



## Essay Assignment – Step by Step (35 marks total)

All submissions must be edited free of basic errors.

### Task:

Complete a typed, full (exactly) five paragraph composition, using one of the prompts listed on page two. The essay should be about 1.5 to 2 pages in length. Depending on the prompt, it can be personal or impersonal in nature.

1. Prewriting (5 marks)
  - a. Create an outline in using the essay map. You may use the handout or online form. *Use point form*. It is not your essay, only the “bones” of it. If it won’t fit, do it again.
    - i. Begin with the intro. Be certain to include a thesis statement
    - ii. List your 3 main points the essay will detail. Point form support statements go in the box below
2. Draft (10)
  - a. Write in (sharp) pencil double spacing
  - b. Exactly five paragraphs.
  - c. Create your paragraphs following the outline in order step by step. Begin with a strong, attention grabbing, statement. Add your thesis. Include the three body text paragraphs stating each main idea and supports. Compose a concluding paragraph.
  - d. Be sure to use clear transitions (check your handout for examples). Highlight them with a highlighter.
  - e. Make basic edits for COPS. Revise/edit crossing out changes and writing in new phrases/terms
    - i. Any dead words?
    - ii. Any unclear statements or phrases?
3. Final Copy (20)
  - a. Fully edited and error free. Language use should represent your best attempt to be clear and precise. Double spaced. Exactly five paragraphs. Do not submit until you can check “yes” to each item below.
  - b. double spaced (as practised in class)

Revision Checklist	Yes	No
1. Have you stated the main idea or thesis in your introduction?	_____	_____
2. Did you follow the directions in your writing prompt?	_____	_____
3. Are your paragraphs clear and on topic?	_____	_____
4. Did you write a good introduction paragraph?	_____	_____
5. Have you written a good conclusion paragraph?	_____	_____
6. Is the essay organized well?	_____	_____
7. Did you use transitions between the paragraphs?	_____	_____
8. Did you “grab” or “hook” the reader in the introduction?	_____	_____
9. Did the conclusion paragraph restate the thesis?	_____	_____
10. Does each paragraph in the body address one of the main ideas you listed in the introduction?	_____	_____

Prompt Options - choose one

- Sometimes a friend is described as someone who sticks by you no matter what. That statement is too limiting and reduces a friend who only takes your side. Describe the key qualities of a true friend
- Through the years new inventions have changed the way we live. Think about one invention that has had an impact on the way you live. Now write to how this invention has changed our lives.
- The amount of graffiti is a problem in some schools and city generally. The city and school board need solutions to the problem. Write a composition in which you fully explain the solution the city and school board could use to solve this problem.
- Your generation faces many problems. Identify one of these problems that you feel is the most important, explain it, and propose some possible solutions to the problem.
- Much has been written about the impact of high levels of social media use (Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram etc.) on young people. Write an essay describing either the positive OR negative impact on today's teens.
- Rules are important in our daily lives. We have rules for driving, rules for studying, and even rules for playing. Think about the rules you have in your school. What three rules should every school have? Write an essay explaining to the reader the three rules you selected.
- Explain why it is important to learn to read well.
- Society at times confuses fame with being a hero. Explain how they are not the same.