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**Essay Writing Skills 10 – Paragraphing Development (Conclusion)**

**Importance**

The conclusion plays a very important part in the writing of an essay. It should contain a summary of your discussion and it should have an idea on how your discussion will end. There is an analogy between writing an essay and going on a journey. In both situations, you start off by knowing the destination. In the introduction, you study the roadmap. Next, in a series of paragraphs you make the actual journey. The conclusion when you reach the destination. Thus, improve the planning of the rest of the essay, and the conclusion will come naturally.

If you have done a good job so far, you should now be able to show you have dealt with the **topic**, explained your view of the keywords and answered the question. That is the secret of reliable conclusions.

**Steps in the development of summary**

1. Provide a summary of the points

A simple summary of the points you have already made is a relevant but not very interesting way to finish an essay. On the other hand, you should **never** introduce new material – you are not writing a detective story. What can you relevantly do?

1. Broaden the scope

In dealing with the TOPIC, you can **broaden the scope** of your answer. Very often when you pull all your points together, the cumulative effect is greater than a simple summing up would suggest. Where have the points been leading you? – list out the key determinant of the discussion – which factor is most important

1. Provide a suggestion

In dealing with QUESTION and KEYWORDS, you may be able to make some kind of **judgment** or evaluation even when the question (*Discuss*, for instance) does not require it. The question may also allow you to make **suggestions.**

1. Provide personal opinion

There might be the opportunity for some **personal reflection** on the points discussed: “Living as I do in the country where …, I strongly feel that …”

1. Using quotations

Other possibilities include **thought-provoking questions, quotations** and **analogies** – but do make sure that these tie in with the issue you have been discussing. If you want to write them simply because you know them, leave them out. If they come naturally to mind and seem really apt, use them.

**Illustration**

The rise of a global meritocracy offers all sorts of benefits, from higher growth in productivity to faster scientific progress. It can boost social mobility and allow all sorts of weird and wonderful talents to boom. The talent wars may be a source of unhappiness for companies and countries. But they should be a cause for celebration.

How to write conclusion for DYA type of question?

1. Re-state your stand
2. Summarize your discussion and show which is the key factor that determines your stand.
3. Make a suggestion.

7. ‘Parents have no right to impose their own values and beliefs on their children.’ Discuss.

13. ‘Marriage does not fit into the modern lifestyle.’ Is this a valid Comment?

How to write conclusion for extent of agreement type of question?

1. State your view on the extent of agreement
2. Must develop this view based on an opinion.
3. Do not use the notion of quantitative measurement of extent but a notion of classification of the extent of agreement.

15. To what extent should the government be responsible for taking care of the elderly?

DYA structure

Introduction

Main body

1. Opposing view
2. Rebuttal
3. Supporting view 1,2 ,3 Linking sentence for new perspectives / topic sentence

Conclusion