

ARGUMENTATIVE PARAGRAPH WRITING 3

Getting well prepared for the national exam

A- Study the following paragraph writing examples

The negative effects of smartphones.

Despite their benefits, smartphones can have many negative effects. **First**, too much use of the smart phone can lead to serious health problems **such as** insomnia, headache, sight troubles, etc. **Second**, many young people feel depressed when they don't receive reactions to their posts on social media. **Finally**, smartphones cause a decrease in real life communication. **All in all**, using the smartphone can lead to harmful consequences; however, we can use it for many positive purposes.

The disadvantages of Social Media.

Although it's sometimes useful, social media has many negative effects. **To begin with**, it can cause serious health problems if we spend a long time on screens. **Also**, many young people suffer from depression because they become addicted to social media. **Finally**, social media leads to social isolation and decreases real-life communication. **To conclude**, social media can be used for positive purposes; however we should be careful not to overuse it.

Important Synonyms:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Negative effects: consequences; drawbacks; harmful effects; negative aspects ➤ Advantages : benefits; positive aspects; ➤ Useful : beneficial ➤ Too much use : overuse; addiction; ➤ Serious health problems : dangerous health issues ➤ Although : Even though ➤ Despite : In spite of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ However : Still; yet; ➤ Also : In addition; Besides; What's more; ➤ For example : For instance ➤ Such as : like ➤ In other words : That is to say; ➤ Finally : At last; ➤ To conclude : All in all, To sum up; In conclusion; In brief; ... |
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B- Following the examples above and using the given synonyms, develop the following topic sentences to write complete paragraphs

Topic sentence	Suggested ideas
<p>In spite of its advantages, there are some drawbacks to Technology . First,</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>All in all, technology can be a harmful and destructive tool sometimes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Machines are replacing humans in factories. Consequently, more people are losing their jobs. ➤ People have become less active : they exercise less and spend oo much time sitting before their smart TV sets, others on their smart phones ➤ It can be the source of many modern dangerous diseases, like cancer, HIV, and COVID19

