ECPE ESSAY TYPES

A. DISCURSIVE ESSAYS

1. OPINION ESSAY

| | REPHRASE the topic |
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| Introduction | State your opinion |
| Main Body I: Support your opinion | §1. 1st Viewpoint – Justification - Example Start with a clear topic sentence Use appropriate linkers §2. 2nd Viewpoint – Justification - Example Start with a clear topic sentence Use appropriate linkers §3. 3rd Viewpoint – Justification - Example Start with a clear topic sentence Use appropriate linkers |
| Main Body II: Mention the opposing viewpoint | §3/4. The opposing viewpoint Analyse the opposing view and explain why it is wrong . Start with a clear topic sentence Use appropriate linkers |
| Conclusion | Summarise / Restate your opinion Leave the readers with a thought-provoking idea |

2. FOR & AGAINST ESSAY

| | REPHRASE the topic |
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| Introduction | Do not state your opinion here |
| Main Body | §1. Negative aspects of the issue - Justification – Example(s) Start with a clear topic sentence Use appropriate linkers §2. Positive aspects of the issue Justification – Example(s) Start with a clear topic sentence Use appropriate linkers |
| | Repeat the two aspects and express your opinion |
| Conclusion | Considering all the above, it is clear that outweigh the |

3. PROBLEM SOLVING ESSAY

| Introduction | Rephrase the topic. State causes and consequences Say that solutions do exist |
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| Main Body | §1-2/3 Present suggested solutions and expected positive results Each paragraph is devoted to one solution Use appropriate linkers |
| Conclusion | Express the confidence that if the solutions are implemented the problem will be solved |

B. DESCRIPTIVE ESSAYS

1. DESCRIBING PEOPLE

| Introduction | State WHO the person is, WHEN and HOW you first met |
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| Main Body | §1 Describe appearance §2 Describe personality (give examples) §3 Describe lifestyle / beliefs §4 Justify your reasons for choosing this person |
| Conclusion | Comments / Feelings about the person |

2. DESCRIBING PLACES

| Introduction | NAME and LOCATION of the place Give reasons for choosing it |
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| Main Body | §1 Describe the place (surroundings, facilities, activities) §2 Describe the building (detailed description, general features, interesting details) §3 Explain why it is special + justification |
| Conclusion | Comments / Feelings about the place / Recommendation |

3. DESCRIBING OBJECTS

| Introduction | Say what the object is / what its function is |
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| Main Body | §1 Detailed description / what it is made of §2 Detailed description of its use §3 Explain why it is special + justification |
| Conclusion | Comments / Feelings about the object |

4. DESCRIBING EVENTS

| Introduction | Say WHAT the event is, WHEN and WHERE it is held |
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| Main Body | §1 Describe the preparations §2 Describe the actual event §3 Explain why you chose it + justification |
| Conclusion | Comments / Feelings about the event / Recommendation |