O'level Foundation Week 28

The Write Tribe

Discursive Essay Format		
Introduction	- Define and review topic in general - There is no need to state a stand for discursive	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	- PEEL (body paragraph - FOR)	**Point** - Summarise what this paragraph would be about **Evidence** - Use evidences to support your argument **Explain** - Explain exactly *how* your evidence supports argument **Link** - Link the point you just made to your essay topic
Point 2	- PEEL (body paragraph - FOR)	
Point 3	- PEEL (body paragraph - AGAINST)	
Point 4	- PEEL (body paragraph - AGAINST)	
Conclusion	- Summarise key points from FOR / AGAINST arguments - State where you stand - You can be FOR / AGAINST / BOTH / SUGGEST A MIDDLE WAY	- Reiterate key points and help your audience remember the highlights of both sides of the argument - DO NOT include any new points

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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!

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Essay Points	
Challenge 1 (against)	Social media fuels cyberbullying - anonymity - lack of laws - ability to create multiple accounts
Challenge 2 (against)	Spending too much time on social media is detrimental to health - blue light emitted affects circadian rhythm - poor eyesight - takes away productivity
Challenge 3 (against	Dangerous trends on social media may negatively influences young minds. - ALS ice bucket challenge consequences - Tide pod swallowing among teens

Essay Points	
Challenge 1 (for)	Find like-minded groups - Not feel alone and feel connections with others - Reddit groups to find people of similar interests
Challenge 2 (for)	Fight for a positive cause - Raise awareness of issues - E.g Black Lives Matter - Easier and faster to reach large groups of people

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