**ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY OUTLINE**

1. **Introduction : Write at least 4 sentences including :**
2. General background

* It is often said that ... / Many people claim that ...
* In this day and age ... / Nowadays ... / These days ...
* We live in an age when many of us are ...
* ... is a hotly-debated topic that often divides opinion.
* It goes without saying that ... is one of the most important issues facing us today.

1. Specific focus
2. Structure: This essay/article will discuss/ explore ……. of ………… ,focusing on …….. and my opinion on the topic.
3. Thesis statement: In my opinion/ From my persective/ As far as I'm concerned, .. ./ From my point of view, ……. / My own view on the matter is ……. / It would be argured that……/ I strongly believe that…..
4. **Body ( 3 paragraphs)**

**Paragraph 1:** **Reasons of advocates**

**Topic sentence**: Here are some structures for the topic sentence

* On the one hand, advocates of…could cite many/ several reasons/arguments
* On the one hand, it is understandable why some people are in favor for
* On the one hand, there are many/ several reasons why some people are in favor for/ support for……

**Supporting sentence:** (List the reasons using the order transitions )**(Remember to use 1 or 2 in-text citation )**

* Firstly, let us take a look at ... / To start with, ...
* First of all, it is worth considering ...
* Secondly, ... Thirdly, ...
* Furthermore, ... / In addition, ... / What is more, ... / On top of that, ...
* Another point worth noting is ... *I* Another factor to consider is ...
* Lastly, ... / Finally, ... / Last but not least, ...

**Paraghraph 2: Reasons of opposers**

**Topic sentence:** On the other hand, those who oppose the…… could cite many/several. reasons/arguments.

**Supporting sentence:** (List the reasons using the order transitions )**(Remember to use 1 or 2 in-text citation )**

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**Paraghraph 3: Your opinions**

* Considering the arguments presented in the paraghraphs above, I support/ oppose…... This is because………... For instance/ For example/ Take…… an example………..

1. **Conclusion**

Sentence 1: To sum up/ In conclusion …… Paraphrase the structure (……… have been discussed/ mentioned/explored above)

Sentence 2: Synthesize

Sentence 3: Restate your opinion. Paraphrase the thesis statement

Sentence 4: Give comments, warning,predictions, etc. relating to the topic.