

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 Agree

Publishers change income method: Now: 1) can't stop piracy, price of books increasing + 2) more and more people read news via social media channels => less and less customers for books/newspapers > some publishers e.g BBC change revenue stream to online advertising: need more viewers to get more ads > post everything online > future: this trend continues > other publishers join > everything become available online for free

Environmental protection: now: more education on environmental issues e.g. deforestation > future: everyone aware and concerned > try to reduce: paper made from trees > less paper used > less trees cut > people stop buying

Convenience: now: people dealing with increasing economic issues e.g. inflation > have to work more > future: 1) time shortage > have to prioritize necessary tasks e.g. spend time w/ loved ones, buy food & groceries > cannot go shop for books/newspapers + 2) homes too expensive > get smaller => need reading material: easy to access and use, easy to carry (on phone/tablet) & available everywhere, use less space => stop buying prints, read online instead

CA: decrease screen time & protect health

Refute/Solution: technological progress > resolved in future

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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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: #1

In conclusion, I believe that all people in the future will be able to read everything that they want online for free, so nobody will buy printed newspapers or books. [Publishers will find other ways to make money, and people will try to protect the environment and have more convenience.]

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 decreasing screen time and protecting human health will become extremely essential, but I think technological progress will resolve this issue. Therefore, I believe that all people in the future will be able to read everything that they want online for free, so nobody will buy printed newspapers or books.

Strong View Essay: TR min. 7



It is said that in the future, people will no longer purchase paper-based newspapers or books, as they will be able to access all the content they desire on the internet free of charge. I strongly agree with this prediction, mainly due to financial factors affecting publishers.

One reason is that publishers will change how they earn money. Nowadays piracy cannot be prevented, and the price of books and the number of people following the news via social media channels are increasing gradually. Consequently, fewer and fewer customers prefer to buy books and newspapers, as a result of which some publishers, such as the BBC, are changing their revenue stream to online advertising. They need more viewers to get more advertisements, leading them to post all content online. In the future, since this trend will continue and other publishers will join, everything will become available online for free.

In addition, people will try to contribute to the protection of the environment. Nowadays educational content regarding environmental issues, such as deforestation, is increasing on social media. In the future, everyone will become more concerned and will try to reduce such issues. Since trees are the main resource for producing paper, less usage of paper results in fewer trees felled. Therefore, people will stop buying printed books and newspapers.

Finally...

Some may argue that decreasing screen time and protecting human health will become extremely essential, but I think technological progress will resolve this issue.

In conclusion, I believe that all people in the future will be able to read everything that they want online for free, so nobody will buy printed newspapers or books. [Publishers will find other ways to make money, and people will try to protect the environment and have more convenience.]

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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 change income method: Now: 1) can't stop piracy, price of books increasing + 2) more and more people read news via social media channels => less and less customers for books/newspapers > some publishers e.g BBC change revenue stream to online advertising: need more viewers to get more ads > post everything online > future: this trend continues > other publishers join > everything become available online for free

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HOWEVER Parents buy paper for children to decrease screen time: Many esp. scientists, bloggers more warning about screen time detrimental to brain/ stress esp. for kids > more people are worry > future: many esp. parents try to reduce screens time for kids & buy printed books

Middle View Essay Blueprint



Introduction: Generally agree

Body 1: Publishers change income method: Now: 1) can't stop piracy, price of books increasing + 2) more and more people read news via social media channels => less and less customers for books/newspapers > some publishers e.g BBC change revenue stream to online advertising: need more viewers to get more ads > post everything online > future: this trend continues > other publishers join > everything become available online for free

Body 2: Environmental protection: now: more education on environmental issues e.g. deforestation > future: everyone aware and concerned > try to reduce: paper made from trees > less paper used > less trees cut > people stop buying

Body 3: HOWEVER Parents buy paper for children to decrease screen time: Many esp. scientists, bloggers more warning about screen time detrimental to brain/ stress esp. for kids > more people are worry > future: many esp. parents try to reduce screens time for kids & buy printed books

Conclusion: Most people will do this BUT those concerned about their kids' screen time won't.

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 second part but agree with the first

Preventing censorship: If everything becomes online and free > predominant income source becomes online ads > the sponsor can threaten to leave if undesirable content published > makes publishers biased > every book/newspaper needs to pass the filter of biased publishers > original ideas are manipulated and censored + independent writers/journalists are discouraged => publishers, writers won't allow free online

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Middle View Essay Blueprint



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

Body 1: Preventing censorship: If everything becomes online and free > predominant income source becomes online ads > the sponsor can threaten to leave if undesirable content published > makes publishers biased > every book/newspaper needs to pass the filter of biased publishers > original ideas are manipulated and censored + independent writers/journalists are discouraged => publishers, writers won't allow free online

Body 2: HOWEVER Convenience: now: people dealing with increasing economic issues e.g. inflation > have to work more > future: 1) time shortage > have to prioritize necessary tasks e.g. spend time w/ loved ones, buy food & groceries > cannot go shop for books/newspapers + 2) homes too expensive > get smaller => need reading material: easy to access and use, easy to carry (on phone/tablet) & available everywhere, use less space => stop buying prints, read online instead

Conclusion: I do not think that everything will be available online for free BUT everyone will stop buying printed books/newspapers because they'll be inconvenient