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

Living costs of publishers, authors and journalists: they live on the money made from selling books/newspapers > if everything available online for free, no money > cannot pay e.g. rent, salaries, groceries, … > future: online content is not always free > platforms ask to pay or update account to premium

Copyright protection: authors/journalists put a lot of effort into books, articles, … > not ethical to allow everyone to use the results for free > future: governments will not allow free sharing on the internet without permission

Some people prefer printed books: now: some people enjoy old things e.g. carpets, classic cars > future: such people still exist > enjoy turning paper, touching the cover, smell of paper > continue to pay for prints

CA: environmental protection > stop paper use
Refute/Solution: reading online requires devices and manufacturing them produces pollution

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:

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, everyone will be able to read all the content that they want online for free, so nobody will buy printed books or newspaper. I strongly disagree with this statement due to the effect on authors' income.

One reason is that the living costs of publishers, authors and journalists will be an important issue. They live on the money which is made from selling books and newspapers. If everything is available online for free, earning money will be hard for them, so rent, salaries, groceries and so on will not be affordable. Therefore, in the future online content will not always be free, which will lead platforms to ask members to pay or upgrade their accounts to premium.

In addition, copyright protection will stop free online sharing. Authors and journalists put a lot of effort into writing appropriate materials, so it is not ethical to allow everyone to use the result of their work for free. Therefore, in the future governments will set laws to protect literary works and not allow sharing materials without pay and permission.

Finally, …

Some may argue that environmental protection can be an important issue that people will consider to stop buying books and newspapers, but I think reading online also requires electronic gadgets, and manufacturing them will produce pollution.

In conclusion, I believe that in the future it will not be possible to read all the content online and for free, and people will still buy printed books and newspapers [because of living costs for authors, copyright issues and some people's desire for printed publications].

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249 words without the third reason

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

Advertising online can provide more money: Now: internet users increasing every day > future: everyone uses internet > more ad views esp. for pop-ups and ads around content > income from online advertising more than book/newspaper sales > publishers publish everything online to get more views & more ads

Easy access: now: lives becoming more and more hectic > future: no time to go shopping for newspapers/books > need to be able to read up-to-date news and favourite books anywhere anytime > stop buying prints, read online instead

HOWEVER **Some people prefer printed books:** now: some people enjoy old things e.g. carpets, classic cars > future: such people still exist > enjoy turning paper, touching the cover, smell of paper > continue to pay for prints

Middle View Essay Blueprint

Introduction: Generally agree

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Body 3:HOWEVER Some people prefer printed books: now: some people enjoy old things e.g. carpets, classic cars > future: such people still exist > enjoy turning paper, touching the cover, smell of paper > continue to pay for prints

Conclusion: Most people will do this BUT those interested in old things will continue to buy.

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

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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.

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Conclusion: I think that everything will be available online for free BUT those interested in old things will continue buying printed books/newspapers