

# ARGUMENTATIVE PARAGRAPH WRITING 1

## Getting well prepared for the national exam

### A- Study the following paragraph writing examples

#### The advantages of smartphones.

Despite its negative effects, **a smart phone has many benefits.** **First**, this device has made communication much easier than ever before. Now, with a touch of a button people can communicate with anybody from anywhere at any time. **In addition**, a smart phone has become a source of unlimited entertainment. **For example**, a smart phone allows you to play games, listen to music, watch movies, and do a lot of other things. **What's more**, it offers thousands of educational apps which are very useful for students and teachers. **All in all, I think a smart phone is a very useful tool in our life**; however, we should be careful not to overuse it.

#### The advantages of Technology.

Technology has become an essential part of our daily life thanks to its numerous advantages. **To begin with**, it is making our lives easier. **In other words**, people save more time and effort with the use of technology. **For example**, machines and robots can perform a lot of hard tasks perfectly and in no time. **Also**, technology offers great inventions such as computers, smartphones, smart TVs, and the internet. **Besides**, it has made communication much easier than ever before. Now, with a touch of a button people can communicate with anybody from anywhere at any time. **What's more**, Technology has a positive impact on our economic growth. Nowadays, 70% of world businesses rely on technology to improve the quality of their products and services. **Finally**, it has improved our education. Thanks to technology, now students can learn anywhere at any time. **To conclude**, **Technology offers a lot of benefits; however, we can't deny its negative effects.**

#### Important Synonyms:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Negative effects:</b> consequences; drawbacks; harmful effects; negative aspects</li> <li>➤ <b>Advantages :</b> benefits; positive aspects;</li> <li>➤ <b>Offers :</b> has</li> <li>➤ <b>Useful :</b> beneficial</li> <li>➤ <b>Device :</b> tool</li> <li>➤ <b>Many :</b> numerous; several, a lot of;</li> <li>➤ <b>Daily life :</b> nowadays;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>First :</b> To begin with;</li> <li>➤ <b>Also :</b> In addition; Besides; What's more;</li> <li>➤ <b>For example :</b> For instance</li> <li>➤ <b>Such as :</b> like</li> <li>➤ <b>In no time :</b> In seconds; quickly; rapidly;</li> <li>➤ <b>In other words :</b> That is to say;</li> <li>➤ <b>Finally :</b> At last;</li> <li>➤ <b>To conclude :</b> All in all, To sum up; In conclusion; In brief; ...</li> </ul> |
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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>1- Although it can be sometimes harmful, <b>Social Media</b> offers numerous advantages. <b>First</b>, .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>To sum up</b>, social media has become a useful tool in our life; however, we should be careful not to overuse it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It has made learning much easier for students.</li> <li>➤ It allows learners practise and improve English or any foreign language by speaking online with the native speakers</li> <li>➤ It has made communication easier ever than before, thanks to apps like WhatsApp, Telegram, Instagram, etc</li> </ul>
<p>2- Nobody denies that <b>distance learning</b> offers numerous <b>benefits</b> for students. <b>First</b>, .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Students can learn from anywhere and at any time.</li> <li>➤ distance learning helps them feel more comfortable to ask questions, learn more, and to stay more focused</li> <li>➤ It saves a lot of money. For example, students don't have to spend money on transportation to study far away from their homes</li> </ul>