

## Agree/Disagree Essays

Agree/Disagree essays are the most in the IELTS test.

## How to identify agree/disagree essays

**Statement + Question** 

Teenagers should have regular exams at secondary school as this will prepare them better for life after leaving school.

To what extent do you agree or disagree? (or)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? (or)

Do you agree or disagree with this opinion? (or)

Do you agree or disagree?

## **Essay Structure**

## Simple structure

The easiest way to write an agree/disagree essay is simply completely agree or disagree. Here is an essay plan for a completely agree/disagree essay.

#### Introduction

- Introduce the topic
- Respond to the question

### **Body Paragraph 1**

- Topic sentence
- Development
- (Link)

## **Body Paragraph 2**

- Topic sentence
- Development
- (Link)

# disagree and then explain the 2 reasons for why you agree/disagree. The advantage of this structure is that it's simple and quick to write.

This is the most basic structure. In

this structure, you simply agree or

#### Conclusion

- Restate position
- Summarise ideas

In future lessons, we'll look at some other structures you can use fo Agree/Disagree essays such as the 70/30 structure and the 70/30 structure + rebuttal



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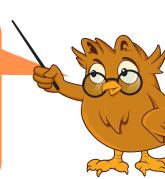
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# 1. Simple Structure

For more information on how to write an introduction, body paragraph, or conclusion, go to the lesson on each of these parts in the course.



Exams are an important feature of secondary education. However, there is contention over whether frequent exams prepare students for post-school life. I believe that teenagers should be given regular exams as this will provide useful practice before they go on to be assessed in university and also help develop a range of skills which are essential in the world of work.

Having frequent exams at high school ensures that teenagers have had ample examination practice before continuing to higher levels of education. In further education, it is almost certain that students will be tested in one way or another. This may be practical (for example, a vocational course will require students to pass practical exams) or academic (university students are evaluated on 'coursework' type tests, formal end-of-year exams, or a combination of both). Hence, exams at secondary school provide a foundation of experience which prepares teenagers for the tests they will encounter in further education.

Regular exams also push teenagers to develop a range of skills that are useful in the world of work. For example, taking an exam requires a student to plan, prepare, and perform in the test, thus developing time management capability, resiliency, and the ability to deliver under pressure. These skills are invaluable in a professional setting, where it is essential to be able to organise the workload and meet deadlines. The more exams that teenagers have in high school, the greater the opportunity to develop such skills.

In conclusion, I would argue that teenagers should be given regular exams at secondary school because they provide useful practice for future tests in further education and develop a range of skills that help teenagers when they start work.

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# <u>Agree/Disagree Practice Questions</u>

It is beneficial for both employers and employees if employees are given longer holidays away from work.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Some people believe that alcohol should be considered as a drug and made illegal.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Keeping livestock, such as cows, has a significant impact on the environment. This has led some people to argue that eating meat should be illegal.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that eating meat should be illegal?

Some people believe that individuals should be allowed to own a gun as a means to protect themselves and their families.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Some people believe that government grants should be offered to people to encourage them to buy electric vehicles.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

In the future, fewer people will start bands or produce music because they will worry about their music being downloaded from the internet for free.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?



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