

Guidelines for the Final Writing Exam (Opinion Essay, 120-150 wds)

Before you write

- Read the task carefully.
- Identify the topic, purpose, and target reader.
- Decide your opinion and think of supporting ideas.
- Plan your essay before you begin.

Essay Structure (4 paragraphs)

Paragraph 1 – Introduction

- Introduce the topic.
- State your opinion clearly.

Useful expressions:

- *Nowadays, many people believe that...*
- *There is considerable debate about whether...*
- *In my opinion,...*
- *I strongly believe that...*
- *It seems to me that...*

Paragraph 2 – First Argument

- Present your first point.
- Explain it and provide an example.

Useful expressions:

- *Firstly,...*
- *To begin with,...*
- *One important reason is that...*
- *For example,...*
- *For instance,...*

Paragraph 3 – Second Argument

- Develop another idea.
- Add explanation and examples.

Useful expressions:

- *Furthermore,...*
- *Moreover,...*
- *In addition,...*
- *Another significant point is that...*

- *As a result,...*
- *Therefore,...*

Presenting an opposite view (optional)

- *However,...*
- *On the other hand,...*
- *Although...*
- *Nevertheless,...*

Paragraph 4 – Conclusion

- Summarise your ideas.
- Restate your opinion.

Useful expressions:

- *To conclude,...*
- *In conclusion,...*
- *Overall,...*
- *Taking everything into consideration,...*

Vocabulary Upgrade

Instead of → Use:

- *good* → *beneficial / effective / valuable*
- *bad* → *harmful / negative*
- *important* → *essential / significant*
- *big* → *major / considerable*
- *problem* → *issue / challenge*
- *help* → *support / contribute to*
- *improve* → *enhance / develop*
- *many people think* → *many people argue / believe*

Final Check ✓

- Clear opinion stated
- Two developed arguments
- Linking words used
- Appropriate vocabulary
- Grammar and spelling checked
- Correct word count followed

Remember: A successful opinion essay presents a clear position, develops ideas logically, and supports arguments with examples.