Read this opinion essay, then study the devices that create coherence and cohesion within the text.

"AI is a threat to society because it will replace humans in many key areas of our lives."

Many people believe that artificial intelligence (AI) poses a serious threat to society as it could replace humans in many important areas. **While it is true that** AI is changing the way we live and work, **I do not believe** it will become a danger **if we use it responsibly**.

Firstly, AI can increase efficiency in many fields. **For example**, in healthcare, AI can analyse medical data faster and more accurately than humans. **This** helps doctors make better decisions and saves lives. **Rather than** replacing doctors, AI supports **them** in their work.

Secondly, AI can take over dangerous or repetitive tasks. **In industries such as** mining or construction, AI-powered machines can protect workers from harm by doing risky jobs. **This** **not only** increases safety **but also** allows people to focus on more creative or complex work.

Some argue that AI will cause mass unemployment. **However**, history shows that new technology also creates new jobs. With proper training, people can move into different roles.

In conclusion, AI is not a threat if **it** is used wisely. **It** can improve lives and support human work rather than replace it.

1. While it is true that

- **Function**: Introduces a concession (acknowledging the opposing viewpoint before presenting your own).
- **Effect**: Helps create balance and logical flow by showing the writer is considering multiple perspectives.

2. I do not believe

- **Function**: Clearly states the writer's standpoint.
- **Effect**: Provides clarity and focus to the argument, maintaining coherence.

3. If we use it responsibly

- **Function**: Conditional phrase that limits the previous statement.
- **Effect**: Adds nuance, making the argument more realistic and reasoned.

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4. **Firstly / Secondly**

- **Function**: Sequential connectors.
- **Effect**: Signal the structure of the argument and guide the reader through separate points.

5. **For example**

- **Function**: Introduces an example.
- **Effect**: Supports general claims with specific evidence, reinforcing clarity.

6. **This / them / it**

- **Function**: Pronouns and demonstratives (cohesive referencing).
- **Effect**: Avoids repetition and ties sentences together smoothly.

7. **Rather than / not only ... but also**

- **Function**: Comparative structures.
- **Effect**: Emphasise contrast or addition, helping the reader follow complex ideas more easily.

8. **In industries such as**

- **Function**: Introduces a category with examples.
- **Effect**: Clarifies scope and context for the argument, aiding comprehension.

9. **Some argue that ... However**

- **Function**: Presents and refutes a counter-argument.
- **Effect**: Increases the logical development of the essay and shows critical thinking.

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Choose the phrase in each set that is not a synonym, and add it to the appropriate category. Some words are used twice.

While it is true that

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Although it is true that
  - On the other hand
  - Even though it is the case that
  - _____

I do not believe

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Moreover
  - I disagree with the idea that
  - I would argue that ... not ...
  - _____

If we use it responsibly

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Provided that we use it carefully
  - The system
  - On the condition that we manage it properly
  - _____

Firstly / Secondly

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - To begin with / In the second place
  - First of all / Furthermore
  - Admittedly,
  - _____

For example

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - One reason is that / Another reason is that
  - For instance
  - To illustrate
  - _____

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This / Them / It (pronouns for referencing)

- **Synonyms/Alternatives (more specific nouns can replace pronouns for clarity):**
  - The idea
  - In fields like
  - The method
  - _____

Rather than replacing

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Instead of taking over
  - As long as it is used wisely
  - Without eliminating
  - _____

But also

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - As well as that
  - In addition
  - Such as
  - _____

In industries such as

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - I am not convinced that
  - In sectors including
  - For example, in areas such as
  - _____

Some argue that

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Without replacing it
  - Many people believe that
  - According to some opinions
  - _____

However

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Nevertheless
  - Moreover
  - Even so
  - _____

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Also

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Furthermore
  - In addition
  - All in all
  - _____

With proper training

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - As opposed to removing
  - Given the correct preparation
  - When individuals are trained appropriately
  - _____

In conclusion

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - To sum up
  - It is claimed that
  - In summary
  - _____

Rather than replace it

- **Synonyms/Alternatives**:
  - Instead of taking its place
  - If people receive the right education
  - Not as a substitute but as support
  - _____

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Complete the following paragraphs with words and expressions from the box, then put them in the correct order to make an opinion essay about the following topic.

"Freedom of expression is a basic human right that must not be curbed."

especially	firstly	however	I strongly agree with this view
if individuals are allowed to		in conclusion	in fields such as
it is better to	many people believe that		secondly
some argue that	this right	without this freedom	

_____ free speech can be dangerous if it spreads hate or false information. _____, rather than banning speech, _____ promote responsible communication and educate people about its impact.

_____, freedom of expression helps protect other rights. _____ speak out against injustice, corruption, or abuse, society can respond and take action. _____ supports transparency and accountability, _____ in governments and public institutions.

_____ freedom of expression is a fundamental human right that should never be limited. _____, as the ability to express ideas and opinions is essential in any democratic society.

_____, freedom of expression is a core right that supports many others. It should be defended, not limited, in a healthy and fair society.

_____, freedom of expression allows people to share their thoughts openly, which encourages progress. _____ science, politics, or education, discussion and debate are necessary for improvement. _____, innovation and critical thinking may be suppressed.

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