

Writing Ex. > Essay & Linking Words – Air pollution

Complete the missing information using the words in the box below. There are **SOME EXTRA WORDS** you do not need to use.

although	to finalize	moreover	for instance	however
as a result	despite	in other words	additionally	such as
firstly	in fact	therefore	in conclusion	only

In recent years, air pollution is a pressing issue that affects children, adults, and the elderly around the world with no distinction. The severity of air pollution in countries like India has drawn attention to the need for stricter regulations, improved monitoring systems, and the development of cleaner technologies.

(1) _____, this essay explores the advantages of the implementation of one initiative such as the *National Clean Air Program* (NCAP) and the disadvantages of the impact of air pollution in India.

High levels of pollution have forced the government and citizens to prioritize environmental protection. The NCAP is promoting the use of renewable energy sources, which have the potential to reduce pollution levels in the long run. (2) _____, this program has increased public awareness and consciousness about the environment. People are now more educated about the health risks associated with polluted air, such as respiratory diseases and allergies. (3) _____, individuals and communities are taking measures to protect themselves, (4) _____ wearing masks, using air purifiers, and demanding cleaner air. This increased awareness has also led to the rise of environmental activism and citizen-led initiatives to address air pollution at a grassroots level.

(5) _____, the disadvantages of air pollution in India are far more significant. (6) _____, it poses severe health risks to the population. The toxic pollutants in the air, including fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂), contribute to respiratory problems, cardiovascular diseases, and even premature death. Children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing health conditions are particularly vulnerable. (7) _____, air pollution negatively impacts the economy and overall quality of life. It damages agricultural crops, leading to decreased agricultural productivity and food security. The polluted air also hampers tourism, as visitors may be discouraged by the poor air quality and associated health risks. (8) _____, the cost of healthcare and lost productivity due to illness further burden the economy.

(9) _____, while air pollution in India has prompted environmental consciousness and initiatives like NCAP, the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. The detrimental effects on health, the economy, and overall well-being are significant. (10) _____ through concerted efforts can India mitigate the adverse effects of air pollution and safeguard the health and prosperity of its citizens.

