

Part 5 The Whole Composition

I. Write I in front of the introductory paragraphs, and C in front of the concluding paragraphs.

1. What is a black hole? Well, it's difficult to answer this question, since the terms we would normally use to describe a scientific phenomenon are inadequate here. Astronomers and scientists think that a black hole is a region of space (not a thing) into which matter has fallen and from which nothing can escape, not even light. So we can't see a black hole. A black hole exerts a strong gravitational pull and yet it has no matter. It is only space -- or so we think. How can this happen?

2. The story of black holes is just beginning. Speculations about them are endless. There might be a massive black hole at the center of our galaxy swallowing up stars at a very rapid rate. Mankind may one day meet this fate. On the other hand, scientists have suggested that very advanced technology could one day make use of the energy of black holes for mankind. These speculations sound like science fiction. But the theory of black holes in space is accepted by many serious scientists and astronomers. They show us a world which operates in a totally different way from our own and they question our most basic experience of space and time.

3. According to the writer Walter Ellis, author of a book called *the Oxbridge Conspiracy*, Britain is still dominated by the old-boy network: it isn't what you know that matters, but who you know. He claims that at Oxford and Cambridge Universities (Oxbridge for short) a few select people start on an escalator ride which, over the years, carries them to the tops of British privilege and power. His research revealed that the top professions all continue to be dominated, if not 90 per cent, then 60 or 65 per cent, by Oxbridge graduates.

4. These future robots, assembled with a sense of touch and the ability to see and make decisions, will have plenty of work to do. They can be used to explore for minerals on the ocean floor or in deep areas of mines too dangerous for humans to enter. They will work as gas station attendants, firemen, housekeepers, and security personnel. Anyone wanting to understand the industry of the future will have to know about robotics.

5. In conclusion, the Ryan twins, the elderly nursing home patient, and the recuperating heart patient lend credibility to the theory that pets make important psychological contribution to human health.

6. The air around us is important to everyone. Without air, we could not exist. Everyone understands that. But air is necessary in many other ways - ways that are not always so obvious or widely known.

II. Topics for essays. Your composition should have a title, an opener or introductory paragraph, a main paragraph (body) with several explanatory sentences, and a concluding paragraph:

1. Reading Selectively or Extensively?
2. Part-time Jobs
3. The Impact of the Computer on the College Student
4. The Importance of Confidence

5. Our College Teachers
6. My Last Summer Vacation
7. The Main Difference Between My College Life and My Middle School Life
8. The Traditional Festival I Like Best
9. How to Get along with Roommates?
10. My Ambition

III. Description and Narration: Imagine that you are going for a walk in the woods. On the way, you find some things and you have to decide what you will do with them. Read through sections 1 to 7 below and discuss with the other people in your class what you could write for each one.

1). You are walking in a wood. What is it like? Is it light or dark? Is the sun shining? What can you see, hear or smell? How do you feel?

I'm walking through a wood. It's... and I can ... I feel...

2). You are walking along a path. What is it like? Is it straight? Is it stony? Is it easy to see?

The path that I'm walking on is ...

3). On the ground in front of you, you find a key. What is it like? Is it clean or rusty? How big is it? What do you do with it?

In front of me, on the ground, I find a key. It's ... and I ...

4). You walk on for some time and then you come to some water. What is it? A river? A lake? How is it? Clean? Dirty? Is it moving? Is it deep? What do you do?

After a while, I come to some water. It's ... and the water is... I ...

5). A little while later, you come to a house. You walk round the house and look inside. What do you see? What does the house look like? Is the house in good condition or in ruins? What do you do ?

Sometime later, I come to a house. It's ... and I ...

6). Back on the path, you come to a wall in front of you. What is it like? Is it in good condition? How high is it? You manage to look over the wall. What do you see on the other side?

I get back on to the path but then I come to a wall. The wall is ... on the other side of it, I can see...

7). The wall is across your path, in front of you. What do you do next?

The wall is across my path, so I ...

IV. Exposition: Write a short paragraph on the following topic sentence with one of the approaches

Topic Sentence: *Education is also very important for elderly people.*

1. By illustration
2. By comparison & contrast

3. By cause & effect

V. Read Sample 33 on page 186, and answer the following questions.

1. Does it have a debatable point? What is it?
2. What methods of exposition does the writer use in his argument?
3. Is there sufficient evidence to convince the reader? Does the writer base his argument on evidence or on reasoning? Is the writer's reasoning logical and effective?

VI. Based on the following reading material, please write an argumentation of over 300 words.

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Chinese Billionaires Shy away from Bill Gates Charity Dinner

By Malcolm Moore in Shanghai 1:56PM BST 06 Sep 2010

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/7984108/Chinese-billionaires-shy-away-from-Bill-Gates-charity-dinner.html>

The dinner on September 29 had planned to gather “dozens” of China’s richest people together in order to support the Gates Foundation, which funds Aids charities in China among other projects.

But the organisers said that some of the invitations had been nervously declined. “After the invitations were sent out, a number of people called to query if they would be asked to donate at the function. So far, a small group has turned down the invitations,” said Ye Lei, the head of the foundation in China said.

Mr. Gates, the founder of Microsoft, and Warren Buffett, who runs his own investment fund, announced in August they had already persuaded more than 40 billionaires in the United States to give half their fortune to charity.

That announcement had sent a ripple of panic among Chinese guests, explained a spokesman for the foundation. “This gala was originally supposed to be held in March. Then it was delayed and the timing of it, so soon after the announcement about the US donations, understandably made some of the Chinese concerned about being put in an awkward position,” he said.

The foundation said it is now planning to write letters to all the invitees to reassure them that the dinner is not a fund-raising event, but an opportunity to “get to know” each other. “We understand the US charity model will not suit China,” said the spokesman.

The charity would not confirm its guest list, or who had turned down the invitation but Zhang Xin, the chief executive of SOHO China, a property developer and Wang Chuanfu, the head of car and battery maker BYD and the richest man in China with a fortune of £3.5 billion, were expected to attend.

Also expected are Duan Yongping, who spent \$620,100 (£401,000) to have dinner with Mr.

Buffett in 2006, and Zhao Danyang, who spent \$2.1 million for the same honour in 2008.

China has the second-largest number of billionaires in the world, after the United States. Jin Jingping, a professor at Peking University, estimated that more than 60 per cent of Chinese entrepreneurs have also donated money to charity, but that they tend to shun publicity and attention.

“Compared to the US, some wealthy people in China seem more concerned about their family’s wellbeing. But that does not mean they are misers,” he said.

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A Brief Look at Bill Gates Charity Work

[http://charity.lovetoknow.com/Bill Gates Charity](http://charity.lovetoknow.com/Bill_Gates_Charity)

It would take several articles to detail every philanthropic action Bill Gates has taken since he gained international notoriety as the founder of Microsoft. However, there are several key points that make up a beautiful tapestry of charity and outreach work he has participated in. Below are a few of these highlights, and how he has impacted the world through them.

Children with Aids

Bill Gates assisted financially with [CWAC](#), which was established in 1992 with the goal of helping the youngest victims of HIV/AIDS. Since then, this UK charity has worked toward lifting children out of poverty and situations of extreme prejudice, instead helping them to maintain a high quality of life through proper living conditions, healthcare and emotional healing.

Children’s Vaccine Program & The Lunchbox Fund

Along the same sentiment, Gates has also contributed money toward the Children’s Vaccine Program, which provides invaluable vaccinations to children around the world, bringing an even stronger focus to the importance of children’s health outside of the boundaries of the U.S.A.

Finally, he has worked with The [Lunchbox Fund](#), which was founded in 2004 to provide lunches to poor and disadvantaged students who do not have anything to bring to school for lunchtime. This, in turn, has improved the [health](#) and academic performance of these children, thanks to the healthy meals the group has provided with the help of notable celebrities like Gates.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) started out as a way for Gates and his wife to further their passion for child welfare. The foundation is currently the largest private charity in the world, and is directed by Bill and Melinda. The foundation aims to improve healthcare and reduce poverty all over the world, while also improving American educational opportunities and providing access to

information technology resources. The foundation currently operates out of Seattle, and decisions are made by the Gates as well as Warren Buffet, one of the wealthiest investors in the world. Gates remains so passionate about the foundation that he recently semi-retired from Microsoft in order to focus more fully on his philanthropy.

In order to be as successful and prolific as possible, the Foundation has been divided into different sections - the Global Health Program, the Global Development Program, and the United States Program. The Foundation continues to assist countless individuals each year, and also continues to grow and expand each time the calendar turns. It has also won various awards including the Prince of Asturias Award and the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development.

The mass amount of [Bill Gates](#) charity work that has been completed has inspired other [celebrities to get more involved](#) in the world around them. Ordinary individuals also are learning from his incredible example - and slowly but surely, the world is better for it.

<http://www.looktothestars.org/celebrity/21-bill-gates>

Bill Gates has supported the following charities:

[Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation](#)

[Children's Vaccine Program](#)

[Children with AIDS](#)

[Earth Institute](#)

[Food Bank For New York City](#)

[GALVMed](#)

[Make A Child Smile Appeal](#)

[MASSIVEGOOD](#)

[The Lunchbox Fund](#)