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Essay practice

Complete the gaps with the correct cohesive device.

University education should be free to everyone, regardless of income.

To what extent do you agree or disagree?

a. LAST BUT NOT LEAST

b. CONSEQUENTLY

c. IF

d. OVER RECENT YEARS

e. THUS

f. DUE TO THE FACT THAT

g. IN CONCLUSION

h. IN ADDITION

i. REGARDLESS

j. NEVERTHELESS

k. ALTHOUGH

l. MOREOVER

m. THE REASON FOR THIS

n. FIRSTLY

o. NOT ONLY

_____, more and more people have been attending university and arguments have persisted as to whether students should pay for this privilege or not. _____ there are convincing arguments on both sides, I strongly believe that it should be free.

One argument put forward in favor of charging students is that education is becoming more expensive to fund as universities grow in size. _____, students are asked to pay in order to maintain standards and ensure the quality of the teaching. _____, it is believed that most students benefit from university in terms of higher paid jobs, hence it is considered fair that they pay for at least some of the cost, especially _____ the majority of students attending university are from the middle classes. _____, in many countries, there is a shortage of people doing manual jobs such as plumbing and carpentry, so making university more expensive may encourage people to take up these jobs.

_____, there are a number of arguments against paid university education. _____, it will encourage more people to attend and will benefit society. This is because it will lead to a more productive and educated workforce. Research has generally shown that those countries with better educated population via university have higher levels of innovation and productivity. _____ to this, there is the issue of equality of opportunity. _____ all students are required to pay, those on a low income may be dissuaded from attending, _____ making it unfair. _____ is that they will likely not be able to secure financial support from their family so they will be concerned about the debts they will incur in the future.

_____, I am of the opinion that all education should remain equally available to all _____ of income. _____ is this fair, but it will also ensure that countries can prosper and develop into the future with a well-educated workforce.