GP June Intensive Revision

**Essay Writing Skills – Paragraphing Development**

### 1. Importance of Paragraphing Development

Paragraphing development seeks to organize the various ideas of the essay into different section. The task is crucial as it allows the writer to develop his discussion systematically so as to make a persuasive presentation of his discussion. In this organization, the writer can depict his perspectives of argument more forcefully by linking the various paragraphs under one perspective and other paragraphs under another perspective. It is imperative for the writer to ensure cohesiveness in the essays by virtue of the use of connectors and linking sentences and paragraphing.

In each respective paragraph, the main idea of the paragraph is discussed and various types of sentences are used to elaborate this main point in the paragraph. A good paragraph not only illustrates the points of discussion but also reflects the way the writer presents his argument or what is commonly known as the writing style. The nature of style of writing differs from writer to writer as it depends on factors such as the topics of discussion, the character of the writer and the purposes of writing.

### Process

**1. Development of a topic sentence**

The topic sentence is the most important sentence in the paragraph as it depicts the main idea of the paragraph. It is commonly conceptualized into a noun phrase or a clause and is properly constructed to answer the question based on the perspective of argument. This sentence must be able to show that an overview understanding of the idea and has an argument which will support your perspective of discussion. Hence, the notion of conceptualization focuses on the art of coining a notion with the appropriate words.

In this topic sentence, it must depict the category of discussion, the conceptualized idea and the perspectives of discussion and the intensification of the idea.

Perspective – supporting the main area of discussion –

Idea – should answer the requirements of the perspective

Category – sub area of discussion

Intensification – effect that supports your idea

©From an economic angle, (P) longer life expectancy creates more problems than benefits as (I)the high cost of living and medical expenditure undermines the elderly (I)to live a fruitful life without financial apprehension.

**From a health point of view, one needs to be moderate in their eating behaviors to attain a happy life as the balanced diet will build a healthy body to conduct activities that the individuals will enjoy.**

**3. Elaboration of the idea in the paragraph**

In the process of elaboration of the point of the paragraph, it is important to stay

focus on the argument. It is often to see how the writer skips the discussion from one particular point to another intentionally or unintentionally, deviating from his intended argument. This happens as the writer may not know how to explain the point or lack of knowledge. To avoid this, the writer can list out the elaboration on a point form basis before he begins.

1. Focus of the question:  
   ‘The pursuit of happiness will cause more harm than good.’ Disc

The writer also needs to take note of the uses of other sentences which will help on how to elaborate the paragraph. There are supporting sentences, which explain the idea of the sentences to convince how the conceived idea supports the argument and exemplary sentence, which are used to depict examples to provide evident for discussion. There are also concluding sentence that will enforce the argument at the end of the paragraph.

It is also important to understand how different ways of sentence-making can be used to illustrate the supporting point. This part of discussion will be explained at another part of discussion.

Lastly, the strategy of discussion in the paragraph is crucial in derivation of a sound paragraph. The focus of the paragraph development is to answer the flow of argument in the paragraph.

**Class Practice 1**

**Number the various sentences according to the flow of argument**

**Question 1**

( ) Maximising the utilization of resources and rate of return on investment is the underlying principle that is the guiding value of all economic entities, which means that trade and flow of investment is essential and will continue to exist.

( ) International firms need a larger market and more critical resources and these commercial organizations will put in relentless effort to expand their market internationally and seek for new sources of supply of resources globally.

( ) Furthermore, a more integrated market will mean that a less differentiated market for international brand producer to sell their products, implying that their commercial activities are likely to focus on moulding the various local markets at different countries to be more internationally alike.

( ) From an economic angle, flow of resources through trade and flow of funds through international businesses sternly assert the ground that globalisation is inevitable.

**Question 2**

( ) But the most pivotal factor that accelerates and shapes globalisation as an inevitable development for any country to revert is the impact of technological advancement.

( ) Steam engines and aviation technology make transportation from one part of earth to another part accessible and possible within a short period of time and at great convenience.

( ) Mobile telecommunication with GPRS and inter-net communication make communication among different people of different countries convenient and affordable.

( ) Real-time broadcasting via satellite and proliferation of television ownership reduces the parameters of the world as the content of different broadcasting shapes its viewers.

( ) These technological advancements are so formidable that the global is not linked only economically and politically, but is cross-culturally webbed together and once these links are established, it is difficult to re-route.

( ) Across the world, we are now living under the influence of MTV, live football, household brand of Nike, Burger Kings and others, shaping the way we live our lives.

( ) Though plain Jane in the West may be far apart from Xiao Ling in the East, both of them are under same influence, shaping them to global citizens of the future. Globalisation is indeed inevitable.

Points to take note:

1. Type of paragraph
   1. Comparative argument
   2. Cause and effects paragraph
   3. Evaluation
   4. Analysis – depending factors

**Class practice 1**

**Based on the given points, illustrate how the paragraph can be developed to support the perspective of argument**

**‘Longer life expectancy creates more problems than benefits.’ Discuss.**

**Topic sentence:**

**Elaboration:**

**Evidence:**

**Concluding sentence:**

**1. understand the nature of paragraph – comparative, explanatory, evaluative or process explanation**

Title: It has been said that globalization is the answer to the problems of the developing world. Do you agree?

Main point:

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Supporting points:

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**Class practice 3**

**Based on the given points, illustrate how the paragraph can be developed to support the perspective of argument**

Title: Does a society based on meritocracy sustainable?

Main point: It provides a sense of fairness to guide the society on how we should progress.

Supporting points:

* a set of values and rules for the society to follow
* this system will motivate all parties to work hard towards their aims
* individuals are willing to abide to this value as it is just and fair
* our society will progress (the beneficial result)

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