**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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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 specific topic:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Task 3**: Brainstorm 10 ideas

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

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

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

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| Toulmin Method: | Example ideas: |
| Thesis |  |
| Data 1 |  |
| Warrant 1 |  |
| Data 2 |  |
| Warrant 2 | . |
| Data 3 |  |
| Warrant 3 |  |
| Counter-claim |  |
| Rebuttal |  |
| Conclusion |  |