(a) How to plan an opinion composition

Introduction: : express your opinion on the topic.

Paragraph 2: justify your opinion with examples.

Paragraph 3: Present the opposing viewpoint.

Conclusion: Restate your opinion but do not just repeat yourself. Consider writing about consequences or a new dimension of the same issue.

(b) How to plan an opinion composition suggesting advantages and disadvantages:

Introduction: Introduce the problem and state its causes.

Paragraph 2: Write about the advantages and develop through examples

Paragraph 3: Write about the disadvantages and develop through examples.

Conclusion: State your opinion and pick up a side!.

(c) Beginnings and Endings

There are many ways of beginning(introduction) and ending(conclusion) an opinion composition. Read the following model paragraphs and pay special attention to the expressions in bold. These are only suggested ways of beginning and ending an opinion composition. IGCSE examiners love them,though!

Introduction:

Have you ever wondered what it must be like to wake up in the morning and realise that you can no longer use your computer? For millions of people this is certainly a frightening thought. **Indeed, they cannot possibly** imagine their lives without them. Because of this dependence on the computer which we have developed, **I strongly believe** that it has become indispensable to us and it is here to stay!

Conclusion:

It is true to say that the computer has invaded our lives and changed the way we communicate forever. Let us not forget, **though**, that the computer has also promoted a very passive lifestyle.

Brief Reminder

Remember the essential paragraph structure : -

-topic sentence: it introduces the main idea of your paragraph

-supporting sentences: they provide examples, illustrations or arguments which support the topic sentence.

-closing sentence: round off your paragraph with a kind of conclusion

Remember to use transitions to pass on smoothly from one sentence to another and from one paragraph to the next.

Remember! Unless you think you can master English better than your own language DO NOT attempt to write one sentence for a paragraph!