

essay

you discuss a subject
express your opinion
give reasons

80 Min. (40)
140 - 190 Words

Typ 1: give your opinion to a statement

Typ 2: give your opinion which of two things is better

Essay question:

All young people should continue at school at least the age of 18. Do you agree?

Notes: write about

1. qualifications for jobs
2. students who don't like school
3. your own idea

- 1 read the instruction and the notes, underline parts you must deal with
- 2 Think about your opinion and position
- 3 make a plan, decide how many paragraphs you'll need
- 4 Write, and express your opinion and arguments clearly

brief introduction

Although in my country compulsory education finished at the age of 16, I believe that young people should continue in education at least till they are 18.

- explain the present situation, outline your position
- use formal style
- use linking words and phrases

pro&contras Note 1&2

There are two reasons for encouraging young people to stay at school. firstly, because jobs are becoming more and more specialized and technical, it is almost impossible for 16-year-olds to find work. Secondly, if they stay at school, they will receive the education and training which will create more opportunities for them in the future.

Hints & Tips

personal opinion:

In my opinion, I think..., i feel ...
I believe..., From my point of view...

other peoples opinion:

many people argue that... some people think..., It is often argued or suggested

putting your owns ideas:

two good reasons, furthermore, on the other hand..., firstly..., secondly... finally

justifying

On the other hand, many students would like to leave school at 16. This is because they find school difficult or they do not enjoy studying. They would prefer to be working and earning money.

Linking words:

adding informations: And, In addition, As well as, Also, Too, Furthermore, Moreover, Apart from, In addition to, Besides,

summarising: In short, In brief, In summary, To summarise, In a nutshell, To conclude, In conclusion

giving reasons: Therefore, So, Consequently, This means that, As a result

contrasting ideas: But, However, Although / even though, Despite / despite the fact that, In spite of / in spite, of the fact that, Nevertheless,, Nonetheless, While, Whereas, Unlike

my own idea

A further point is that unmotivated student disrupt lessons, and this causes problems who do want to study. Therefore, after 16 they should only study technical or practical subjects that interest them.

conclusion my opinion

In conclusion, I believe it is a mistake for people to leave school too soon, because they will miss opportunities which may arise in the future.