

## Homework 6 - Answers

### Balance of Argument

#### Hint for students

- What features do different modes of transport have that makes them desirable or undesirable to people?
- Why or how do cars cause pollution?
- What issues might arise if we ban cars? What positive purposes do cars serve in towns and cities?
- Think of personal transport alternatives to cars. What would the pros and cons of these be?
- Remember that your essay needs to be balanced – explore both sides of the argument in your answer
- Use formal language and persuasive techniques (facts and statistics, emotive language, rhetorical questions) to convince the reader that your personal opinion is right.

#### Plan

- **Beginning** - Open the argument with a summary of the statement in question and a summary of the potential counterarguments.
- **Middle** - Explore the main arguments raised in the statement, including the environmental impacts of cars and the potential hazards they pose. Then consider the counterarguments, including accessibility issues, the differences between different towns and cities, and the impact such a ban would have on local businesses.
- **End**- Conclude with my personal opinion on the matter. Make my personal opinion and argument known here. End the essay with a clear and decisive assertion, using persuasive techniques to support my perspective.





### Model Answer (Good Answer)

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Due to the fumes caused by traffic in many towns and cities, there is widespread pollution in the country which is contributing to climate change – a global crisis. This pollution is also a potential cause of health problems that people may be facing, such as asthma. It could be argued that the health of the planet and people would be improved if more people used public transport instead of their own personal methods. If we can do something to help save the planet and help people live healthier lifestyles, why wouldn't we? Many towns and cities are well connected in terms of public transport, and some even have large pedestrian zones which may help people exercise, too.

One of the strongest arguments in favour of using personal or private transport is the convenience. Unlike public transport, there are no waiting times or the additional stops that buses or trains may have, meaning that the time taken to travel is far shorter when using personal transportation. Electric cars are also becoming more commonplace, reducing the need for polluting fuels. Is it fair to force people to switch to public transport? Not everyone is able to afford the climbing costs of buses, trains, and taxis. It is far less expensive to use our own vehicles rather than paying to use public transport, especially if it's required for a regular or routine journey, and many people feel far more safe, secure and comfortable travelling in their own vehicle.





I personally believe that working towards switching to public transport in major towns and cities would be a positive change. The climate needs as much support as we can possibly offer to recover from the damage that we have done. Ideally, working harder to make electric cars more widely available and affordable would be the best solution to the pollution problem that we all face in major towns and cities. Until then, public transport is preferable, and should be encouraged if people are able to afford it and have access to it.

In conclusion, I believe that the convenience of personal transport doesn't negate the negative effects that they can have on the environment and on our personal health. Therefore, as a society, we should be moving as quickly as we can towards any alternative methods that we have available to us, but we should also receive support from Government and companies in keeping costs to a minimum; it's also their duty to help.





CONNECTIVES

OPENERS

PUNCTUATION

VOCABULARY

FIVE SENSES

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE TECHNIQUE

### Highlighted Answer

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## Poor Answer

### Plan

Talk about pollution, traffic, and costs

### Answer

I think people should stop using cars in cities because of all of the pollution that they cause. Many people believe that pollution from traffic is causing Climate Change, and I agree with them. To help with the environment, people should be thinking about their impact.

I agree with the statement that cars should be banned and that people should use public transport is to try and avoid traffic. If there were less vehicles on the road, then there would be less traffic so it would be easier for everyone to get around together.

I also think that it would help make more jobs for people like bus drivers, train drivers, and taxi drivers so that more people can work and find jobs during times when there aren't many jobs.

In conclusion, I believe that the world would be a better place environmentally if people drove cars in towns and cities less, and it would also help with traffic and jobs.

### Commentary

- Plan was far too brief with no real aim
- Not every point included in the plan was included in the main body of text
- The argument presented lacks balance - both sides of argument need to be considered
- Many of the points were underdeveloped and lacked detail

