Writing a Viewpoint (Paper 2 Q5)

GCSE English Language • Grades 3–8

Name: _____ Class: _____ Total: _____ / 60

Show all your working. Marks are given for correct method as well as the final answer.

1. Write down the three things you must identify before writing a single word. **[3 marks]**

> *"Homework is a waste of a child's evening and should be scrapped."*
> Write an article for your school newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

Answer: _____

2. Write down three features an article should have that an essay does not. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

3. Explain why the opening sentence matters more than any other. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

4. Write an opening sentence for the task that is NOT a question. **[3 marks]**

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5. Write down a reliable four-part plan for a viewpoint piece. **[4 marks]**

Answer: _____

6. Explain why including a counter-argument raises your mark. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

7. Explain what it means to *circle back* in a conclusion. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

8. Write down two ways to show deliberate paragraphing in an article. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

9. Name the technique in *Four hours. Four hours of my one short life.* **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

10. Write a sentence about homework using a list of three. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

11. Write a sentence about homework using direct address. **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

12. Explain why a statistic is persuasive even when the reader cannot check it. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

13. Name the technique in *Homework is a thief. It steals the hours we should be living.* **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

14. Explain why an anecdote often works better than an argument in an opening. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

15. Write down how many of the 40 marks are for technical accuracy. **[1 mark]**

Answer: _____

16. Write down three punctuation marks that lift a grade if used correctly. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

17. Correct this sentence: *Homework is pointless, it takes up our whole evening.* **[2 marks]**

Answer: _____

18. Explain why varying sentence length is worth marks. **[3 marks]**

Answer: _____

19. Plan a full response to the task.

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> Write an article for your school newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

(a) Write your headline and opening line. **[3 marks]**

(b) List your three main points and your counter-argument. **[4 marks]**

20. A student writes: *Homework is bad. It is boring and it takes ages and I dont like it and teachers give too much.*

(a) Identify three separate weaknesses. **[3 marks]**

(b) Rewrite it to a grade-7 standard. **[4 marks]**

Answer: _____

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