Opinion [Argument] Essay

Sample essay question

Computers are being used more and more in education and some people believe there will soon be no role for the teacher in education.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Steps in Planning your Essay

1. Underline key vocabulary in the question and write words with the same or related meaning.

2. Decide what kind of response is needed.

3. Brainstorm key points for the answer.

4. Decide on the structure of the essay

Steps in writing your Essay

INTRODUCTION

1. Paraphrase the question

2. State your position [totally/strongly/somewhat + agree/disagree]

BODY

3. Write topic sentences for each body paragraph

Sequencing word + topic + point

The main reason why I believe teachers are necessary is because they are essential for disciplining and motivating students

Sample Argumentative Essay

Text Organisation		Language Features
general topic **statement of position** (specific topic)	Technology is being used increasingly in the classroom and some people believe that educators will become redundant. I somewhat disagree that teachers will be replaced by machines.	
sub-argument 1 support	<u>The main reason</u> why I think that teachers are essential is because they encourage and discipline students. Many people find it difficult to be interested in learning new things. Therefore educators are needed to make classes more interesting and stimulate students' desires for learning. Also, in the case of young people, teachers often need to force students to learn through the use of punishments.	Sequencing word
sub-argument 2 support	Another reason why teachers are needed is because they can teach young people important skills and values. This is because educators serve as role models to their students and teach them how to appropriately interact with their peers. Therefore, <u>if</u> people only learn using machines they will lose the opportunity to learn important social skills and values.	
Concession support	<u>However</u>, studying over the internet certainly offers a lot of convenience. First, we are able to study in the comfort of our own homes, without the need to commute to school. Second, we can choose to study at any time we like even in the middle of the night.	Sequencing word

summary of main points opinion	In summary, I somewhat disagree that machines can replace teachers. This is because teachers can encourage students to learn and teach them how to interact with other people. Although, computers do offer the ability for people to learn anywhere at any time.

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use of concession words

Signal of conclusion

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