

WRITE INTRODUCTIONS ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING 25 TOPICS

News editors decide what to broadcast on television and what to print in newspapers. What factors do you think influence these decisions? Do we become used to bad news? Would it be better if more good news was reported? Discuss.

Tobacco and alcohol are drugs that cause addiction and health problems. Should they be made illegal? Or should all drugs be legalized?

When a country develops its technology, the traditional skills and ways of life die out. It is pointless to try and keep them alive. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Some people said the age of books is past. The information will be presented by video, computers, televisions, films. Others think the books and the written words will be necessary for spread information and complete education. Discuss.

The Internet has provided great benefits, but at the same time it has also created new problems and inequalities. Is it possible to control some of these problems?

In many countries schools have severe problems with student behavior. What do you think are the causes of this? What solutions can you suggest?

Subjects such as Art, Sport and Music are being dropped from the school curriculum for subjects such as Information Technology. Many people children suffer as a result of these changes. To what extent would you support or reject the idea of moving these subjects from school curriculum?

Because of the pressure of new subjects such as business studies, many schools have dropped sport or physical education (PE) from the curriculum. How important is sport or PE in a young person's education?

Studying the English language in an English-speaking country is the best but not the only way to learn the language. Do you agree with this statement?

The idea of going overseas for university study is an exciting prospect for many people. But while it may offer some advantages, it is probably better to stay at home because of the difficulties a student inevitably encounters living and studying in a different culture. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

A balanced diet or eating balanced meals is the key to a healthy life. In what extent do you agree or disagree?

Modern lifestyles mean that many parents have little time for their children. Many children do not get as much attention from their parents as children did in the past. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Academic achievement at school or university is the only true measure of a person's intelligence. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

The burning oil for transport, especially in private cars, is wasteful and environmentally irresponsible. Taxation on petrol and diesel fuel should be increased to very high levels to discourage the use of private cars. To what extent would you support or reject this idea?

Governments should not be expected to take sole responsibility for reducing the number of road accidents, individuals should share this responsibility. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

The wealth of a nation is said to depend on the health of its citizens. Yet, in the modern knowledge-based economies of the world, education is more and more being seen as the main force in the development of all countries. In what extent do you agree or disagree? (Academic writing practice)

Some people say the government should not put money in the Arts, such as music, opera and paintings, but instead should spend money on construction of public facilities. In what extent do you agree or disagree?

Too much emphasis is placed on testing these days. The need to prepare for tests and examinations is a restriction on teachers and also exerts unnecessary pressure on young learners. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Most education systems rely on examinations to encourage children to study, but as a result, children suffer from too much stress and they never learn to be creative. Therefore, examinations should be abolished. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

All educational facilities should be funded by the government. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

The international community should reduce or eliminate the debts of the world's poorest countries. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Sports which depend on violence for their entertainment, such as boxing and wrestling, have no place in a civilized society and should be banned. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Many people believe that women make better parents than men and this is why they have the greater role in raising children in most societies. Others claim that men are just as good as women at parenting. Write an essay expressing your point of view.

In the course of urban development, we often find ourselves confronted with the old building problems. Some people think we should pull down the old houses and buildings in the way. However, others argue that it is a very rash decision to tear them down without full consideration, and we have to preserve our old, historic buildings. Discuss.

Parents and family background have more influence than teachers of a young person's learning and academic achievement. To what extent do you agree or disagree?