INTRODUCTIONS

Write two sentences to describe the two sides of the present situation. The third sentence – the Thesis sentence – will describe what you are going to do in your essay.

- Sentence 1: One side of the present situation
- Sentence 2: The other side of the present situation
- Sentence 3: Thesis: What you are going to do in your essay

Who should take care of our old people?

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<th>Sentence 1</th>
<th>In my country, most old people live happily with their children</th>
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<td>Increasingly, however, many families cannot take care of their parents</td>
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<td>This essay will describe some of the problems involved with taking care of old people, and discuss who should be responsible.</td>
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Does Aid to Poor Countries Work?

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<th>For the last fifty years, poor countries have been receiving huge sums of money from rich donor countries.</th>
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<td>Some of this money has improved lives, while much of it has disappeared or made no difference.</td>
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Should dangerous sports be banned?

Sentence 1: Every year, thousands of people are injured or killed in sports such as boxing or motor-racing.

Sentence 2: Because of this, many people are opposed to such sports, and want them to be stopped or controlled.

Sentence 3 (Thesis): This essay will look at some of the arguments for and against banning dangerous sports.

Does space exploration benefit mankind? (1)

Sentence For: Many people are excited about space exploration.

Sentence Against: However, others feel it is a massive waste of money

Sentence 3 (Thesis): This essay will look at some of the arguments for and against space exploration.

Does space exploration benefit mankind? (2)

Sentence For: Space, for many people, really is the final frontier. They are excited by the exploration and potential of space.

Sentence Against: However, not everyone agrees that this money is well-spent. Many people feel that we should solve problems here on earth before beginning our journey to space.
Do Athletes Deserve Their High Salaries?

Sentence 1
Everyday, we read about new record contracts and salaries earned by sportsmen and women. Some people do not agree with these huge payments.

Sentence 2
Others believe that our sports heroes deserve every penny.

Sentence 3 (Thesis)
This essay will look at some of the arguments for and against the high salaries of athletes.

As well as situation or opinion introductions, you can use the following variations:

- Past and Present: One sentence about the situation in the past, one about the situation today.
- Here and Elsewhere: One sentence about the situation in one place, one sentence about the situation or problem in another place.
- You and Other People: One sentence about what most people do or think, one sentence about what you believe, or do, or feel.
Is Money a Good Motivator? Introductions

Some companies give their employees bonuses or cash awards for excellent work, in addition to salary. Do you think this is a good idea? Are cash incentives a good way to motivate employees?

Intro 1

Money makes the world go round, and nowhere is this more true than in the workplace. Employers know that money is one of the best motivators. However, are bonuses or cash awards always the best way to reward employees? In this essay, I will look at some of the arguments for cash as a reward.

Intro 2

In the past, when people did not have much money, they were eager to work and to get a big salary. Today, however, most people are well paid and comfortable in their jobs, and it is hard to motivate them by simply offering cash. This essay will discuss different ways of motivating employees and suggest that money is not always the best motivator.

Intro 3

Many people argue that cash incentives are an unfair means of motivating employees. Others love the simple, practical, down-to-earth gift of money for a job well done. I feel that while there are some circumstances where money is the best recognition for extra work, there are other times it is inappropriate.

Intro 4

Many companies give outstanding members of staff bonuses for good work. I firmly believe that this is demeaning, trivializing, and bad for morale.

Intro 5

People are motivated by different things. Some employees have financial goals, others have professional goals, and others have personal goals. The same incentives cannot work for all. This essay outlines some of the reasons why cash is not always a suitable motivator for excellent employees.
The primary reason why people have to work is because of money. Employers know this, and many companies reward outstanding employees with bonuses and cash rewards. In this essay, I will show that most people are motivated by money, and cash is a fair and effective way for management to show appreciation to hardworking staff.

I remember working in restaurants when I was in college and begging my manager for as many extra hours as I could in order to earn more money. Today, however, in my job, I would prefer to earn less and have more time off. In this essay, I will say why I think money is only one way to motivate employees.
Introductions: Protecting the Environment

Who should protect the environment – individuals or governments?

Intro 1

Today we live in a global consumer society. People across the world purchase, use, and dispose of a huge variety of products which make our lives easier and more comfortable. However, the result of this is massive damage to our environment. This essay will examine how authorities and individuals need to work together to protect our resources and our planet.

Intro 2

What can one individual do to protect the environment? Very little, it may seem, especially compared to the power of governments and huge industrial companies. However, working together with dozens, hundreds, or millions of other people, we can influence and change policies which are destroying our environment. This essay will discuss ways in which individuals can take responsibility for their world.

Intro 3

The world is an increasingly interlinked place. Huge multinational corporations trade across the planet. Countries are joining together in vast economic zones and creating enormous markets. These powerful corporations and groups increase trade and movement and have the capacity to dominate global politics and economy. In this essay I will discuss how the individual is becoming powerless to change his world.

Intro 4

The only way to protect the environment is for individuals to take responsibility for their own lifestyle and to force their governments to implement good environmental policies.
The Thesis Sentence

A thesis statement is a sentence (or two) that states what you are going to do in your essay. It is a kind of a signpost – something that tells you where to go- or a map that shows the reader what direction your essay will take. It usually comes at the end of the Introduction.

In this essay, I will outline the arguments for and against sex education in schools.

In this essay, I will examine some reasons for the growth of the tourism industry.

You can also leave out “I.”

This essay looks at ideas in favour of and against early marriage.

This essay will discuss the benefits of having universal free health care.

Signpost your essay. Sometimes the reader can tell how many parts or which paragraphs will follow the thesis statement.

I am going to analyse the effects of drugs on the individual, the family, and society.

In an essay with the thesis statement above, there will clearly be three parts – one on the effects of drugs on the individual, one part with the effects on the family, and another with the effects on society.

Be Strong. Sometimes you don’t need a “will” or “going to”. Your thesis statement is so strong that it is clear what your opinion is.
Beating children brutalizes parents, damages the parent-child relationship, and is completely unnecessary.

In an essay with the thesis statement above, there will clearly be three parts – one on the effects of corporal punishment on parents, one part with the effects relationship, and another which claims that beating is not needed.

Thesis sentence vocabulary

analyze, look at, examine, discuss, outline, consider, describe, focus on, decide

Examples:

This essay will examine the reasons for the high divorce rate in our society.

I will outline some of my objections to arranged marriages.

In this essay I will focus on three problems caused by corruption.

I will discuss whether large families are better than smaller ones.

This essay will consider the benefits of space exploration for the economy, for scientific development, and for the future of humanity.