Academic Research Essay

Write an academic research essay on a tech-related topic (see below). This essay is your opportunity to demonstrate the skills you have learned in this class, Communication I, and previous English language courses from last year.

Essay Requirements

1) Title Page with the essay title, your name, student number, professor's formal name, date

2) Introduction paragraph – Background information and thesis statement

3) Body paragraphs (3-4 are recommended) – Topic sentences and supporting information

4) Conclusion Paragraph – Restatement of thesis, summary of main points, concluding remarks

5) Reference page using APA formatting – At least 6 or more references in English are required.

Formatting Requirements

1) **<u>APA formatting is required for this essay</u>** (we will go over this Week 14 in class)

2) 600-800 words (not including title page or reference page)

3) Title page (see above for requirements)

4) Double-spaced

5) Times New Roman, 12 point (Do NOT use any Korean fonts)

6) Paragraphs must be properly indented

Submission Requirements

1) Essay must be uploaded to e-Class by Friday, 12.16 at 10 am for ALL classes.

2) Essay must be written in MS-Word or Google Docs and saved as an MS-Word file. Please do NOT use Hancom Office.

Essay Topics
- Are mobile phone game applications more helpful or harmful?
- Does technology bring people together or make them more alone?
- Is online learning as good as face-to-face learning?
- Should young children be allowed to play violent video games?
- Some countries want to censor social media for different reasons. Should this be allowed?
- Which is more important in relation to the Internet: personal privacy or national security?
- Should people be allowed to make anonymous comments online?
- Is Artificial Intelligence more helpful or harmful?
- Are drones more helpful or harmful?
- Other topic related to the effect of technology on people (must be approved by the teacher)

Grading
The essay is out of 70 points and worth 12% of your final class grade.

Rubric for essay (70 points)

Criteria	Exceptional (80-80%+) 8 or 8+/24 or 24+	Excellent (70%) 7/21	Good (60%) 6/18	Fair (50%) 5/15	Poor (40%) 4/12	Fail (<40%) <4/<12
Introduction (10)	Introduction exceeds expectations with a powerful and impactful opening, background information, and thesis.	Introduction has an interesting opening, a clear and direct thesis, and includes relevant and specific background information.	Introduction has an opening, some background information and thesis that is mostly relevant and organized.	Introduction is missing or has irrelevant opening, background information, or thesis.	No or irrelevant introduction.	Does not submit essay.
Body (30)	Body paragraphs exceed expectations and focus on and support the thesis in insightful ways.	Logically organized, begins with relevant topic sentences, contains sufficient detail, and contains logical transitions to connect ideas.	Somewhat organized, has topic sentences, some relevant supporting details, and some appropriate transitions.	Organization is often not clear and includes missing topic sentences, details, and transitions at times.	No or irrelevant main and supporting details.	Does not submit essay.
Conclusion (10)	Conclusion exceeds expectations, has exceptional summary and an insightful concluding remark.	Signals conclusion appropriately, restates the main thesis and includes appropriate concluding remarks.	Conclusion is missing one key element or summary may not be fully complete. Concluding remark has no insight.	Conclusion is weak and incomplete. Concluding remark is only a restatement of what was said previously in essay.	No or irrelevant conclusion.	Does not submit essay.
Vocabulary & Grammar (10)	Vocabulary and grammar usage exceed expectations and is free of errors.	Vocabulary is generally used well with minor errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation.	Vocabulary is inappropriate at times and includes many errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation which may or may not impede understanding.	Vocabulary and grammar often are often used incorrectly, and some sentences are difficult to understand.	Incomprehensible due to severe vocabulary and grammar problems.	Does not submit essay.
References & Formatting (10)	Perfect citations and references and meets all requirements and essay guidelines.	Citations, references, and formatting meet almost all of the requirements with minor errors.	Citations, references, and formatting meet some of the requirements.	Citations, references, and formatting rarely meet the requirements.	No references; meets none of the formatting requirements.	Does not submit essay.