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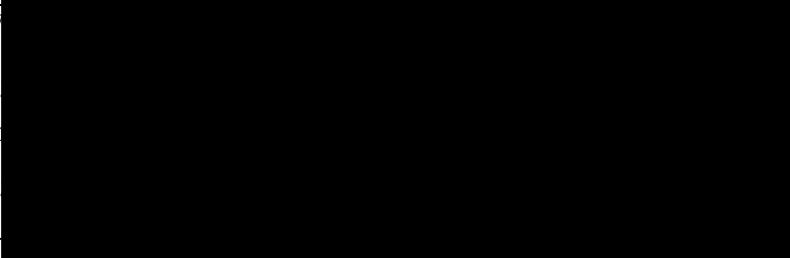
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(3) Cleft sentences

**[It is + noun phrase + that + S.V.O.]**

E.g. It is cosmetic surgery that alters one's face completely and this practice is immoral.

(Cosmetic surgery alters one's face completely and this practice is immoral.)

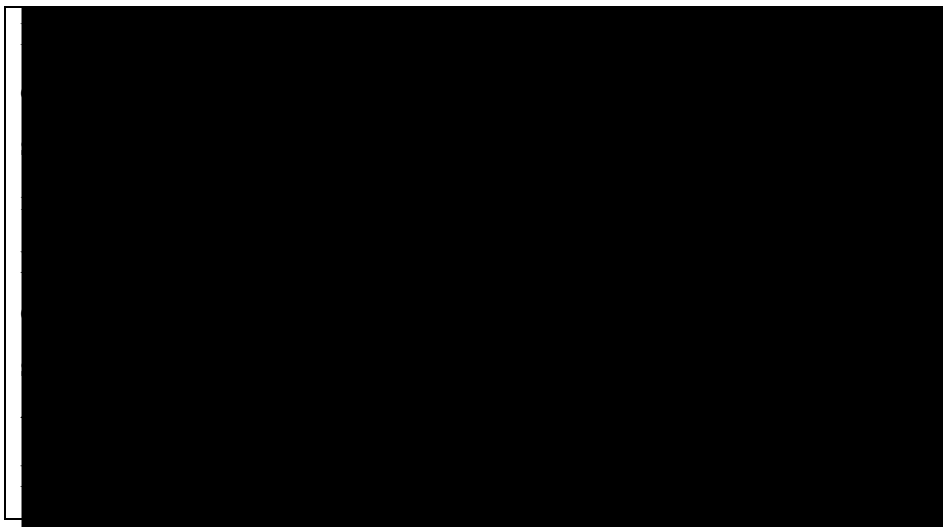
**[The + comparative + S.V.O., the + comparative + S.V.O.]**

E.g. The sooner we step up and handle the problem, the less people suffer.

(If we step up and handle the problem sooner, less people will suffer.)



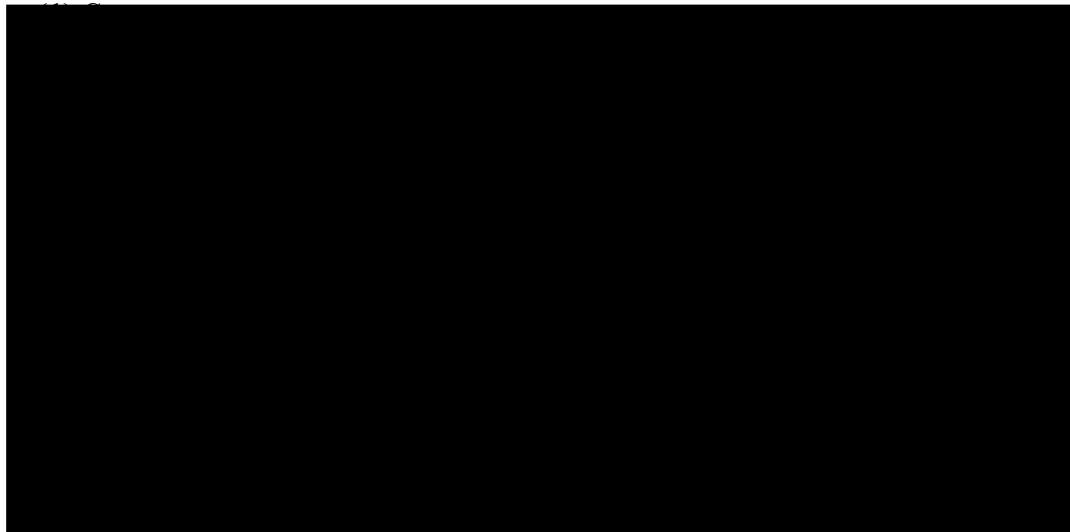
### Sample Introductory Paragraph (1)



### Sample Introductory Paragraph (2)

The recent redevelopment project **has aroused hot discussions among the general public**. In the past, most projects merely emphasized the importance of providing homes and offices and seldom mentioned the addition of sports facilities. These **aroused grave concerns** among local citizens and had received widespread media coverage. **Some people aired the view that** such proposals can provide the city with more residential and commercial areas, **while others reckon that** sports facilities are also of prime importance. **After serious rumination, it is my fervent stance that** more space in redevelopment projects should be given to sports facilities.

### 2.2.2. Concluding Paragraphs



#### (2) Summarize the most important arguments

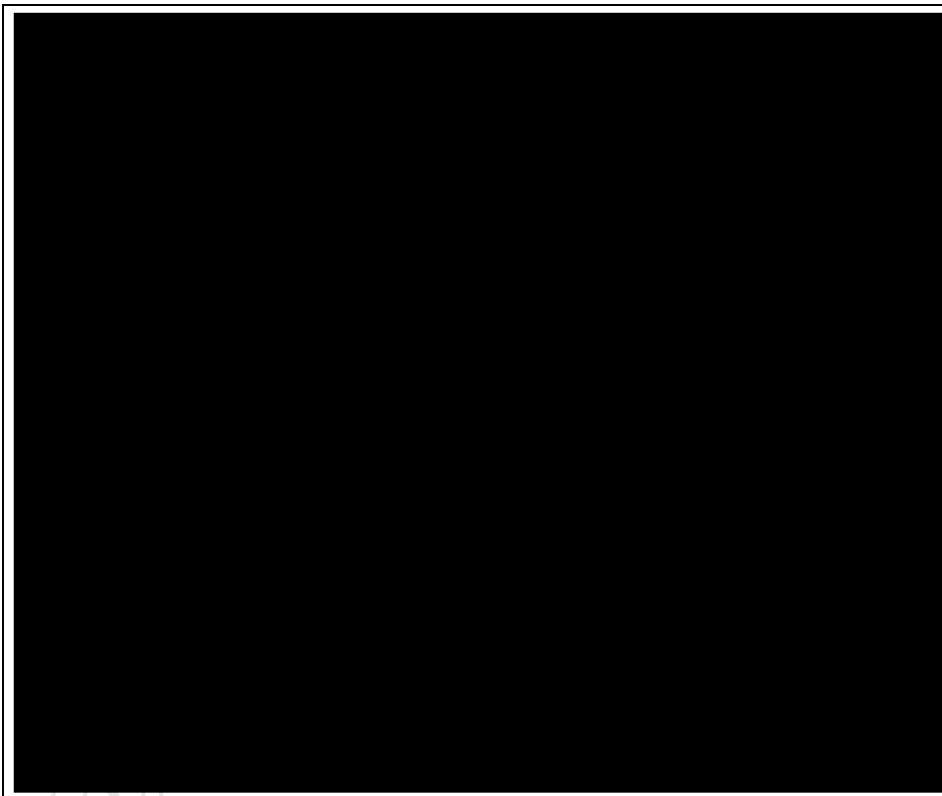
- [Cleft sentences]
- E.g. **It is** seeking job opportunities in other Asian cities **that** better fresh graduates' career prospects, equips them with transferable skills, and enables them to make a significant contribution to our society.
- [Parallel structure]
- E.g. **With** more spaces being allocated to sports facilities, the general health condition can be enhanced; **with** more focus on sports development, the government can implant correct messages to the public; **with** more emphasis on sports facilities, the government can carry out a comprehensive development.
- [Parallel structure x Cleft sentences]
- It is ... that ...; it is ... that ...; and it is ... that ...

**(5) Parallelism 排比**

Layering	Listing examples	Enhancing tone
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[小編 5\*\*滿分 21/21 真跡：一段應用 4 次排比法拓展論點]

**Example – 17DSE Watching TV makes people smarter**

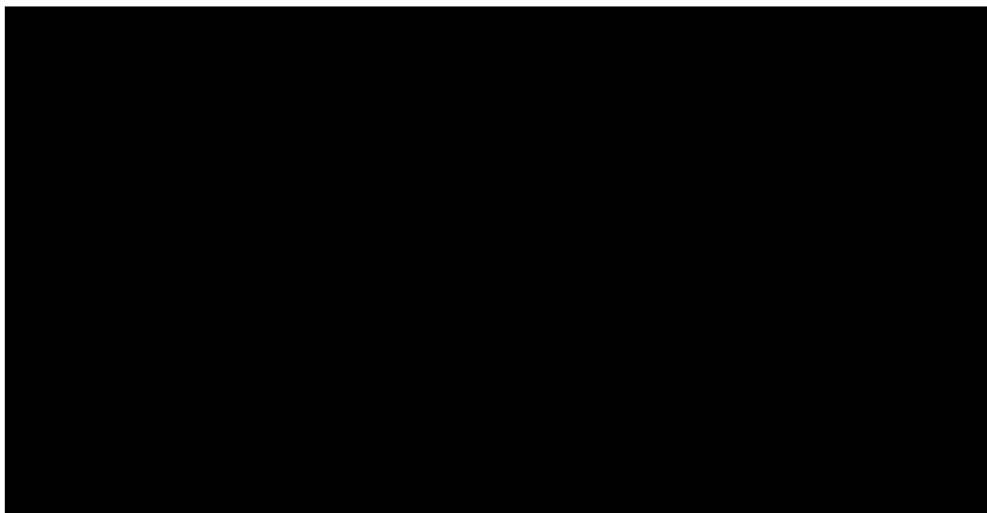


**Useful Expressions**

- from ... to ..., from ... to ..., from ... to ...,
- ranging from ... to ..., ... to ..., and ... to ...,
- With ...; with ...; and with ...
- Without ...; without ...; and without ...
- V-ing ...; v-ing ...; v-ing ...

## 2.4. Rebuttals – Counter Arguments for Argumentative Essays

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#### Example of Rebuttal Paragraph

Naysayers may counter my stance, claiming that alternatives are always readily available when it comes to inculcating the message of protecting animals to the public. These alternatives include adding such message into the school curriculum, launching large-scale campaigns and propagandas, and education the public through TV advertisements. Their arguments, at the first glance, seems to be valid. However,

building a large-scale zoo is in fact the best and only way to instill such



and photos cannot replace the first-hand experience of appreciating the amazing animals the zoo. Under this line of thinking, it is lucid that these alternatives are incomparable with building a large-scale zoo.

### 3.3. Main Paragraphs – Reason, Impact, Solution

#### 3.3.1. Reason

- Topic sentence
- Provide background information
- Give relevant examples (at least 2-3 related examples/statistics)
- Focus on how the reason causes the phenomenon (IMPACT!)
- Concluding sentence

#### Sample Paragraph

There are a myriad of reasons behind this phenomenon, with loopholes and demerits in the local schooling system being the most significant

education, hoping to ensure the mental health and wholesome growth of their children.



### 4.3. [13DSE] Employees leaving the office late – 5\*\*真跡

Topic: You are a human resources assistant. Your boss has observed that many people are leaving the office very late. He has asked you to write an article for the company newsletter describing the situation and discussing the negative effects. You have also been asked to give two suggestions to improve the situation. Provide a suitable title for your article.

#### **Staying up late – a leap in the dark**

Here comes the monthly productivity report showing our colleagues' productivity stated declining from last month! Facing this frustrating figure, we can easily link the dreadful consequences of leaving the office very late to the productivity report. Indeed, there will be more bad effects if we do not stop this trend before the situation goes irreparable/ Before delving into the solution to improve the situation, it is high time for us to delve into the probe into the problem, further understanding the difficulties most of us are facing.

Recently, many colleagues leave the office very late as they have to contact a long list of customers and their respective clients for a long business conversation, follow the foreign stock market after working time and even take a nap on the table to work for one to two more hours before dining time. Therefore, it is not uncommon to notice that our colleagues usually leave office with a dull and tiring face. Other than affecting our company's productivity, in no way should we overlook some negative impacts brought.