

MASTER IELTS ESSAYS

SUPER INTENSIVE COURSE

Writing an Opinion Essay based on Notes – Part 2
(Counter-Argument & Conclusion)

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Strong View: Brainstorming Notes



In the future, nobody will buy printed newspapers or books because they will be able to read everything they want online without paying. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Fully Disagree

Publishers still need to earn money: producing high-quality books and articles costs money + authors, editors and publishers need to be paid > advertising revenue alone not cover all expenses > publishers continue charging for some digital content through subscriptions or paywalls

Printed books/newspapers more comfortable, distraction-free reading experience: Unlike digital devices: printed materials no notifications, advertisements, other online distractions > concentrate better > future: people who need to concentrate e.g. ADHD, elderly: read on paper

Access less affected by technological issues: Printed books/newspapers do not rely on technology or electricity > e.g. if a server loses its stored data or a country experiences a prolonged power cut > people can still read prints + nature of technology & electrical systems: problems/mistakes are always possible even in future > demand for them remains for many years

CA: stop buying paper to stop deforestation

Refute/Solution: recycling will resolve concerns

HOMEWORK: Support Body 3



Note: You need to include two or more reasons in your opinion essay, so this is an optional body paragraph.

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In addition/Finally,...

Counterargument (CA)



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Refute/Solution: recycling will resolve concerns

Practice:

Some may argue that ..., but I think ...

Conclusion (Independent)

Rephrase your opinion [+ Summary of main ideas if you need more words]

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In conclusion, I think (fully agree/...) [+ reasons]

Example: #3

In conclusion, I believe that, in the future, people will still purchase printed newspapers or books, and not all the reading material they need will be available online free of charge. [*Publishers need their income, and paper publications will be more comfortable and less affected by technological problems.*]

Conclusion (with CA)



No CA in the body

→ begin conclusion with CA and handle it, then add your rephrased opinion

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Some may argue that.... But I think.... And/So I agree/disagree/believe that...

Example:

Some may argue that people will stop buying paper so that they can stop deforestation, but I think this will not be a serious concern and recycling will resolve the issue. Therefore, I believe that, in the future, people will still purchase printed newspapers or books, and not all the reading material they need will be available online free of charge.

Strong View Essay: TR min. 7



It is said that in the coming years, no one is likely to buy printed newspapers or books since people will be able to read anything they want online for free. I strongly disagree, mainly due to financial factors.

One reason is that earning money will still be essential for publishers. Producing high-quality books and articles costs a fortune, and authors, editors and publishers need a source of income. Advertising revenue alone would not be able to cover all these expenses, which will lead publishers to continue charging for some digital content through subscriptions or paywalls.

In addition, printed books or newspapers provide a more comfortable and distraction-free reading experience for people. Unlike when they read on digital devices, readers do not receive any notifications or advertisements whenever they read printed materials. Thus, they can concentrate better on what they read. In the coming years, people with concentration problems, for example those with ADHD and autism or the elderly, will prefer to read on paper.

Finally,...

Some may argue that people will stop buying paper so that they can stop deforestation, but I think this will not be a serious concern and recycling will resolve the issue.

In conclusion, I believe that, in the future, people will still purchase printed newspapers or books, and not all the reading material they need will be available online free of charge. [Publishers need their income, and paper publications will be more comfortable and less affected by technological problems.]

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Finally,...

Some may argue that people will stop buying paper so that they can stop deforestation, but I think this will not be a serious concern and recycling will resolve the issue. Therefore, I believe that, in the future, people will still purchase printed newspapers or books, and not all the reading material they need will be available online free of charge.

Middle View: Brainstorming Notes



In the future, nobody will buy printed newspapers or books because they will be able to read everything they want online without paying. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Generally Agree

Publishers will make money from other sources: Now: people pay for internet connection > don't like to pay for available content e.g. articles, news, books > future: publishers switch to making money via ads > need to be seen to get more ads > publish everything online for free

Protecting the environment: now: pollution increasing > future: so bad > need more trees to make more oxygen > people try to reduce deforestation > BECAUSE paperless books/newspapers > cut fewer trees for wood > stop buying prints

HOWEVER Printed books/newspapers more comfortable, distraction-free reading experience for those who need to concentrate: Unlike digital devices: printed materials no notifications, advertisements, other online distractions > concentrate better > future: people who need to concentrate e.g. ADHD, elderly: read on paper

Middle View Essay Blueprint



Introduction: Generally agree

Body 1: Publishers will make money from other sources: Now: people pay for internet connection > don't like to pay for available content e.g. articles, news, books > future: publishers switch to making money via ads > need to be seen to get more ads > publish everything online for free

Body 2: Protecting the environment: now: pollution increasing > future: so bad > need more trees to make more oxygen > people try to reduce deforestation > BECAUSE paperless books/newspapers > cut fewer trees for wood > stop buying prints

Body 3: HOWEVER Printed books/newspapers more comfortable, distraction-free reading experience for those who need to concentrate: Unlike digital devices: printed materials no notifications, advertisements, other online distractions > concentrate better > future: people who need to concentrate e.g. ADHD, elderly: read on paper

Conclusion: Most people will do this BUT those who need to concentrate.

Middle View: Brainstorming Notes



In the future, nobody will buy printed newspapers or books because they will be able to read everything they want online without paying. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Disagree with the first part but agree with the second part

Publishers will make money from other sources: Now: people pay for internet connection > don't like to pay for available content e.g. articles, news, books > future: publishers switch to making money via ads > need to be seen to get more ads > publish everything online for free

However: **Printed books/newspapers more comfortable, distraction-free reading experience:** Unlike digital devices: printed materials no notifications, advertisements, other online distractions > concentrate better > future: people who need to concentrate e.g. ADHD, elderly: read on paper

Middle View Essay Blueprint



Introduction: I agree that, in the coming years, people will be able to read everything they want online for free, but I do not think they will stop purchasing paper books and newspapers.

Body 1: Publishers will make money from other sources: Now: people pay for internet connection > don't like to pay for available content e.g. articles, news, books > future: publishers switch to making money via ads > need to be seen to get more ads > publish everything online for free

Body 2: However: Printed books/newspapers more comfortable, distraction-free reading experience: Unlike digital devices: printed materials no notifications, advertisements, other online distractions > concentrate better > future: people who need to concentrate e.g. ADHD, elderly: read on paper

Conclusion: I think that everything will be available online for free BUT those concerned about concentration will continue buying printed books/newspapers.