



O'level Foundation Week 30 **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 <i>how</i> 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



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!

Essay Points

Define holistic: Having an education system where important skills and knowledge are imparted. This includes academic knowledge, life skills and motor skills. In order for education to be considered holistic, it must place equal emphasis on everything that is taught to students.

Current situation: Singaporeans place a strong emphasis on academic achievement. 50% of Singaporeans spend on \$500 tuition monthly, 16% spending more than \$1000. 80% of primary school students, 60% of secondary school students and 40% of pre-schoolers go for private tuition.

- However, holistic education ensures equal focus towards academic, social, emotional and ethical development of a child.

Factor 1	Academic achievement should not be only about results. Teachers must be prepared to nurture students with varying educational levels and learning capabilities One of these education models may include self-guided learning. Self guided learning may include learning at your own pace. The self-guided culture allows for personalization to mitigate the inadequacies of one-size-fits-all learning models. Low-stakes assessments are used to adjust the curriculum's content and pace. Classrooms may be smaller and contain students of different ages and ability levels. For example, Kumon encourages self learning. It aims for students to go beyond their school grade level through self-learning and advance
Factor 2	It should develop a child socially. - Group projects to encourage working with different styles and temperaments - Group activities such as competitive games. - Singapore schools encourage group projects
Factor 3	It should give importance to emotional development - Periods of reflection through journaling or meditation - Lessons to teach empathy could focus on effective listening and observation techniques or literature that presents varying perspectives on social issues.
Factor 4	It should impart moral values - Volunteering to develop empathy and moral values at various organisations. - Singapore develop moral values via Civic and Moral education - The goal of Civics and Moral Education is to nurture a whole and balanced person, with a strong sense of moral values, good interpersonal relationships, one who will contribute to the well-being of society and the nation, and eventually to the world at large.

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