WRITING An essay (1)

1 Discuss the questions.

1 What creative subjects do you do at school?

2 Do you spend as much time on creative subjects as academic subjects?

2 Read the task. What is the essay question?

In your English class you have been talking about different school subjects. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.
Write an essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Subjects such as drama and music are just as important as maths and languages. Do you agree?

Notes
Write about:
1 which subjects are important in your country
2 what subjects are useful for a career
3 ..... (your own idea)

3 Read the *Prepare* box and the jumbled paragraphs of the essay. Match the paragraphs to the plan.

Prepare to write – Organising essays

You can use four paragraphs to write an opinion essay about a statement or question.

- **Paragraph 1**: an introduction, possibly a statement about the current situation
- **Paragraph 2**: one or more arguments for or against the statement, possibly with an example from your own knowledge or experience
- **Paragraph 3**: one or more contrasting arguments, possibly with an example from your own knowledge or experience
- **Paragraph 4**: a conclusion, your opinion of the statement

A To sum up, it is clearly necessary for everyone to study academic subjects but, at the same time, creative subjects are often ignored by schools. They deserve a more significant role in children's education.

B This is an interesting question which many people hold strong opinions about. In most schools in my country, students have far more lessons in subjects like maths and languages than creative subjects such as drama and music. Furthermore, many students study no creative subjects after the age of 15.

C However, others feel that without music and drama, students may never get to express their creative sides. They might never discover their talent for singing, playing musical instruments or acting. Many of the highest academic achievers have a creative side. For instance, Einstein loved music as much as he loved physics.

D Most people agree that academic subjects are important. Almost everyone will need maths and foreign language skills in their future working life. In contrast, few people will be lucky or talented enough to earn a living as a professional musician or an actor.

4 Which of the highlighted expressions in the essay introduces:

a a general opinion?
b an additional idea?
c a different idea?
d an example?
e the conclusion?

Write the letters in the boxes

5 Read the task and answer the questions.

In your English class, you have been talking about the role of education. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.
Write your essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Schools should teach practical skills, such as managing money and applying for jobs, as well as academic subjects. Do you agree?

Notes
Write about:
1 the importance of academic subjects
2 the difficulty of learning practical skills
3 ..... (your own idea)

1 Do you agree or disagree with the statement?
2 What arguments support the statement?
3 What arguments are against the statement?
4 What are your conclusions?

6 Write your essay.

- Use your answers to the questions in exercise 5.
- Organise your essay into the paragraph plan in the *Prepare* box.
- Use the expressions in exercise 4.
- Check your spelling and grammar.
- Write 140–190 words.

Do tasks 5 and 6 in word. Send the file to Edmodo.

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