**DISCUSS BOTH VIEWS**

1. **EXAMPLE**
2. Several languages are in danger of extinction because they are spoken by very small numbers of people. Some people say that governments should **spend public money on saving these languages**, while others believe that would **be a waste of money**.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

1. Some people believe that there should be the death penalty for extremely serious crimes. Others believe that it is not morally correct to kill criminals.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Note: This type of essay tests your ability to discuss both sides of an argument and also give your own opinion and then support it with logical reasons. To score well you need to argue both sides of an argument clearly and give your own opinion along with a logical justification for it.

1. **STRUCTURE OF THE ESSAY**

This essay is easy to structure for every question you can always structure it as follows:

Paragraph 1: Introduction

Paragraph 2: Side A of the argument

Paragraph 3: Side B of the argument [your opinion]

Paragraph 4: Conclusion [your opinion]

1. **TEMPLATE**
2. Template 1:
3. Introduction: Giới thiệu topic. **Some people hold the view that** quan điểm A, **while others opine that** quan điểm B. **In this essay, I am going to examine this question from both points of view and then give my own opinion on the matter.**
4. Body

* Body 1: **There are several reasons why** (viết lại quan điểm A). **First and foremost,** ý chính 1. Ý hỗ trợ. **Another reason is that** ý chính 2. Hỗ trợ luận điểm 2.
* Body 2: **Despite the above arguments,** **I believe that** viết lại quan điểm B. **Firstly,** ý chính 1. Ý hỗ trợ. **Secondly,** ý chính 2. Ý hỗ trợ.

1. Conclusion: ***In conclusion, I believe both arguments have their merits.******On balance, however, I feel that*** *paraphrase lại quan điểm B.*
2. Sample

Several languages are in danger of extinction because they are spoken by very small numbers of people. Some people say that governments should spend public money on saving these languages, while others believe that would be a waste of money.

Discuss both these views and give your opinion.

***It is true that*** *some minority languages may disappear in the near future.* **Some people hold the view that***governments could save money by allowing this to happen* **while others opine that** *these languages should be protected and preserved.* **In this essay, I am going to examine this question from both points of view and then give my own opinion on the matter.**

***There are several reasons why*** *saving minority languages could be seen as a waste of money.* ***Firstly****, if a language is only spoken by a small number of people, expensive education programs will be needed to make sure that more people learn it, and the state will have to pay for facilities, teachers and marketing. This money might be better spent on other public services.* ***Secondly****, it would be much cheaper and more efficient for countries to have just one language. Governments could cut all kinds of costs related to communicating with each minority group.*

***Despite the above arguments, I believe that*** *governments should try to preserve languages that are less widely spoken.* ***Firstly,*** *a language is much more than simply a means of communication; it has a vital connection with the cultural identity of the people who speak it. If a language disappears, a whole way of life will disappear with it, and we will lose the rich cultural diversity that makes societies more interesting.* ***Secondly****, by spending money to protect minority languages, governments can also preserve traditions, customs and behaviors that are part of a country's history.*

***In conclusion****, it may save money in the short term if we allow minority languages to disappear, but in the long term this would have an extremely negative impact on our cultural heritage.*

1. Template 2:
2. Introduction: A highly controversial issue today relates to …………………. In this essay, I am going to examine this question from both points of view **and then give my own opinion on the matter.** (when having ‘give your opinions)
3. Body

* Body 1: On one side of the argument, there are people who argue that the benefits of ……………………………….. considerably outweigh its disadvantages. The main reason for believing this is that …………………………….. It is also possible to say that ………………………….. One good illustration of this is …………………………………….
* Body 2: On the other hand, it is also possible to make the opposing case. It is often argued that in fact …………………………….. People often have this opinion because ………………………………… A second point is that ………………………. A particularly good example here is ………………………….

1. Option 1: Conclusion: In conclusion, I believe both arguments have their merits. On balance, however, I feel that …………………... This is because............................

Option 2: Conclusion: In conclusion, (view A)..., but ...(view B). ……..

Điểm có lợi của view A, but, điểm có lợi của view B

1. Sample

Some people believe that there should be the death penalty for extremely serious crimes. Others believe that it is not morally correct to kill criminals.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

***One of the most controversial issues today relates to*** *capital punishment.* ***In this essay, I am going to examine this question from both points of view and then give my own opinion on the matter.***

***On one side of the argument, there are people who argue that the benefits of*** *killing violent criminals* ***considerably outweigh its disadvantages****.* ***The main reason for believing this is that*** *the fear of execution acts as a deterrent to commit serious crimes such as rape and murder.* ***It is also possible to say that*** *the execution of a criminal may bring relief to the suffering victims.* ***One good illustration of this is*** *when Saddam Hussein was executed. Many of the victims who were persecuted under his rule expressed joy and relief when he was finally captured and killed.*

***On the other hand, it is also possible to make the opposing case. It is often argued that in fact*** *sentencing criminals to death is just committing another murder.* ***People often have this opinion because they think that*** *it is immoral to take another person's life, no matter what the reason is.* ***A second point is that*** *many religions are opposed to any form of murder. A particularly good example here is from the bible, which lists killing another person as one of the Ten Commandments that should not be broken.*

***In conclusion, I believe both arguments have their merits.******On balance, however, I feel that*** *capital punishment is* ***justified****.* ***This is because*** *in cases of extreme crime and that deterring crime is more important than taking the moral high ground.*

1. **PRACTICE**
2. Some people think that governments should ban dangerous sports, while others think people should have freedom to do any sports or activity.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

1. **Some people think that developing countries need financial help from international organizations. Others think that it is practical aid and advice that is needed.**

**Discuss these views and give your own opinion.**