Points to take note of GP Essay Writing

1. Analysis of question

1.1 key phrases and how they are connected

1.2 Nature of discussion and structure of discussion (DYA or EOA)

1.3 category of discussion

1.4 set perspectives

1.5 derive stand or proposition

1.6 derive relevancy of discussion

2. Writing a good introduction

2.1 create a general observation – use a conventional thinking about the topic

2.2 provide a link which shows a controversial debate

2.3 set perspectives – supportive and opposing view

2.4 set your stand

Example:

Introduction

As the world becomes more inter-connected and integrated as it globalizes, it has become very common for countries to experience extensive influx of foreigners by virtue of migration, personal and business development and tourism. Unfortunately, these developments have created a negative sentiment among the local residents towards these foreigners which some sociologists have classified it as xenophobia, the fear of foreigners. Naturally, this has stirred up a controversial debate on this issue on the justification of xenophobia. While those who have experienced negative impacts of the influx of foreigners will feel that xenophobia is justified, the more open-minded individuals will think that xenophobia is the result of subjective mindsets. In view of the diverse opinions, this essay is more inclined to the view that xenophobia is justifiable.

3. Set Opposing view

3.1 a statement to state that this is an opposing view

3.2 provide a good topic sentence (category, perspective**, idea**, intensification)

3.3 elaboration – relevancy

3.4 example

3.5 linking sentence

Education should be concerned with what is useful in life as the main purpose of education is to ensure that individuals can gain employment and have a decent standard of living.

4. Rebuttal

4.1 rebuttal statement

4.2 topic sentence – (idea and intensification)

4.3 elaboration – relevancy to the opposing view – prove it wrong

4.4 Example or use example above to show the weaknesses

Example:

However, the above view is myopic and does not consider the holistic purpose of education. Education is more than just being a productive member of the economy but also the development of one’s moral orientation and perspective towards life which are important aspects of life

5. Supporting view (3 paragraphs)

5.1 Connecting sentence or phrases to show that discussion is now on the supporting view

5.2 topic sentence – (category, perspective, idea, intensification)

5.3 elaboration – relevancy

5.4 example

Example:

With hindsight assessment, education should not be concerned with what is useful but focus on expanding our social circle which may not be directly useful but psychologically significant in helping our life in the future

6. Conclusion

6.1 retort the stand

6.2 set the main determinant

6.3 make suggestion

Part A – Review on Essay Writing

1. Analysis of the question

1.1 How to generate the points

1. Structure of discussion
   1. DYA
   2. EOA
2. Paragraph Development
   1. Relevancy
   2. Sign posting
   3. Example development
3. Introduction
   1. Structure
   2. Generation of ideas
4. Conclusion
   1. Structure
5. Major Errors in Essay Writing
   1. generation of ideas
   2. Relevancy
   3. Sign posting
   4. Order of explanation
   5. Example derivation

Part B - Review on Comprehension

1. Reading Process
   1. Category of discussion
   2. Nature of discussion
   3. Extraction of ideas
2. Extraction of information
   1. How to extract
   2. Derivation of the points
3. Phrasing of the answer
   1. Root sentence
   2. Phrasing based on the types of question
4. Summary Question
   1. Points in total
   2. Techniques on phrasing / word substitution
5. Application question
   1. Structure of writing
   2. Elaboration
   3. Examples

5.4 structure of AQ

a. quote

b. explanation of quote as explained by the author

c. agreement with reasons

d. example

e. evaluation

f. linking sentence

1. Major Errors in Comprehension
   1. Phrasing – need of root sentence
   2. Extraction of information – implication or subjective view
   3. How to explain better – order of points
   4. Other Errors