

# WRITING FILE

## Part 1 Essay

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### EXAMPLE QUESTION

In your English class you have been talking about whether museums are important in life today. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Museums are not necessary nowadays because we can find all the information we need on the internet. Do you agree?

#### Notes

Write about:

1. bringing history to life
2. school trips
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (your own idea)

Write 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

### EXAMPLE ANSWER

Some people say museums are not necessary nowadays because all the information is on the internet, but is this true? There are arguments on both sides.

Firstly, museums give visitors the opportunity to experience real things from the past and it's impossible to get the same benefit from looking up facts online. Without a doubt, museums bring history to life. There are also museums about science, space travel and so on where visitors can touch interactive exhibits and get a real understanding of things that affect life today.

In addition to this, teachers often organise school trips to museums. Clearly this is a very valuable experience for students as they learn a lot outside the classroom with their friends and talking about the trip is very motivating.

On the other hand, museums can be expensive to visit, although some are free. However, museums are obviously good value for money as they provide more accurate information than the internet, which can be unreliable.

On balance I would say that museums are not only necessary nowadays, but are enjoyable places to visit. We would miss them if they disappeared.

Introduce the topic and catch the reader's interest with a rhetorical question.

Start each new point clearly.

Organise ideas and paragraphs well using linking words and phrases.

Make sure you include an idea of your own in a separate paragraph.

Give your own opinion in the conclusion.

### EXAM HELP

- Start your essay with a short paragraph introducing the topic. Finish with a conclusion.
- Focus on one idea in each of the three middle paragraphs. Make sure you include a new idea of your own.
- Use a formal or semi-formal style with a range of vocabulary and linking words.
- Don't write fewer than 140 words because you won't be able to include all the ideas you should. Don't write more than 190 words because you may include ideas that are not relevant.
- Make sure you check your work for grammar or spelling mistakes.

### OVER TO YOU

Now write your own answer to the task. Make sure that you include everything required in the task and use the Exam help to check your work.

### USEFUL LANGUAGE

#### Introduction

Is this really true?

There are arguments for and against the idea.

It's a difficult question to answer.

#### Introducing ideas

One/A(n) benefit/advantage of ... is ...

Of course, not all museums ...

Another potential advantage is ...

#### Expanding points

One reason for this is that ...

This is because ...

As a consequence, / Consequently, ...

Due to (the fact that) ... / In fact, ...

#### Adding and contrasting ideas

Moreover, ... / As well as that ...

However, this is not always true.

Although it seems that ...

Despite this / Despite (the fact that) ...

#### Writing a conclusion

To sum up, ... / In conclusion, ...