**Argumentative Essay**

**Brainstorming:**

At the beginning of the writing, like any other writings, you have to brainstorm. You have to think whether you agree or disagree with the statement. If you agree, you have to find out the points (at least 3) which can support your view. On the other hand, if you disagree, you have to find out the points (at least 3) which can support your view of disagreement.

Suppose, you want to buy a new mobile phone, and you are going to ask your parents to buy it for you. Now, what do you think will happen if they do not want to buy you a new phone?

a) How are you going to convince them?

 b) What are the reasons you are going to give to convince them?

c) What are the reasons they are going to provide to make you realize that the new phone is not an absolute necessity right now?

 d) Are you going to ignore their opinions completely, or are you going to consider their perspective as well?

e) Are you going to give it a try again to establish your point of views?

**What is an argumentative composition?**

The argumentative composition is a genre of writing that requires the student to investigate a topic; collect, generate, and evaluate evidence; and establish a position on the topic in a concise manner.

**Structure:**

Usually this is a five paragraph composition.

 (a) **One** introductory paragraph

(b) **Three** evidentiary body paragraphs to support your position (agreement/disagreement)

 (c) **One** paragraph for conclusion.

**Components of an Argumentative Composition:**

**Thesis statement:**

A principal element of an argumentative/analytical essay is the thesis statement. A thesis statement is one or two sentences (maybe more in longer essays) typically occurring near the end of an essay introduction; it shows your position regarding the topic of the statement or your answer(s) to the question(s) that you are responding to.

**In a good argumentative essay**, in addition to expressing your position and argument, you should consider possible opposing views to your argument: refer to what your opponents say (“my critics/others say”) and why they may disagree with your argument.

**Sample Outline Structure**

**Introduction:**

Topic Sentence:

Background information

Thesis Statement: (amalgamating of the main ideas presented in three body paragraphs)

**Body Paragraph 1: (first reason/argument in support of your stance)**

Topic Sentence:

 Supporting Details: (explaining your point of views with appropriate reasons/logic/supporting evidence)

**Body Paragraph 2: (second reason/argument in support of your stance)**

Topic Sentence:

Supporting Details: (explaining your point of views with appropriate reasons/logic/supporting evidence)

**Body Paragraph 3: (counter argument and refutation)**

Topic Sentence:

 Supporting Details: (stating other people’s point of views and refuting the opposing point of views)

**Conclusion:**

Concluding Sentence:

Sample Argumentative Compositions with Outlines:

**Color codes:**

* Green: Topic sentences
* Blue: Thesis statements
* Brown: Transitional words

**Sample 1: Our Government Should Allocate More Land for Forestation than Building Accommodation**

(Adapted from the writing of Anannya Mukti Nishu, a student of East West University, Spring’20)

**Outline**

**Introduction:**

**Topic sentence:** With every passing day, the greeneries around us are decreasing more and more.

**Thesis statement:** Although other people may have a different perspective, I agree with the given statement as it would help restore the balance of nature and help create a better place for everyone to live in.

**Body paragraph 1:**

**Topic sentence:** Firstly, mankind has destroyed forests in the name of civilization and it is time to take steps to help restore the balance of nature.

**Supporting details:**

1. Planting more and more trees

2. Avoiding cutting more trees

3. Stopping global warming

**Body paragraph 2:**

**Topic sentence:** Secondly, reforestation and allotting more land will ensure a better environment for everyone to live in.

**Supporting details:**

1. Having a healthier environment

2. Creating a sanctuary for all the species

3. Ensuring a better climate for the future generation

Body paragraph 3: (counter argument and refutation)

**Topic sentence:** However, other people may have a different perspective and they can say that our government should allocate more land for building accommodation.

**Supporting details:**

1. Ensuring the basic need for accommodation (counter argument)

2. Helping the real estate businesses (counter argument)

3. Having long-term local and global impact (refutation)

**Conclusion:**

**Concluding sentence:**

In conclusion, it can be said that allocating more land for accommodation may seem profitable for short-sighted people, but allotting the resources for forestation will turn out to be more profitable in the long run.

(The actual composition)

**Our Government Should Allocate More Land for Forestation than Building Accommodation**

With every passing day, the greeneries around us are decreasing more and more. In the name of civilization, we are cutting off trees showing different reasons. It is important to have trees and forests around us if we want to live in a safe environment. Cutting down trees here and there is showing a negative impact on our environment and climate. Although other people may have a different perspective, I agree with the given statement as it would help restore the balance of nature and help create a better place for everyone to live in.

Firstly, mankind has destroyed forests in the name of civilization, and it is time to take steps to help restore the balance of nature. If the government allocates more land for forestation, it would be easier to plant more trees to restore the balance. Therefore, everyone should avoid cutting down more trees at any cost. It would help to spread awareness among the people and encourage them to participate. Moreover, if everyone around the world participates in the reforestation in government allotted land, it would help us stop the global warming that mankind caused and help restore the balance in nature.

Secondly, reforestation and allotting more land will ensure a better environment for everyone to live in. If the government allocates more land for forestation, it will ensure a healthier environment for us. There will be less pollution and fresh air with more oxygen to breathe in. All the species that were almost extinct due to deforestation will have a sanctuary to accommodate them. Furthermore, it will be helpful not only to mankind but also to all the species of the ecosystem. That is how we will be able to ensure a better climate for our future generation.

However, other people may have a different perspective, and they can say that our government should allocate more land for building accommodations. As accommodation is one of the basic needs, allocating more land for that or clearing the forest to ensure that is a must. Also, the real estate business being a major part of our economy helps allocate more resources in that sector rather than planting trees. It is plausible (reasonable) that different people might have diverse opinions regarding the matter; nevertheless, I believe that our government should allocate more lands for forestation than building accommodation because it will have a long-term impact locally and globally.

In conclusion, it can be said that allocating more land for accommodation may seem profitable for short-sighted people, but allotting the resources for forestation will turn out to be more profitable in the long run. Our government should think about the consequences and act fast. Instead of focusing only on the present, it would be a much wiser idea to think about the future and make decisions accordingly.