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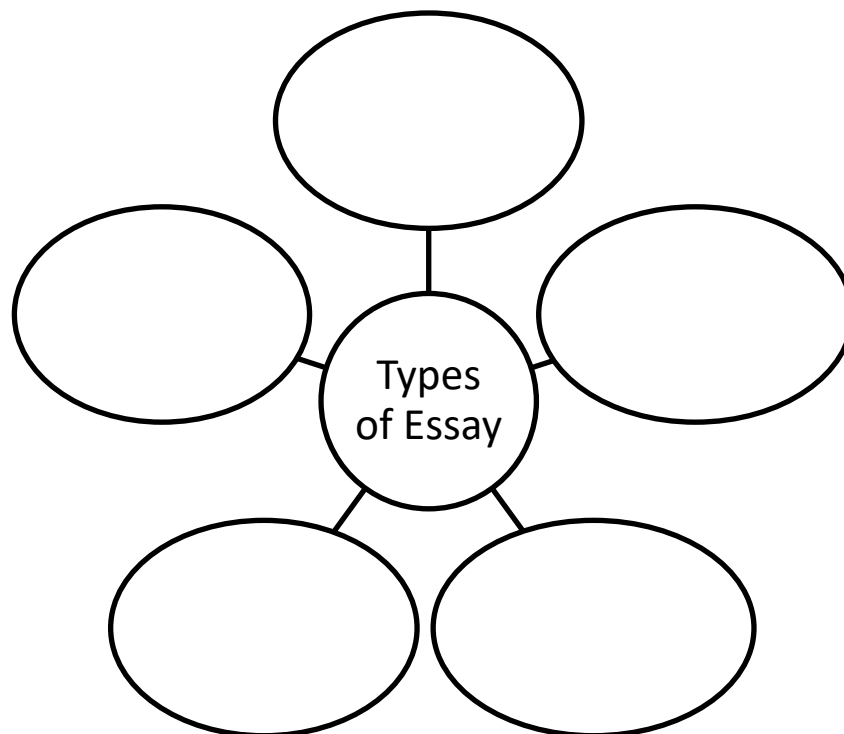
ENGLISH

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CRITERIA OF AN “A” CONTINUOUS WRITING

Aspect	Details
1. Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost entirely accurate
2. Sentences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence structure is varied • Sentences of various lengths and types are used to achieve a particular effect
3. Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is of a wide range and is used with precision
4. Punctuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is always accurate
5. Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is correct throughout the essay
6. Paragraphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-planned • Show unity • Well-linked
7. Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant to the topic • Are well-discussed in a purposeful manner
8. Interest of reader	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained throughout the composition • Dramatic effect is produced if it is a story
9. Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The composition should also contain one or more of the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quotations - Idioms - Statistics/Facts - Proverbs



Decide what type of essays are these:

The Malaysian tradition of having open houses is important and should be practised more. Do you agree? Give reasons to support your view. (SPM 2017)	
Some people believe that all students in Malaysia should learn at least three languages. What do you think? (SPM 2016)	
'Honesty is the best policy.' Describe an experience when this was true for you. (SPM 2015)	
Why is having good neighbours important? (SPM 2015)	
Write a story about a fisherman beginning with: "The wind blew strongly. Out at sea, ..." (SPM 2014)	
Why are animals important to human beings? (SPM 2014)	
Is tuition necessary? Discuss. (SPM 2013)	
Saving money for the future. (SPM 2012)	
Peace (SPM 2011)	
A famous person you admire. (SPM 2011)	

Narrative Essay Sample

Write a story about someone you know who took a big risk and had a good result. Begin your story with: "Everyone said that the plan would never work. It was far too risky..." (SPM 2015)

Everyone said that the plan would never work. It was far too risky even for a professional climber like him. It was a matter of life and death. Any slip or miscalculation might resort to fatal fall. However, Syafiq, being his stubborn self – was determined to pursue with his intention. He wanted to go solo climbing without ropes in Thailand! How crazy was that? He had completed thousands of rock-climbing routes before, but never without a belayer nor ropes. This idea of his was frantically objected not only by his family, but also his fellow climbers. Regardless, only one person believed that he would succeed and it was his wife, Izzah.

Despite the objections and backlashes he received, Syafiq began his intensive training. It was just two months before he would take off to Krabi, Thailand to pursue his crazy idea. His beloved wife was very supportive and kept him motivated every day. Other climbers were skeptical in the beginning. They did not only undermine him but also mocked his training effort. He turned a deaf ear and kept focusing on achieving his goal. At this point of time, nothing could make him think twice.

It was finally the time for him to fly to Krabi with his ever supportive wife. He would be materialising his dream to climb a 100-meter hill, all done without a belayer and ropes. His family at home were worried despite the fact that they had reluctantly given him their blessings. They offered nothing but prayers for his safety and success. Izzah was ready with her phone to do a live stream of the crazy climb. Other climbers from different parts of the world were also there to witness him. Syafiq then set foot on the base of the rocky hill and began his climb.

The first few steps had been easy. He managed to reach the first 15 meters without a problem. It then got more challenging as he approached the 40-meter mark. The rocks were slippery, and it was difficult for him to grasp and cling to them. He had to quickly find a solution. There was a steady rock which looked sturdy. Syafiq reached for it with a hope to cling on it. As he depended his weight on the rock, it cracked and resorted him to fall! Izzah shouted his name at the top of her lungs. "Syafiq!!!" she screamed. Everyone else also got panicked.

Luckily, he managed to grab a pointing rock as he was falling. To tell everyone especially his wife that he was okay, he showed a thumb's up and the crowd began to clap and chanted his name. Syafiq continued his climb. He was more careful this time. He stopped to chalk his hands and take a sip of water for a minute and went further up. In just 75 minutes, he successfully reached the peak of the hill. There were tears in his eyes as he heard a loud cheer and clap from the bottom. He did it!

His family and friends at home who were watching the live stream were proud of his achievement. Despite their objection, Syafiq proved that determination and hard work can turn efforts to a sweet success. They sent congratulatory messages to him on the live streaming video. As he reached the base, his wife greeted him with a hug and everyone else patted him on his back for the amazing feat he had done.

NARRATIVE WRITING BRAINSTORMING TOOL

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Expository Essay Sample

How can we help promote tourism in Malaysia. (SPM 2004)

Tourism is fast becoming a booming industry. People do not only travel for pleasure, but also for business, education and medical purposes. With the rise of tourism industry around the world and the reduced air fares by many low cost airlines, Malaysia should not be left behind in taking the opportunity to promote this industry. There are many ways we can help to promote tourism in Malaysia, among others are by hosting more events, improving our universities rankings, offering more medical treatments and organising cultural campaigns.

First and foremost, the tourism industry can be promoted by organising more events in Malaysia. We are well aware that a lot of people travel to other countries to attend events. For instance, the recent World Cup 2018 which was held in Russia has managed to attract thousands football fans around the world to become spectators of world's number one football championship. People are willing to save money to travel and witness their favourite team as this competition is only held every four years. In short, by hosting events like sporting events in Malaysia, we can help promote tourists to visit our country.

Secondly, another way to help promote tourism is by improving our universities rankings. Have you ever heard of education tourism? Education tourism is when people travel for the sake of obtaining knowledge and get educated. By having our universities rank improved, many learners from outside the country would be willing to travel to Malaysia either to study or for students' exchange programme. This will greatly improve not only the tourism industry, but also the economy of the country as these people will spend their money on their necessities, accommodations as well transport while in Malaysia. Hence, having our universities rank improved will invite more people to travel to Malaysia.

The other way to promote tourism in Malaysia is by offering more medical treatments. Medical tourism takes place when people from one country travel to another to receive medical, dental and surgical care while at the same time receiving equal to or greater care than they would have in their own country. Additionally, they are traveling for medical care because of affordability. As an example, many cancer patients would travel to China for the treatments offered. Meanwhile, those who wish to get cosmetic surgery would travel to South Korea due to its renowned medical cosmetics industry. Therefore, through more and better medical treatments, our tourism industry can be improved.

Last but not least, we should also organise cultural campaigns to encourage people to visit Malaysia. All thanks to social media, words can be spread more easily. Campaigns can be done in form of videos and people to viral them so that they reach others from outside the country. For example, we could always promote videos of multicultural dances like zapin, inang and kuda kepang and these will surely spark the interest of travellers who love seeing other cultures. As our local cultures are unquestionable unique, it would not be a problem to attract people coming just to witness with their own eyes. In a nutshell, cultural campaigns will help promote our tourism.

As a conclusion, steps need to be taken to promote our tourism industry in order for us to generate more revenue and introduce our unique culture to the eyes of the world. Each and every one of us needs to play a role to encourage people to visit our country and should not only depend on the government to take the first step. It is a hope that Malaysia will be one of the main tourist attractions in the years to come.

Suggested Elements of an Expository Essay

Paragraph	Elements
Introduction	
Body (x4)	
Conclusion	

Steps to Brainstorm Ideas

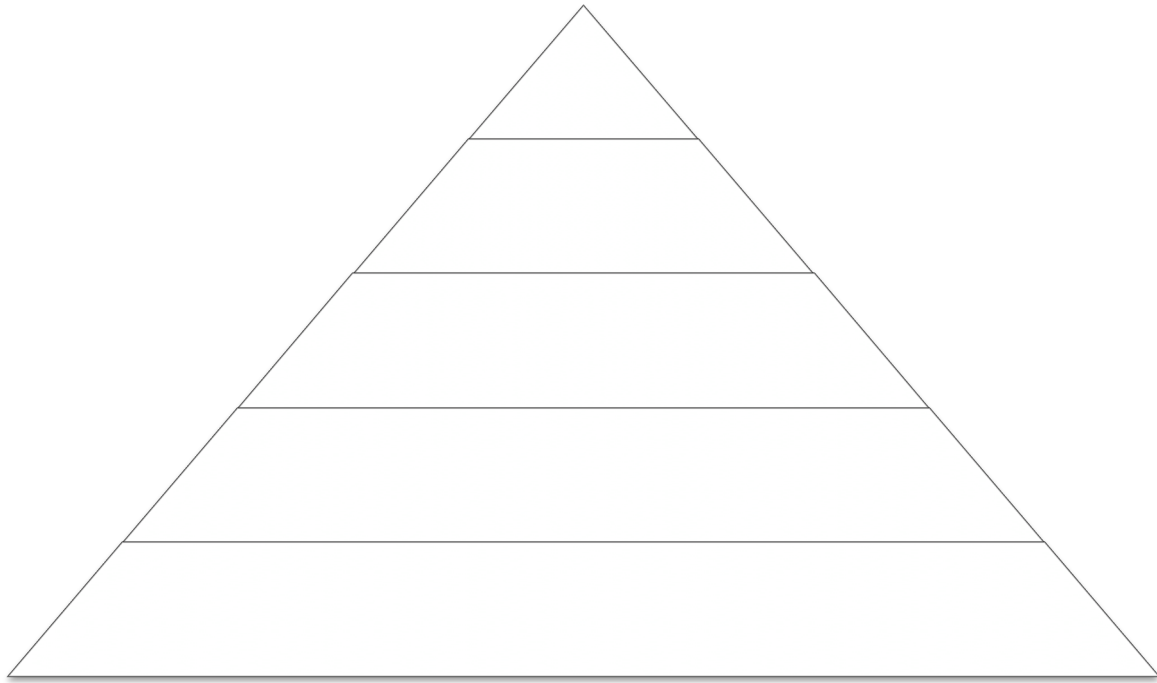
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Importance of extracting keywords:

Extract keywords from the following questions, then, determine if you need to talk about causes or effects or solutions.

1. How do we prevent bullying in school?
2. What is the best way for teenagers to stay fit and healthy?

‘WHO’ Approach



‘WHAT’ Approach

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Brainstorm ideas for questions assigned to you.

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Argumentative Essay Sample

Smoking should be banned in all public places. Discuss.

Around 6.5 trillion cigarettes are sold around the world each year, which translate to roughly 18 billion cigarettes per day. From these numbers, we can tell that despite the dangers it poses, many people are still puffing their cigarette smoke every minute. Since smoking causes addiction, it is hard to get smokers to quit. However, it is probably easier to ban smoking in public areas as it will cause more harm than it has already done. As a matter of fact, I strongly believe that smoking should be banned in all public places. This is because it causes detriments to secondhand smokers, gives bad influence to children, causes littering as well as lingering odour.

Smoking in public can be detrimental to secondhand smokers. Smoke that is exhaled from the smoker can give bad impact to other people nearby who are having health problems such as asthma, lungs and breathing problem. It will also risk pregnant women as it may cause miscarriage or premature birth. These innocent people who happen to be at the public area would have no choice but to inhale the cigarette smoke. To summarise, smoking should be banned in all public places as it can deteriorate the health of secondhand smokers.

Other than that, it can also give bad influence to children. 'Monkey see and monkey do'. Children would think that smoking is a norm with the sight of people puffing smokes in public areas. "If they can do it publicly, then it must be something good. Plus, they look cool doing that!" they might have thought. Banning smoking in all public places would give an idea that it is not only a bad habit, but also something that should not be followed. In a nutshell, smoking in all public places should be banned because it can be a bad influence to children.

Furthermore, it can also cause littering. Cigarette buds account for millions of pieces of litter annually. It is not an issue if smokers dispose the buds properly after smoking in public places. However, the fact is they do not. It causes an eyesore seeing hundreds of buds on the roadsides or at the entrance of any office buildings. The environment that we create is a reflection of the kind of society we are. In summary, littering is one of the effects of smoking in public.

Last but not least, smoking in public areas also causes lingering odour. Many patrons would find the smell of cigarettes to be unpleasant and annoying especially in buildings and restaurants that permit smoking. Cigarette smoke tend to stick on people's clothes and hair. This takes longer to fade even after the smokers have left. Not only that, the smell would tend to remain on our skin, hair and clothes for hours. People surrounding us would not feel at ease with the unpleasant odour coming from us, even when we did not even smoke! In short, smoking in public can result in lingering smells.

In conclusion, if bans were to take place, we should provide specific areas for smokers. Besides, law enforcement must also be continuous and strict. Imagine a healthier surrounding without having to forcefully inhale cigarette smoke should the ban materialize. Indeed, smoking in public places can be damaging to health, society and environment.

Suggested Elements of an Argumentative Essay

Paragraph	Elements
Introduction	
Body (x4)	
Conclusion	

Steps to Brainstorm Ideas

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Importance of extracting keywords:

Extract keywords from the following questions, then, determine if you need to talk about causes or effects or solutions.

1. Is tuition necessary? Discuss.

Agreeing Points	Disagreeing Points

Brainstorm ideas for questions assigned to you.

Sila lengkapkan borang penilaian bagi Seminar SPM yang telah anda hadiri. Penilaian anda dapat membantu kami memahami tahap keberkesanan program ini dan seterusnya membolehkan kami meningkatkan kualiti perkhidmatan kami di masa hadapan.

Terima kasih!

Please fill up this form for the session that you are attending. Your evaluation will help us improve our service and help us understand the effectiveness of this program.

Thank you!

1. Nombor Telefon

Phone Number

2. Apakah subjek bagi seminar yang sedang anda sertai sekarang?

What is the seminar's subject that you're attending now?

☐ Bahasa Malaysia

☐ Kimia

☐ English

☐ Chemistry

☐ Sejarah

☐ Fizik

☐ Sains

☐ Physics

☐ Science

☐ Matematik Tambahan

☐ Matematik

☐ Additional Maths

☐ Mathematics

☐ Perniagaan

☐ Biologi

☐ Prinsip Perakaunan

☐ Biology

☐ Ekonomi

3. Pernahkah anda menonton mana-mana video BACfreeschool (sebelum ini dikenali sebagai EduNation)?

Have you ever watched any BACFreeschool's (previously known as EduNation) videos?

☐ Ya
Yes

☐ Tidak
No

4. Nilai kefahaman guru terhadap isi kandungan yang diajar bagi subjek ini.

Rate the teacher's understanding of this particular subject.

Sangat Rendah <i>Very Low</i>	Rendah <i>Low</i>	Sederhana <i>Intermediate</i>	Tinggi <i>High</i>	Sangat Tinggi <i>Very High</i>
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5. Nilai cara penyampaian guru bagi subjek ini.

Rate the teacher's delivery of the subject.

Sangat Tidak Menarik <i>Very Uninteresting</i>	Tidak Menarik <i>Not Interesting</i>	Sederhana <i>Intermediate</i>	Menarik <i>Interesting</i>	Sangat Menarik <i>Very Interesting</i>
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6. Nilai tahap kepuasan terhadap nota tambahan yang telah diberikan.

Rate your satisfaction level with the notes given.

Sangat Tidak Berpuashati <i>Very Unsatisfied</i>	Tidak Berpuashati <i>Not Satisfied</i>	Sederhana <i>Intermediate</i>	Berpuashati <i>Satisfied</i>	Sangat Berpuashati <i>Very Satisfied</i>
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7. Nilai tahap kebergunaan isi kandungan seminar.

Rate the usefulness of the seminar's content to your SPM preparation.

Sangat Tidak Berguna <i>Not Very Useful</i>	Tidak Berguna <i>Not Useful</i>	Sederhana <i>Intermediate</i>	Useful <i>Berguna</i>	Sangat Useful <i>Very Useful</i>
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8. Bagi pendapat anda, 3 jam untuk satu sesi seminar adalah...

In your opinion, 3 hours per session is...

- ☐ terlalu pendek.
too short.
- ☐ bersesuaian.
just right.
- ☐ terlalu panjang.
too long.

9. Adakah anda mempunyai sebarang maklum balas/komen bagi meningkatkan prestasi kami?

Do you have any additional comments, questions, or concerns you would like to share?