O'level Foundation

Week 4

The Write Tribe

COMPO WRITING

Composition Topic

Do standardised tests really reveal student knowledge?

Yes	No

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INTRODUCTION
A. Background information
1. General background information that grabs attention
2. More specific background information to lead to thesis
B. Thesis statement
1. Topic
2. Outline your keypoints

TOPIC: Smart devices are destroying the current generation. Do you agree?
INTRODUCTION
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1. Teenagers and their smart devices have become inseparable.
2. Even children as young as nine years old are hooked on to these devices. Despite the usefulness of these smart devices, they are becoming more of a threat, robbing students off their concentration and even their lives!
B. Thesis statement
1. Smart devices destroying the current generation because
2. they shorten attention spans and expose teenagers to cyberbullying resulting in suicides.

Your INTRODUCTION should read like...
Teenagers and their smartphones have become inseparable. Even children as young as nine years old are hooked on to these devices. Despite the usefulness of these smart devices, they are becoming more of a threat, robbing students off their concentration and even their lives! Smart devices destroying the current generation because they shorten attention spans, expose young children to strangers and finally stunt social development among adolescents.

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Put your introduction together

USEFUL CONNECTORS

ADDITION	CONTRAST	RESULT	EXAMPLE
1. Further	1. However	1. As a result	1. For example
2. Furthermore	2. Nevertheless	2. Hence	2. For instance
3. Moreover	3. On the other hand	3. Therefore	3. Illustrated by
4. In addition	4. On the contrary	4. Thus	4. An instance of this
5. Additionally	5. At the same time	5. Consequently	5. This can be seen in

COMPARISON	TIME	SUMMARY	REASON
1. Similarly	1. Meanwhile	1. In short	1. Since
2. In the same way	2. Presently	2. On the whole	2. Because
3. Likewise	3. At last	3. In brief	3. Owing to
4. Equally	4. Finally	4. In other words	4. In order to
5. Comparable	5. Currently	5. To summarize	5. The reason why

SUPPORT PARAGRAPH 1	
T	Topic sentence
E	Explanation
A	An example
L	Link back to topic

TOPIC: Smart devices are destroying the current generation. Do you agree?	
SUPPORT PARAGRAPH 1	
T	Smart devices are shortening attention spans.
E	The constant buzzing of notifications are a distraction. As this happen throughout the day, this forms a pattern. After all, it takes thirty days to form a habit. This is thanks to neuroplasticity and our brains get used to focusing less and less. Furthermore, the blue light from the smartphones throw us off our natural circadian rhythm. A lack of sleep is another contributor to our shortening attention spans.
A	For example, a recent study showed the over-dependence on technology has shortened our attention spans from 12 to 5 minutes.
L	Instead of creating a smarter generation, smart devices are now becoming one of the main contributors to the destruction of a generation.

Your SUPPORT PARAGRAPH should read like...

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TOPIC:	
SUPPORT PARAGRAPH 1	

Put your SUPPORT PARAGRAPH 2 together