

SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

Form 2 / Lower Secondary Cambridge Stage 8 • Module: Essay & Article Planning

Time: 20 Minutes

Total Marks: /10

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Date: _____ Teacher: _____

SECTION B: ESSAY OUTLINE COMPLETION (10 MARKS)

Use each word/phrase *ONCE* only

Instructions: Read the incomplete essay plan below. Fill in each blank (1–10) using the most appropriate word or phrase from the box.

balance stress and study

cause mental exhaustion

reduce daily homework

firstly

pursue personal hobbies

concentrate during morning lessons

secondly

in conclusion

build stronger family bonds

academic performance

TOPIC OUTLINE: SHOULD SCHOOLS REDUCE OR ABOLISH DAILY HOMEWORK?

1. Introduction (Paragraph 1)

A. Hook: Have you ever spent four straight hours completing worksheets after a long day at school?

B. Connecting Info: Many lower secondary students struggle to (1) _____ after spending seven hours in the classroom.

C. Thesis Statement: Schools should significantly (2) _____ because excessive tasks harm health, limit personal growth, and do not always improve learning.

2. Body Paragraphs

A. First Reason (Paragraph 2) Topic Sentence: (3) _____, excessive assignments after school hours can (4) _____ among young teenagers.

SUPPORT 1. Sitting for long hours without rest leads to sleep deprivation and physical fatigue.

SUPPORT 2. As a direct result, students find it much harder to (5) _____ the next day.

B. Second Reason (Paragraph 3) Topic Sentence: (6) _____, a lighter workload gives teenagers essential free time to (7) _____ such as sports, art, and music.

SUPPORT 1. Developing creative skills helps students build self-confidence and manage emotional stress.

SUPPORT 2. Furthermore, having free evenings allows teenagers to spend quality time with parents and (8) _____.

3. Conclusion (Paragraph 4)

A. Restated Thesis: (9) _____, cutting down on daily homework creates a much healthier balance between study and life.

B. Final Prediction: If schools adopt a lighter homework policy, students will become more enthusiastic about learning and achieve higher (10) _____ in their final examinations.