**Instructions:**

Complete the tasks below. Bring your homework to the next lesson.

**Task 1:** Put the following pre-writing stages in the correct order

**Pre-writing:**

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| 1 | d. |
| 2 | c. Analysing the question |
| 3 | a. Brainstorming ideas |
| 4 | e. Writing a thesis statement |
| 5 | b. Writing a logic sequence |
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a. Brainstorming ideas

b. Writing a logic sequence

c. Analysing the question

d. Open notebook or laptop

e. Writing a thesis statement

**Reading (model)**

Crafting a logical sequence into a written piece of work is the last stage of pre-writing. Don’t assume that the reader will be able to follow your logic so easily. It is important to think about how you will present your argument before you start writing. You must organise your argument and write an outline.

Below is an example of the **Toulmin Method**. It is a common and easy way to organize your argument before starting to write.

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| **Toulmin Method:** | Explanation: |
| Thesis | The main claim or argument in your essay |
| Data | Specific case or example that supports the main claim. |
| Warrant | Evidence to explain how or why the data supports the thesis. |
| Counter-claim | Claim that disagress with your main claim |
| Rebuttal | Evidence that disagrees with the counter-claim |
| Conclusion | Specific conclusion |

**Example:**

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| **Toulmin Method:** | Example ideas: |
| Thesis | Hybrid cars are an effective strategy to fight pollution. |
| Data 1 | Driving a private car is a typical citizen's most air polluting activity. |
| Warrant 1 | Because cars are the largest source of private, as opposed to industry produced, air pollution, switching to hybrid cars should have an impact on fighting pollution. |
| Data 2 | Each vehicle produced is going to stay on the road for about 12 to 15 years |
| Warrant 2 | Cars generally have a long lifespan, meaning that a decision to switch to a hybrid car will make a long-term impact on pollution levels. |
| Data 3 | Hybrid cars combine a gasoline engine with a battery-powered electric motor. |
| Warrant 3 | This combination of technologies means that less pollution is produced. According to ineedtoknow.org "the hybrid engine of the Prius, made by Toyota, produces 90 percent fewer harmful emissions than a comparable gasoline engine." |
| Counter-claim | Instead of focusing on cars, which still encourages a culture of driving even if it cuts down on pollution, the nation should focus on building and encouraging use of public transport |
| Rebuttal | While public transport is an environmentally sound idea that should be encouraged, it is not feasible in many rural and suburban areas, or for people who must commute to work; thus hybrid cars are a better solution for much of the nation's population. |
| Conclusion | Hybrid cars are a high-tech and long-term solution to dealing with air pollution. |

**Complete tasks 2-6**

Essay Question:

‘Some people argue that technological inventions, such as smartphones, are making people less socially interactive’ Do you agree?

**Task 2**: Analyse the question:

The broad topic: The effects technological inventions are having on people. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The specific topic: Whether technological inventions are making people less socially interactive. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Task response *(what is the question asking you to do?):*

The question asks me to come up with an opinion on whether technological are making people less socially interactive.

**Task 3**: Brainstorm 10 ideas

1.Smart phone itself is an efficient tool for communication.

2.Many communication apps including QQ and WeChat make it possible for family and friends communicate synchronously eve in different city.

3.The apps abouve make it possible for people to make friends throughout the world.

4.By modern means of transportation like high-speed railway and plane, people can travle around the world for business and trip conveniently and fast.

5.The electronic business offers people a broad platform to do business with others on the earth.

6.We students in Shanghaitech can use the app BlackBoard to follow the ralative imformation of the course and interact with our teacher.

7.On the Internet, people are free to share their own ideas and discuss with each other on some topic.

8.Taking advantages of the e-mail, we can ask the teachers question without bothering to go to their office in fresh.

9.The public classes on the Internet help eduction and study get rid of the limit of time and space.

10.Machines and robots liberate people from heavy labor job and create more time for them to spend with their family.

**Task 4:** Write a thesis statement (what’s your opinion)

Technological inventions are making people more socially interactive.

**Task 5:** write a logic sequence (premise 1, 2, 3 etc. –conclusion)

If people are given good platforms that enable them to communicate convenient and freely and sufficient time and chance to get touch with others, their interaction can be strengthened. Nowadays communication apps like QQ and WeChat built up a free platform for people to get connected with their acquaintances and meet new friend. Besides, machines and robots liberate people from heavy labor job and create more time for them to spend with their family and friends, while the migration of the population became more frequent due to the development of modern means of transportation. Therefore, the technological inventions create appropriate condition for people’s communication, making they more socially interactive.

**Task 6**: Complete the table below. Use Toulmin’s method to organize your argument.

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| Toulmin Method: | Example ideas: |
| Thesis | Technological inventions are making people more socially interactive. |
| Data 1 | Nowadays communication apps like QQ and WeChat built up a free platform where people can get connected with their acquaintances and meet new friend even they are in different cities. |
| Warrant 1 | By this way, people can communicate without the limit of time and space. |
| Data 2 | The modern means of transportation makes migration of the poopulation much easier and more frequent. |
| Warrant 2 | When people travle around, it’s inevitable for them to meet those from different culture and exchang ideas. |
| Data 3 | Machines and robots liberate people from heavy labor job. |
| Warrant 3 | So more time are saved for them to spend with their friends and family. |
| Counter-claim | Maybe some people get addicted to and waste a lot of time on smartphone games, which leads to their lack of communicating with surrouding people. |
| Rebuttal | However, don’t forget that smartphone itself is actually one of the most efficient tools for communication. How it influences our socializing depends on the way we use it. If someone obessed with the games, it’s he/she that is to blame but not the smartphone. |
| Conclusion | Therefore, the technological inventions create appropriate condition for people’s communication, making they more socially interactive. |