

For and Against Essay



Model answer

a general
introduction

Have domestic appliances improved the quality of our lives?
Nowadays, many people have a wide range of appliances and devices in their home, all of which are designed to make life easier. However, they also have some disadvantages.

positive
aspects (point
1 of Notes)

On the one hand, they have reduced the amount of time required to complete domestic chores. Cleaning and ironing, for example, can be done far more quickly and efficiently than fifty years ago. In addition, some inventions have meant that certain tasks no longer have to be performed. Washing up is almost extinct in households with a dishwasher, and thanks to the microwave, cooking is no more than pushing a button.

negative
aspects
(points 2 & 3
of Notes)

On the other hand, some modern technology has made our lives less interesting than before. Food which has been taken from the freezer and heated in a microwave is not as tasty as fresh food cooked in a conventional oven. Moreover, the reason many people buy these labour-saving devices is to enable them to spend more time working, which does not necessarily make them happier.

conclusion,
summarizing
opinion

To sum up, although technology has made life easier in the home, it has not improved the overall quality of our lives.

appropriate
formal style

use of linking
words and
phrases

The opening of an essay

- **general statement**

The role of women in our society has changed considerably in the last few decades.

Nowadays more people are deciding to live by themselves.

Some/Many people think that... Others argue that...

It is widely believed that... However, ...

It is generally agreed that...



- **rhetorical question**

Is it really true that young children watch too much television?



- **quotation**

Oscar Wilde once described fox hunting as 'The unspeakable in pursuit of the uneatable.'

Adding information

Firstly, ... / Secondly etc., / Finally,

Next,

and,

Furthermore,

In addition,

also,

Moreover,

What is more,

Contrasting ideas

On the other hand, ...

Nevertheless,

However,

Although,

On the contrary,

Conclusion / summary

To sum up,...

Therefore,

Consequently,

In conclusion,

In brief,

As a result,

To conclude,

On balance,

Don't forget!

- Plan your essay (4 paragraphs).
- Write in a consistently formal or neutral style. DO NOT use contractions, colloquial expressions or a 'chatty' style.
- Organize your ideas using linking devices.
- Include a suitable introduction and conclusion.
- Use a range of language and avoid repetition.
- Check your essay for accuracy.

