

Choose ONE of the these topics. Deadline : second lesson after holiday (paper or mail)

1. With recent developments in technology (eg e-readers), some people think that printed media, such as books, newspapers and magazines, will soon be a thing of the past. Others feel that these forms of media will never disappear.

What is your opinion?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

2. Many people argue that written tests are the best way to assess people's competence and that no better system has yet been found. Others argue that written tests are unfair, unhelpful and out-of-date.

What is your opinion?

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own knowledge or experience.

Write at least 250 words.

How to Write

The same basic structure applies to both these essays. It is as follows :

Para 1 : Explain the terms of the argument **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**. Essentially this means paraphrasing the words of the task itself.

Para 2 : Give arguments for one side of the question (eg that printed media will soon disappear).

Para 3 : Give arguments for the other side of the question (eg that printed media will never disappear).

Para 4 : Give your own opinion with justification. If you think that both viewpoints are equally valid, you can say so. If you have a strong opinion one way or the other, this will affect the balance of the middle paragraphs. For example, if you strongly believe that printed media will never disappear, you should give more/stronger arguments to support this in the middle paragraphs.