

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

Publishing requires certain budgets, even the online type > online advertising and alternative ways of revenue will not cover the cost of paper, editors and etc. in this economy > all the crises in the world > economy will not get better > future: by giving out the books and newspapers free the publishers will go bankrupt

Many will prefer physical format for different reasons: Since many years ago that online books and newspapers were introduced and published > because of keeping a personal library (books) or because of visual problems (newspapers) > many people still prefer physical format > no reason for future to be different > not all people would buy online books

CA: environmental problems > stop buying paper

Refute/Solution: paper from other sources e.g. recycling will resolve

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:

In conclusion, I... []

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:

Strong View Essay: TR min. 7



It is said that in the future, since everyone will be able to read everything online and cost-free, no one will purchase printed newspapers or books. I strongly disagree mainly due to economic issues.

One reason is that publishing, even the online format, requires certain budgets. In this economy, online advertising and alternative ways of revenue do not cover the cost of paper, editors and so on. Due to all the current crises in the world, the economy will probably not improve in the future, so publishers will go bankrupt if they give out books and newspapers for free.

In addition, many individuals will prefer the physical format of books and newspapers for various reasons. Since publishing industry introduced the online format, a number of people have still kept their ritual of buying the physical type. This can be due to their visual problems or even because of keeping a personal library. Given what has been said, there is no reason for the future to differ from now and consequently, buying online books will not be everybody's choice.

Some may argue that, because of environmental problems and becoming more sustainable, people will eventually stop buying paper-based books and newspaper. But I think that paper can be provided from other resources such as recycling, and this will resolve the aforementioned issue.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that a group of people will still buy physical books and newspaper in the future and not everything will be published online and distributed for free. This will be a result of some people's preferences and publishers trying to avoid going bankrupt. **267 words**

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Some may argue that, because of environmental problems and becoming more sustainable, people will eventually stop buying paper-based books and newspaper. But I think that paper can be provided from other resources such as recycling, and this will resolve the aforementioned issue. Therefore, I strongly believe that a group of people will still buy physical books and newspaper in the future and not everything will be published online and distributed for free. **250 words**

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 make money via advertising: We are embracing a modern world where everything is turning online for convenience: many activities done online increasingly e.g. shopping on amazon > more and more ads online > future: income from ads more than book/newspaper sales > publishers switch to ad money > need more viewers to get more ads > publish everything online for free to attract them

It will save environment: now, environmental problems growing e.g. air pollution, climate change > future: so bad, everyone gets worried > try to save environment > try to stop tree cutting > use less paper > stop buying prints

HOWEVER: Many will prefer physical format for different reasons: Since many years ago that online books and newspapers were introduced and published > because of keeping a personal library (books) or because of visual problems (newspapers) > many people still prefer physical format > no reason for future to be different > not all people would buy online books

Middle View Essay Blueprint



Introduction: Generally agree

Body 1: Publishers make money via advertising: We are embracing a modern world where everything is turning online for convenience: many activities done online increasingly e.g. shopping on amazon > more and more ads online > future: income from ads more than book/newspaper sales > publishers switch to ad money > need more viewers to get more ads > publish everything online for free to attract them

Body 2: It will save environment: now, environmental problems growing e.g. air pollution, climate change > future: so bad, everyone gets worried > try to save environment > try to stop tree cutting > use less paper > stop buying prints

Body 3: HOWEVER: Many will prefer physical format for different reasons: Since many years ago that online books and newspapers were introduced and published > because of keeping a personal library (books) or because of visual problems (newspapers) > many people still prefer physical format > no reason for future to be different > not all people would buy online books

Conclusion: Most people will do this BUT those who collect and those who have vision problems will continue buying prints.

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 ... but agree with...

Publishing requires certain budgets, even the online type > online advertising and alternative ways of revenue will not cover the cost of paper, editors and etc. in this economy > all the crises in the world > economy will not get better > future: by giving out the books and newspapers free the publishers will go bankrupt

However: **Stop buying to save environment:** now, environmental problems growing e.g. air pollution, climate change > future: so bad, everyone gets worried > try to save environment > try to stop tree cutting > use less paper > stop buying prints

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.

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Body 2: However: Stop buying to save environment: now, environmental problems growing e.g. air pollution, climate change > future: so bad, everyone gets worried > try to save environment > try to stop tree cutting > use less paper > stop buying prints

Conclusion: I do not think that everything will be available online for free BUT those concerned about the environment and their convenience will stop buying printed books/newspapers