**Opinion Essay**

**An opinion essay is a formal piece of writing. It requires your opinion on a topic, which must be stated clearly, giving various viewpoints on the topic supported by reasons and/or examples. You should also include the opposing viewpoint in another paragraph.**

A **successful opinion essay should have**:

a) **an introductory paragraph** in which you **state the topic and your opinion.**

b) **a main body** which consists of several paragraphs, each presenting **a separate viewpoint supported by reasons**. You also include a paragraph presenting the opposing viewpoint and reason why you think it is an unconvincing viewpoint; and a

c) **conclusion** in which you restate your opinion using different words.

**Introduction**

Paragraph 1  
 state the topic and your opinion clearly

**Main Body**  
 Paragraph 2  
 viewpoint 1 & reason, example

Paragraph 3  
 viewpoint 2 & reason, example

Paragraph 4  
 viewpoint 3 & reason/ example\*

Paragraph 5  
 opposing viewpoint & reason/example\*

**Conclusion**  
 Final paragraph  
 summarise/restate opinion