**Below is a sample outline for persuasive essays:**

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| **INTRODUCTION**  **MOTIVATOR:**  **THESIS STATEMENT:** Put forth your opinion/standpoint/ view here in a decisive and confident manner  **PREVIEW OF UPCOMING POINTS:** The reasons  **MAIN BOBY**  **PARAGRAPH 1:**  **TOPIC SENTENCE:** Reason 1  **MAIN POINTS & SDs:** Evidence to support your reason.  **PARAGRAPH 2:**  **TOPIC SENTENCE:** Reason 2  **MAIN POINTS & SDs:** Evidence to support your reason.  **PARAGRAPH 3:**  **TOPIC SENTENCE:** Reason 3  **MAIN POINTS & SDs:** Evidence to support your reason.  **CONCESSION PARAGRAPH :( Optional)** Acknowledges opposing argument, and proves the superiority of the writer’s point of view. This is done in order to appear tolerant, and forward-thinking.  **CONCLUSION**  **RESTATE THESIS & MAIN IDEAS** |

###### SAMPLE PERSUASIVE ESSAYS:

**CATS ARE BETTER PETS THAN DOGS. DO YOU AGREE?**

"A dog is man's best friend." That common saying may contain some truth, but dogs are not the only animal friend whose companionship people enjoy. For many people, a cat is their best friend. **Despite what dog lovers may believe, cats make excellent house pets as they are good companions, they are civilized members of the household, and they are easy to care for.**

*In the first place, people enjoy the companionship of cats.* Many cats are affectionate. They will snuggle up and ask to be petted, or scratched under the chin. Who can resist a purring cat? If they're not feeling affectionate, cats are generally quite playful. They love to chase balls and feathers, or just about anything dangling from a string. They especially enjoy playing when their owners are participating in the game. Contrary to popular opinion, cats can be trained. Using rewards and punishments, just like with a dog, a cat can be trained to avoid unwanted behavior or perform tricks. Cats will even fetch!

*In the second place, cats are civilized members of the household.* Unlike dogs, cats do not bark or make other loud noises. Most cats don't even meow very often. They generally lead a quiet existence. Cats also don't often have "accidents." Mother cats train their kittens to use the litter box, and most cats will use it without fail from that time on. Even stray cats usually understand the concept when shown the box and will use it regularly. Cats do have claws, and owners must make provision for this. A tall scratching post in a favorite cat area of the house will often keep the cat content to leave the furniture alone. As a last resort, of course, cats can be declawed.

*Lastly, one of the most attractive features of cats as house pets is their ease of care.* Cats do not have to be walked. They get plenty of exercise in the house as they play, and they do their business in the litter box. Cleaning a litter box is a quick, painless procedure. Cats also take care of their own grooming. Bathing a cat is almost never necessary because under ordinary circumstances cats clean themselves. Cats are more particular about personal cleanliness than people are. In addition, cats can be left home alone for a few hours without fear. Unlike some pets, most cats will not destroy the furnishings when left alone. They are content to go about their usual activities until their owners return.

Cats are low maintenance, civilized companions. People who have small living quarters or less time for pet care should appreciate these characteristics of cats. However, many people who have plenty of space and time still opt to have a cat because they love the cat personality. In many ways, cats are the ideal house pet.

**ESSAY OUTLINE**

**TITLE:** *A Graders have an edge over others. Do you agree?*

**PURPOSE:** *To persuade*

**READERS:** *The teacher*

1. **INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH:**

General Statement or Hook: *General to specific*

Transition: *Similarly*

Thesis Sentence: *A graders enjoy rare advantages that others don’t.*

Major Divisions of Essay: (overview of upcoming points)

A: *Interview preference*

B: *Respect, honor, and benefits in society*

C: *Concession*

1. **BODY PARAGRAPH 1: Reason 1**

Transition: *First*

Topic Sentence: *A graders get interview calls immediately.*

Main Points: *All good institutions go for ‘A’ graders*

1. **BODY PARAGRAPH 2: Reason 2**

Transition: *Second*

Topic Sentence: *A graders enjoy special privileges in society.*

Main Points: *Like, praises from everyone, scholarships*

1. **BODY PARAGRAPH 3: Concession**

Transition: *However*

Topic Sentence: *Good grades do not guarantee success in all cases*

Main Points: *Other things which guarantee success*

1. **CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH**

Restatement/Reinforcement of Thesis: *A graders definitely enjoy rewards, like, preference for interview calls, scholarships, and respect in society.*

###### Read the essay given on page number 124, 125, and 126, and answer the questions.

* 1. **Point out the thesis statement.**
  2. **Write the reasons offered by the writer in support of his opinion.**
  3. **Which is the concession paragraph? How does it project the personality of the writer?**

**‘A’ Graders have an edge over others. Do you agree?**

*Certain things in life guarantee future success. Wealth, power, and fame are known for their ability to pave the way for a prosperous life. Similarly, good grades are also a great blessing of God, and serve us in many ways.* ***A graders definitely have an edge over others****.* ***Whether it is an interview call, preference for scholarship grants, or the appreciation of the society, A graders enjoy a successful career ahead.***

*First of all, in a great majority of the cases, ‘A’ grades guarantee interview calls from reputed institutions. In most of the institutes and organizations, the procedures for scanning CVs for a position involves separating out the A graders from the rest of the lot. The A graders are all called and given a chance to prove their suitability for the position. Rarely, a B or a C grader will be called if there are ‘A’ grader applicants. Therefore, ‘A’ grade does promise interview calls.*

*Plus, ‘A’ graders enjoy special privileges in the society. First, teachers and family are full of praises for an A grader. S/he is the pride of the family. Second, scholarship programs usually grant scholarships to ‘A’ grader applicants. This is so because an ‘A’ grade is seen as a proof that one deserves preference and will prove oneself. To sum up, an A grade, without any doubt, brings a promise of many advantages.*

*On the other hand, one may argue that good grades are not always a reason for one’s success, or a necessity for professional or academic success. However, undoubtedly, in some or the other way a hard earned “A” will bring some sort of success for you. Without good grades, it is very difficult to prove one’s worth and caliber. In contrast, if an A grade does not always guarantee appointment in an organization, or preference for scholarship awards, it surely guarantees an opportunity to at least appear in an interview to prove oneself. Therefore, in this way ‘A’ graders do have an edge over many others.*

*In summary, ‘A’ graders, for various reasons, are given more importance than others. Interview calls, scholarship awards, and appreciation from society are some of the privileges that the A graders benefit from. So, like fame, power, and money, ‘A’ grades are also something that must be sought and struggled for.*