language holds significant historical importance. Whenever the investigation of a nation's origin occurs, the documents or the manuscripts will be found written in local languages. Many scholars are ready to dig up such valuable manuscripts and documents.

Furthermore, by preserving local languages' value, literary works such as poems or local short stories will become more valuable. On the other hand, those who are not in favour of the government investing more money in local languages' preservation believe that these languages have already lost their importance. Other widely spoken languages such as French, English, and Spanish are more commonly used to convey ideas and thoughts. Therefore, it is not worth investing more money in the language that is not used. Moreover, the government already runs on a limited budget and should allocate the budget in other critical sectors. To conclude, it is true that certain languages are not much in use. But the government should allocate a budget to preserve these languages to maintain the country's identity.

### Structure of the essay:

You were given a discussion essay for which you had to give an opinion.  
Choose a side. State your opinion on it.

### Introduction:

**Question Paraphrased** - Many people have shown concern over whether the government should invest more money to preserve the minority language. Some people favour it, whereas others believe that it's a waste of financial resources.

**Opinion** - I firmly believe that the government should invest more money to preserve minority languages.

**A thesis statement** - In the forthcoming paragraph, I shall examine both sides of the statement and explain why the government should preserve the importance of minority languages.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea:** For preservation of minority language

**Supporting points:**

- Maintains distinct identity
- Holds cultural significance
- Historical significance
- Improves communication within communities

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

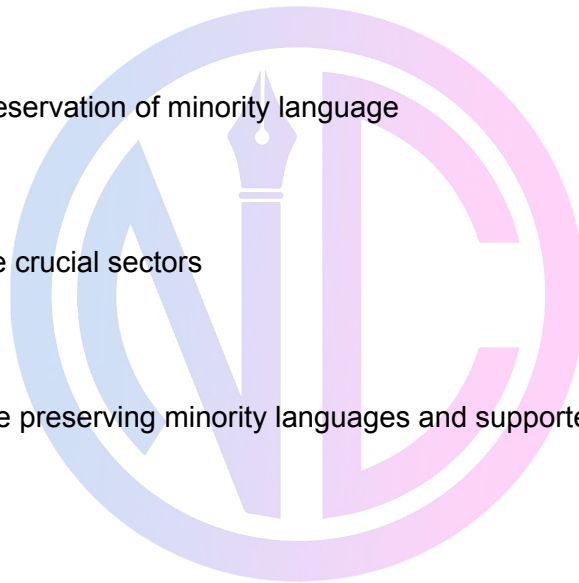
**Central idea:** Against preservation of minority language

**Supporting points:**

- Limited budget
- Allocating funds to more crucial sectors
- Limited speakers

**Conclusion:**

Reiterated the importance preserving minority languages and supported the side taken in introduction.



# Advantages/Disadvantages Essays

## General Structure

If you are given an advantages/disadvantages essay and you have to decide whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you have to list the advantages and disadvantages and decide which outweighs the other. Once you are clear about the advantages and disadvantages, you can start planning your essay and then writing it.

## Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

## Body paragraph 1

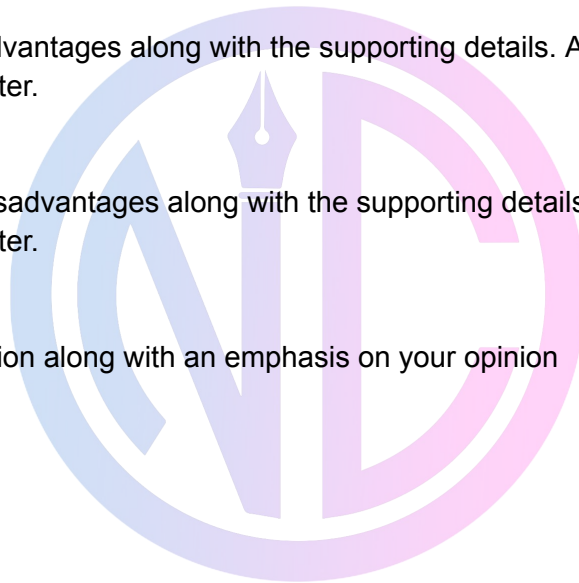
- It should contain the advantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

## Body paragraph 2

- It should contain the disadvantages along with the supporting details. A real-life example would help you score better.

## Conclusion

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion



## Essay 3

In some countries, young people are encouraged to work or travel for a year between finishing high school and starting university studies. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages for young people who decide to do this.

### Sample Answer

There is a mixed opinion on whether countries should encourage young people to take up jobs or travel after finishing high school. Some think that is a mere waste of time and money, while others feel that the experience they gain from work or travel will help them fare better in the university. There are advantages and disadvantages involved in taking up job opportunities or travelling before attending the university.

Primarily, a school is a restricted environment. They concentrate on academics, sports, and certain extracurricular activities. A young person fresh out of school is innocent and has no practical knowledge of tackling real-life problems. They are spoon-fed in schools. The practical knowledge gained will help in a better understanding of the concepts taught in the university. For example, a student who works on mini projects in electronics will excel in his university study in Electronic Engineering. Moreover, the person develops communication skills and becomes a bit more knowledgeable of the world around him.

However, some people think that the break between high school and university education is unnecessary. The university will provide ample opportunities for internships, which will equip the person with the required practical knowledge. Some of them may lose interest in pursuing studies as they have started making money. There will be an unnecessary gap in education, which will be questioned in job interviews. If not justified properly, the person may end up losing an opportunity.

In summary, there are both benefits and drawbacks to taking up jobs after high school. Once they start earning, there is the risk of not joining the university at all. But if they enter the university right after high school, they may struggle out of lack of experience.

### Structure of the essay

You are asked to write an advantages/disadvantages essay. This precisely means that you have to explain the advantages and disadvantages.

Remember to jot down all the points (advantages & disadvantages) before you begin the essay. Do not give your opinion.

### Introduction:



There is a mixed opinion on whether countries should encourage young people to take up jobs or travel after finishing high school. Some think that is a mere waste of time and money, while others feel that the experience they gain from work or travel will help them fare better in the university.

### **Opinion - Not required**

#### **Body Paragraph 1:**

##### **Advantages:**

- Gains experience on real-life problems
- Prior practical knowledge will help to excel in studies
- Develops communication skills

#### **Body Paragraph 2:**

##### **Disadvantages:**

- University itself provides internship opportunities
- Possibility of losing interest in pursuing university education
- Unnecessary gap in education

##### **Conclusion:**

Summarised the advantages and disadvantages.



# Cause/Solution Essays

## General Structure

If you were given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions. Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

## A cause/solution essay should have:

- Introduction
- 2 Body Paragraphs o Each paragraph can contain:
  - Either a problem solution paragraph.
  - Problems in one paragraph and solutions in the other. •

## Conclusion

### Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

### Body Paragraph 1

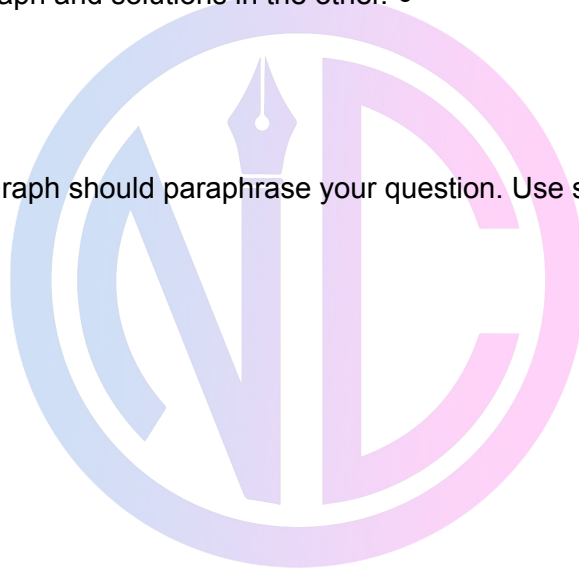
- Problems
- Real-life examples

### Body Paragraph 2:

- Solutions
- Real-life examples

### Conclusion:

Your conclusion paragraph should paraphrase the question.



## Essay 4

**The demand for food is increasing worldwide. Why has it happened? What measures could the international community take to improve the situation?**

### Sample Answer

The demand for food has exceeded production. This is worrisome because hunger and starvation will increase the death toll. Two major causes can be attributed to the current situation. They are population explosion and changes in diet patterns of people, such as becoming protein savvy. However, it can be mitigated by taking the necessary steps.

In the 21st century, the global population has seen a four-fold increase. According to a survey, the world consisted of only 1.8 billion people in 1915. According to the numbers estimated by the UN, we are 7.3 billion people now, and we are expected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050. This growth is fuelling demand for food. The demand for food is estimated to increase between 59% to 98% by 2050. There has been a change in food consumption of people in developed and developing countries who have started using superior grains. Climate changes such as extreme weather conditions and depletion of water resources have led to low crop yields.

However, some steps can be taken to overcome this issue. Firstly, deforestation should be stopped. They don't serve the purpose at all. Defendants of deforestation claim that the forests were cleared to make more agricultural lands. But deforestation has many dangerous after-effects which impact the production of crops. Farmers need to resort to organic fertilizers and modern farming practices to increase the yield of crops. The government should lessen the loan burden of farmers. The global community must ensure that there are good storage and transportation facilities so that starving nations get food from those who produce it in surplus. Awareness must be created that people need not resort to superfoods to meet their protein needs.

In conclusion, though population explosion and change in food consumption have fuelled demand for food, we can meet it by adopting measures such as stopping deforestation, resorting to organic fertilizers, and following modern agricultural practices.

### Structure of the essay

If you were given a cause/solution essay, you have to talk about the problems and the solutions. Once you are clear about the problems you are going to write about in your essay, you can start planning your essay and then write it.

#### Introduction:

**Question paraphrased** - The demand for food has exceeded the production. This is worrisome

because hunger and starvation will increase the death toll. Two major causes can be attributed to the current situation. They are population explosion and changes in diet patterns of people such as becoming protein savvy. However, it can be mitigated by taking necessary steps.

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Central idea :** Factors fuelling food demand

#### **Supporting points:**

- Population explosion
- Change in food consumption
- Climatic changes leading to low crop yields

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea :** Steps that can be taken to meet food demand

#### **Supporting points:**

- Stopping deforestation
- Adopting modern agricultural practices
- Lessening the loan burden on farmers

#### **Conclusion:**

Summarised the causes and solutions - In conclusion, though population explosion and change in food consumption have fuelled demand for food, we can meet it by adopting measures such as stopping deforestation, resorting to organic fertilizers, and following modern agricultural practices.

# Direct Question Essays

## General Structure

If you are given a direct question essay.

All you have to do with direct question essays is, answer the questions given, in each body paragraph.

## A direct question essay should have:

- Introduction
- Body Paragraphs vary according to the number of questions •
- Conclusion

## Introduction

- Your introduction paragraph should paraphrase your question. Use synonyms for the words used in the question.

## Body Paragraphs

Your body paragraph should revolve around the answer to the question. But it should be according to this format:

- A central idea
- Supporting points
- Example (optional, would help you to score a higher band)

**A central idea** - The paragraph should revolve around this idea.

**Supporting points** - Added points that support your central idea.

**Example** - Examples from your real-life experiences that support the supporting idea. They are optional.

## Conclusion

- Paraphrase your question along with an emphasis on your opinion

## Essay 5

Many students are now refusing to choose science subjects at their university Level.

Why do you think this is happening and what is the impact on the community?

### Sample Answer

It is true that the number of science students are becoming inadequate in different parts of the world nowadays. There are two major factors that contribute to the common disinterest in science subjects.

Firstly, those subjects are often challenging and require a lot of intensity as well as a great deal of patience and intelligence. The number of researches that an average Biology student has to do is more than other subjects with a higher level of both difficulty and commitment, which stops many students from choosing science as their majors. Secondly, employment opportunities in this particular field are limited and extremely competitive. Although a huge amount of time and effort is spent on science study at school, there is still little chance for them to get a job after graduation.

Society greatly suffers from the scarcity of aspirants in science fields. As the number of science students is less, other majors such as business or economics have increased, hence the imbalance in the future workforce. Competitiveness increased due to too many degree holders of the same expertise pushing a worrying number of graduates to the verge of unemployment. Another problem is the shortage of science professionals as qualified employees are low in number. Unless more students decided to study science at university, sooner or later we would have to face a major human resource crisis.

In conclusion, some strict requirements of science subjects and employment opportunities are the reasons why a lot of students are not choosing science subjects to study, and there are serious problems arising from this situation, hence government should create more job opportunities to overcome this issue.

### Structure of the essay

You were given a direct question essay.

All you have to do with direct question essays is, answer the questions given in each body paragraph.

### Introduction

- It is true that the number of science students are becoming inadequate in different parts of the world nowadays.

## **Body Paragraph 1**

**Central idea: 'Reasons why it's happening.'**

**Supporting points:**

- Those subjects are often challenging and require a lot of intensity as well as a great deal of patience and intelligence. The number of researches that an average Biology student has to do is more than other subjects with a higher level of both difficulty and commitment, which stops many students from choosing science as their majors.
- Employment opportunities in this particular field are limited and extremely competitive. Although a huge amount of time and effort is spent on science study at school, there is still little chance for them to get a job after graduation.

## **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Central idea: Scarcity of aspirants in science fields.**

**Supporting points:**

- As the number of science students is less, other majors such as business or economics have increased, hence the imbalance in the future workforce. Competitiveness increased due to too many degree holders of the same expertise pushing a worrying number of graduates to the verge of unemployment.

## **Conclusion**

- Some strict requirements of science subjects and employment opportunities are the reasons why a lot of students are not choosing science subjects to study, and there are serious problems arising from this situation, hence government should create more job opportunities to overcome this issue.



## Essay 5

**Online shopping is significantly increasing. What effect does this have people, what are the demerits and what are the job opportunities?**

### Sample Answer

In today's busy lifestyle, going to the market for shopping has become a difficult task compared to online shopping. It's easier as you can see all the items on your mobile phones or laptops without any effort. We can see different variants of the item, compare prices and do not have to get through the hassle of multiple stores to find the perfect dress, colour and fit. It's also less time consuming.

Online shopping, like other businesses has both advantages and disadvantages. Online shopping has become a wide market in which goods are sold at cheaper and affordable prices to the customers. The growing competition in e-commerce business has led to huge discounts for customers. Online shopping is less time consuming, affordable and offers multiple options in just one click. There are also cases of fraud that has taken place as lower quality and cheaper quality products are delivered instead of original products that were promised. At the same time, it has affected the retail shops in the market and many of them have shut down due to lesser customers, which has resulted in many daily wage workers, retailer workers and sales agents losing their jobs.

On the bright side, Online shopping has provided job opportunities for the people in the IT sector. They design these online shopping websites and the technical team that maintains it. It has also created thousands of jobs such as customer Service agents, where the consumer can reach out for assistance and enquiries related to the product they want to purchase.

As mentioned earlier online shopping has made life easier without the hassle of going all the way to the market, or visiting various shops to find the right product and a lot of time is saved hence online shopping has significantly increased and made a tremendous impact.

### Structure of the essay

You are provided with a Direct Question Essay, which is one of the easiest essays. All you have to do is answer the questions.

### Introduction

- In today's busy lifestyle, going to the market for shopping has become a difficult task compared to online shopping.

Body paragraph 1

- Online shopping is less time consuming, affordable and offers multiple options in just one click. There are also cases of fraud that has taken place as lower quality and cheaper quality products are delivered instead of original products that were promised.

- At the same time, it has affected the retail shops in the market and many of them have shut down due to lesser customers, which has resulted in many daily wage workers, retailer workers and sales agents losing their jobs.

### **Body Paragraph 2**

- Online shopping has provided job opportunities for the people in the IT sector. They design these online shopping websites and the technical team that maintains it.
- It has also created thousands of jobs such as customer service agents, where the consumer can reach out for assistance and enquiries related to the product they want to purchase.

### **Conclusion**

- As mentioned earlier online shopping has made life easier without the hassle of going all the way to the market, or visiting various shops to find the right product and a lot of time is saved hence online shopping has significantly increased and made a tremendous Impact.

