OPINION ESSAY

3 a) Read the essay and label the paragraphs with the headings below.

- *second viewpoint & examples*
- *restate opinion*
- *first viewpoint & examples*
- *subject & opinion*
- *opposing viewpoint(s)*

English and Maths are more important subjects than Art and Music

Introduction

Isn't it unfortunate that in today's society there are so many people who cannot read, write or even do arithmetic? I strongly believe that, although subjects such as Art and Music are important, English and Maths are the most fundamental part of our education.

Para 1 .....
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Main Body

In the first place, when you know how to read, write and do simple calculations, you have the tools required in order to deal with everyday matters. For example, being able to read and write can help you communicate and express yourself clearly. Moreover, you need basic maths for such daily chores as doing your shopping, paying your bills and managing your money.

Para 2 .....
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Furthermore, it is essential to have a good knowledge of English and Maths in order to find even the simplest job. Reading, writing and mathematical skills are the minimum requirements that most employers demand.

Para 3 .....
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On the other hand, it can be argued that Art and Music are just as significant as English and Maths. For instance, learning how to draw or play an instrument can introduce a child to a whole new world. In addition to this, subjects such as Art and Music can provide children with a well-rounded education rather than just basic skills.

Para 4 .....
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Conclusion

All things considered, though, it seems to me that English and Maths are vital subjects. Without learning to read, write or do arithmetic, people may have difficulties coping with even the simplest tasks in daily life.

Para 5 .....
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13 Read the extracts below and say which are beginnings and which are endings. Which writing techniques have been used in each?

A addressing the reader directly
B asking a rhetorical question
C using direct speech/a quotation

1 ☐ Every day we hear of more and more violence at sports events because fans become enraged when their team loses. Don't you think that the most effective way to control such incidents would be to teach people how to handle defeat?

2 ☐ To sum up, competition has a negative effect on children, as the only thing that really matters is winning. Imagine how you would feel if you were always expected to be the best.

3 ☐ In conclusion, I strongly believe that taking part in sports is more important than victory itself. After all, as our coach always says, winning is just "the icing on the cake."

4 ☐ Has the importance placed on winning increased in recent years? For many people, this seems to be the main aim of sport. However, I believe that simply taking part is far more important than winning.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

12 a) **Imagine you have had a class discussion about the following question:** *"Should more people give up meat and become vegetarians?"* **Read the viewpoints (1-5) and match them to the reasons (A-E), as in the example.**

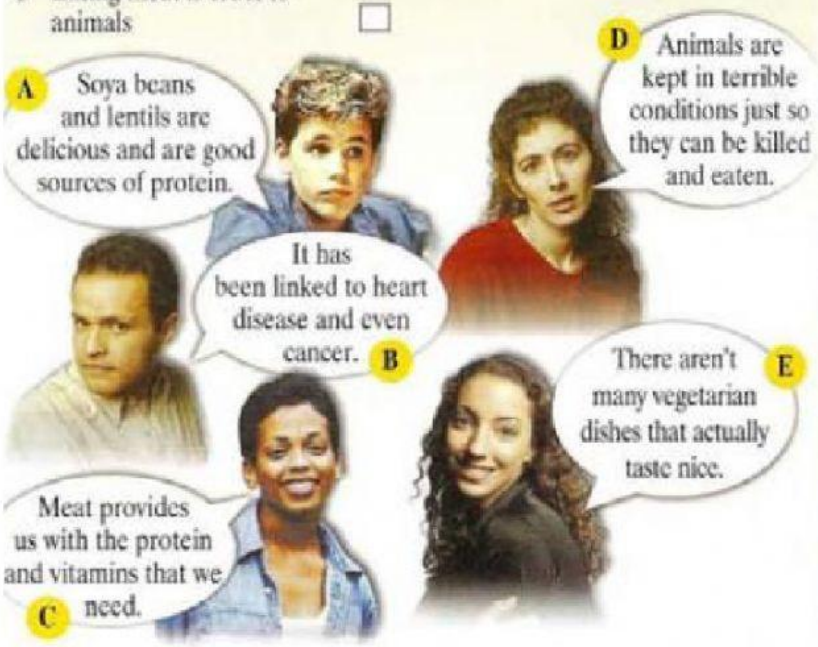
1 Eating meat is bad for you [B]

2 There are many healthy and tasty alternatives available [ ]

3 Eating meat is cruel to animals [ ]

4 Meat is an essential part of our diet; we cannot do without it [ ]

5 Vegetarian food is often boring and tasteless [ ]



b) **Read the viewpoints again and say which you agree with and which you disagree with. Make sentences using appropriate linking words/phrases.**

c) **Complete the parts of the essay below, using your answers from parts a) and b) as well as your own ideas.**

Nowadays, we are often told what we should or should not eat. However, I personally believe .....

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To begin with, ...

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In addition, ...

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On the other hand, ...

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