DISCURSIVE WRITING

Whether or not …….. is an issue which has caused a great deal of discussion. On one hand …….. , on the other……… Some people say ………… , yet others insist ………… In this piece of writing I intend to …

Those who believe……argue that …… They believe that……, furthermore they…… It seems plausible that….. , however,….

The opposite point of view is that………., moreover, it is thought that they believe…… One argument for this is ……another would be that ……… The evidence I would use to support this is … and the fact that ….

On balance, it is my conviction that … I am surprised that …because….. It would seem logical to me that … Doubtless …, but I would still have to conclude …….

Pick 'n' Mix – *Stand out from the crowd!*

Openings

- This piece of writing will . . .
- I intend to . . .
- My intention is to . . .
- I am going to . . .
- I will present . . .
- I will begin by . . .
- To do this I will . . .
- Following that I will . . .

Useful phrases

- In fact . . .
- AsI see it . .
- It appears to me . . .
- It seems to me that . . .
- One argument for this is that . .
- I would counter this view because . . .
- On the other hand . . .
- It seems plausible to . . .
- Therefore . . .
- In addition . . .
- Moreover . . .
- Furthermore . . .
- Nevertheless . . .
- Subsequently . . .
- Consequently . . .

- However . . .
- In point of fact . . .
- It is precisely because . . .
- The evidence I would use to support this is . . .
- Naturally . . .
- Doubtless . . .
- It is surprising that . . .
- It surprises me that . . .
- It is no surprise that . . .
- It would seem logical to . . .
- Let us now turn to . . .
- Let's consider . . .
- An example of this is . . .
- My next point concerns . . .

Concluding remarks

- In conclusion . . .
- It is my conviction that . . .
- It is clear that . . .
- Finally I would like to add . . .
- To sum up . . .
- My overall feeling is . . .
- On balance . . .
- The evidence presented leads me to conclude that . . .