



## O'level Foundation Week 28

# **The Write Tribe**

<b>Discursive Essay Format</b>		
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Define and review topic in general</li><li>- There is no need to state a stand for discursive</li></ul>	PURPOSE - To give a direction to the reader on what we would be discussing about / describe current situation / climate of topic and the perspectives we would be exploring. This creates a sense of direction for them on what to look out for.
Point 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PEEL (body paragraph - FOR)</li></ul>	<b>Point</b> - Summarise what this paragraph would be about <b>Evidence</b> - Use evidences to support your argument <b>Explain</b> - Explain exactly <i>how</i> your evidence supports argument <b>Link</b> - Link the point you just made to your essay topic
Point 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PEEL (body paragraph - FOR)</li></ul>	
Point 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PEEL (body paragraph - AGAINST)</li></ul>	
Point 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- PEEL (body paragraph - AGAINST)</li></ul>	
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summarise key points from FOR / AGAINST arguments</li><li>- State where you stand</li><li>- You can be FOR / AGAINST / BOTH / SUGGEST A MIDDLE WAY</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reiterate key points and help your audience remember the highlights of both sides of the argument</li><li>- DO NOT include any new points</li></ul>



## What is the difference between ARGUMENTATIVE and DISCURSIVE?



Discursive requires you to discuss an issue as it is, primarily to educate the reader. Thus, there isn't a need to take an explicit stand or frame its points towards one. Discursive is about representing both sides of an argument in a **balanced** way!

An argumentative essay requires you to argue towards an explicit stand. Its individual points and structure revolve around putting across and strengthening this stand to convince the reader. It is about **persuading** a reader towards agreeing to your stand!



<b>Essay Points</b>	
Challenge 1 (against)	<p>Social media fuels cyberbullying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- anonymity</li> <li>- lack of laws</li> <li>- ability to create multiple accounts</li> </ul>
Challenge 2 (against)	<p>Spending too much time on social media is detrimental to health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- blue light emitted affects circadian rhythm</li> <li>- poor eyesight</li> <li>- takes away productivity</li> </ul>
Challenge 3 (against)	<p>Dangerous trends on social media may negatively influence young minds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ALS ice bucket challenge consequences</li> <li>- Tide pod swallowing among teens</li> </ul>

<b>Essay Points</b>	
Challenge 1 (for)	<p>Find like-minded groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not feel alone and feel connections with others</li> <li>- Reddit groups to find people of similar interests</li> </ul>
Challenge 2 (for)	<p>Fight for a positive cause</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raise awareness of issues</li> <li>- E.g Black Lives Matter</li> <li>- Easier and faster to reach large groups of people</li> </ul>



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