

1.

A concluding paragraph may include...

- a quotation
- a rhetorical question
- a link to the essay's introduction
- Any of the above

2.

What is the purpose of a conclusion?

- Its purpose is to balance the argument
- Its purpose is to bring an essay to a finish
- Its purpose is to remind the reader of every detail which has been included in the essay
- Its purpose is to summarize the argument and finally answer the essay question

3.

How does Austen present Mr. Bennet? -- Which one of the following sentences from a concluding paragraph does not answer this question?

- Ultimately, Austen unmasks Mr. Bennet's joviality as a refusal to take responsibility
- Austen shows how Lydia's disastrous elopement had a damaging impact on her family
- Mr. Bennet is presented as a well-meaning, but fundamentally ineffectual, character
- Austen shows how ineffectual Mr. Bennet is as head of the family, despite his good intentions

4.

'But however it may be with the physical sciences, or with music, painting, and architecture, it is -- as I have tried to show -- certain that literature is doomed if liberty of thought perishes.' -- This statement is the first sentence in George Orwell's essay, 'The Prevention of Literature'. Which of the following might be the thesis (main point) of Orwell's essay?

- Freedom of thought is not very important in comparison to the importance of literature
- Freedom of thought is necessary in order for a society to produce literature
- True freedom does not exist
- Writers should always seek the highest price for their writing

5.

'For those who study the great art of lying in bed there is one emphatic caution to be added.' -- This statement is the first sentence of the concluding paragraph in G.K. Chesterton's essay, 'On Lying in Bed'. Which of the following might be the opening sentence of the introduction?

- 'Lying in bed would be an altogether perfect and supreme experience if only one had a coloured pencil long enough to draw on the ceiling'
- 'Let us pay a little more attention to these possibilities of the heroic and the unexpected'
- 'A man's minor actions and arrangements ought to be free, flexible, and creative'
- 'But for the beautiful experiment of lying in bed I might never have discovered it'

6.

In essay writing, what is a conclusion?

- The conclusion is the answer to the essay question
- A conclusion is a factual summary of a text
- A conclusion is the final paragraph of an essay
- The conclusion is the choice between opposing sides of an argument

7.

An unsuccessful conclusion...

argues a different thesis (main point) from that of the rest of the essay
draws attention to the significance of the essay's argument
briefly summarizes the essay's argument
restates the essay's argument

8.

What could happen if a conclusion goes entirely off-topic?

The reader might be distracted from the main argument
The essay will not leave a lasting impression on the reader
The reader might remember the essay for the wrong reason
Any of the above

9.

Pupils are often advised to move from the specific to the general in a concluding paragraph. What is meant by this advice?

Move from the specific subject of the essay to an entirely unrelated subject
Move from careful analysis to unsupported assertions about the text
Move from the specific argument of the essay to broader or more generalized themes
All of the above

10.

Which structure would best suit a letter written to argue a point of view?

Expected response to letter, criticism of opponents, bribe
Personal introduction, statement of purpose, expected response to letter
Two paragraphs on opposing argument, one paragraph on your argument, personal introduction
Statement of purpose, three or four paragraphs arguing case, expected response

11.

Which of these persuasive techniques can be used in a formal letter to build an argument?

Appeal to authority
Use of jargon
A selective use of statistics
All of the above

12.

When should you end the letter with 'yours faithfully,'?

In a formal letter which begins with the name of the recipient
In a formal letter which begins 'Dear Sir / Madam'
In an informal letter
You should never end a letter with 'yours faithfully,'

13.

Because these will dictate a letter's tone and style, you will need to have a clear idea of...

Your address
your audience and purpose
the type of paper you have chosen
the name of the recipient (the person to whom you are writing)

14.

Which of these personal qualities will NOT improve a letter written to persuade?

- Being polite
- Being convincing
- Being arrogant
- Being interesting

15.

What would you include at the top right-hand side of a formal letter?

- Your address
- The name of the recipient and 'Dear Sir / Madam'
- The date only
- The name and address of the recipient

16.

When writing to persuade or argue, you should acknowledge the point of view opposing your own. What is meant by this?

- You should mention the opposing point of view
- You should falsify the case for the opposing point of view
- You should strongly argue the case for the opposing point of view
- You should ignore any points of view with which you do not agree

17.

You would NOT write a formal letter to which of the following people / organizations?

- Your local council, to complain of inadequate street lighting
- Your head teacher, to argue against a proposed change to the school timetable
- Your cousin, who is planning to visit you and has asked what you have planned for the visit
- The business or organization which has offered you a work experience placement

18.

Which of the following is true?

- Reviews should include a mix of positive comments and negative comments
- Reviews should only include positive comments
- Reviews should only include negative comments
- Reviews should only say what the reader wants to hear

19.

Which factual information would be included in a film review?

- A list of all the films showing at the same movie theatre, where to buy the soundtrack, director
- A description of the entire plot, how long the trailers are, the names of the actors
- A description of the entire plot only
- Names of actors, length of film, director, where the film is showing, certificate details

20.

What would a reviewer be implying by calling a film a 'supposed comedy'?

- The reviewer would mean that the film was an excellent comedy
- The reviewer would mean that the film was a tragedy
- The reviewer would mean that the film is meant to be a comedy, but is not very funny
- It is unclear what the reviewer means

21.

What is the purpose of a film review?

- To persuade people to see the film
- To write from the film director's point of view
- To give people the information they need in order to decide if they should see the film
- To praise the film

22.

A review of an animated film based on a children's television program would be likely to address which audience?

- Young children
- Teens and young adults
- Parents
- Film directors

23.

A review of a video game would most likely be aimed at which audience?

- Young children
- Teens and young adults
- Professionals who travel frequently on business
- Those who have recently retired

24.

A review will use which of the following?

- First person only
- Second person only
- Third person only
- A mixture of first, second and third person

25.

Reviews are NOT written about which of the following?

- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Books
- Newspapers

26.

Which of the following would be out of place in a restaurant review?

- A list of instructions for cooking the food served in the restaurant
- Factual information
- The reviewer's opinions
- A recommendation - either encouraging the reader to visit or not to visit the restaurant

27.

How should you NOT treat the plot?

- Discuss the plot structure where it provides support or evidence for a point you've made
- Mention any significant moment in the plot, such as a turning point, when it supports your argument
- Summarize the entire plot so that the reader knows what the story is about
- Mention a specific event in the story where it is necessary in introducing a quotation

28.

Which of the following should you analyse when writing about literature?

- A text's language
- A text's meaning
- A text's structure
- Any of the above