

## EXPOSITORY WRITING

Essays are classified as “expository writing” and as such they contain certain features that distinguish it from other forms of writing, e.g. Discussion papers, Reports, Explanation, etc.,. The features are as follows:

### ?? **Function:**

to put forward a point of view / argument in writing.

### ?? **Structure:**

#### ✍✍ Introduction:

- Opening comment/statement to attract the reader’s attention.
- Thesis [to state your point of view in relation to the question].
- Preview the points you are going to raise in support of your point of view.

#### ✍✍ Main body:

- Use one paragraph only to illustrate each point you are making.
- Elaborate on each point by using evidence from the text.
- Build up your argument point by point, always starting with the strongest point you have to make.

#### ✍✍ Conclusion:

- Restate your original thesis.
- Make a personal comment reflecting your line of argument in regards to the question.

### ?? **Language features:**

- It focuses on issues expressed in abstract terms.
- Use simple present tense in your answer.
- Use logical connectives in your answer, e.g. *moreover, in addition, furthermore, on the other hand, in spite of this, so therefore, it follows that, consequently.*
- Try to use expression like, *I believe, in my opinion, I hold that, I think.*