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(NB often there are more possibilities than given here)

Formality (& grammar)

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- 1 We – 1st
- 2 You – 2nd
- 3 Opponents – 3rd
- 4 Criticism – 3rd
- 5 Me – 1st
- 6 Issues – 3rd

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- 1 This is a possible solution.
- 2 There are two sides to this argument.
- 3 These issues will be investigated. / There will be an investigation into these issues.
- 4 This essay details four areas. / Four areas will be detailed in this essay.
- 5 If a student does not put references in their essays, they could be guilty of plagiarism. / Without references in an essay, plagiarism could be a problem.
- 6 When a student writes an essay, they also need to add a bibliography. / Essays need bibliographies.

3

- 1 This essay was written in two hours.
- 4 The law will be changed next year.
- 5 She was given an 'A' for the presentation.

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- 1 A new parking policy **was introduced** by the college.
- 2 Drinking in public **is not allowed**.
- 3 This report **will be finished** in two hours.
- 4 It **could be argued** that inflation is beneficial.

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- 1 I am not good at exams but I still went to university. **compound**
- 2 Although I am not good at exams, I still went to university. **complex**
- 3 I am not good at exams. However, I still went to university. **2 x simple**

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- 1 Reading is **probably/absolutely/arguably/definitely/usually/often/always** the most difficult skill.
- 2 The course **perhaps/possibly** improved his skills.
- 3 Employment figures fell **sharply/dramatically/rapidly**.
- 4 Plagiarism is **perhaps/possibly/rarely** a problem at university.
- 5 Students should **probably/arguably/definitely** do fewer exams.
- 6 Students should **perhaps/possibly** do fewer exams.

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- 1 **People's behaviour/Behaviour** is the subject of this essay.
- 2 We will analyse **the meaning of** democracy.
- 3 One problem is **the size of the debt**.
- 4 **His explanation was clear/good**.
- 5 **Failure in exams means no offer of** a place at university.
- 6 **There needs to be a solution to** the housing crisis. / The housing crisis **needs a solution**.

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- 1 We need to examine why we pay for higher education. / We could look at the reasons we pay for higher education.
- 2 We need to decide if climate change is a problem. / Some have raised the issue of climate change, and how problematic this is.
- 3 There is some debate over whether politicians can influence behaviour. / The influence of politicians on behaviour is worth examining.
- 4 We need to ask if this proves his theory. / Some people have queried whether this proves his theory or not.
- 5 We need to decide how much tax we should pay. / Levels of taxation need to be established.
- 6 Some have implied that a food shortage caused the unrest. / One possibility is that a food shortage caused the unrest.

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- 1 Go out – **leave/exit**
- 2 Go back – **return/reverse**
- 3 Tell off – **reprimand/rebuke/criticise**
- 4 Look into – **investigate/explore/examine**
- 5 Get better – **improve/enhance**
- 6 Cut out – **reduce/condense**

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- 1 Kids – **children/offspring/youth**
- 2 In the end – **eventually/finally**
- 3 Inflation was a little bit high – **slightly/somewhat**
- 4 Chilled out – **relaxed/calm**
- 5 Stupid – **unintelligent/lacking in intelligence**
- 6 To stamp out plagiarism – **stop/prevent**

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wealth belief justice fiction friendship imprisonment

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- 1 Religion **would seem to/appears to/could/may/might** be in decline.
- 2 League tables for schools **would seem to/appear to/could/may/might** improve results.
- 3 Poverty **would seem to/appears to/could/may/might** cause crime.
- 4 Lack of exercise **would seem to/appears to/could/may/might** lead to obesity.
- 5 Communism **would seem to have/appears to have/could have/may have/might have** failed.
- 6 This theory **would seem to/appears to/could/may/might** be incorrect.

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Complexity (& grammar)

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- 1 Research has confirmed this theory.
- 2 Because of the crisis, many people no longer trusted banks.
- 3 In this essay, I will examine four possible explanations.
- 4 Over the last ten years, businesses have grown.
- 5 Studying hard is a good way to succeed.
- 6 Studying hard, they spent a great deal of time in the library.

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- 1 In this essay, I will examine four possible explanations.
- 2 Studying hard, they spent a great deal of time in the library.
- 3 She applied for the job which she saw advertised in the paper.
- 4 They requested various skills meaning many people did not qualify.
- 5 Although the evidence was comprehensive, it did not convince them.
- 6 Despite her lack of qualifications, she was a skilful writer.

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- 1 There were several opportunities, **such** as travelling abroad and learning a language.
- 2 It was a popular course **because** few places taught the subject.
- 3 I applied early, **which** was fortunate.
- 4 The process was complicated. **It required** downloading a form, **completing** it, **collecting** three references and **providing** proof of funding. / The process was complicated: download a form, complete it, collect three references and provide proof of funding.
- 5 The essay explored a number of theories, **perhaps** too many.
- 6 Many people opposed the plan **while** others thought it was a good idea.

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- 1 She studied in France **but** she did not speak French.
- 2 She studied in France **despite not speaking** French. / **Despite studying** in France, she did not speak French.
- 3 I wrote an essay **which** examined four sectors.
- 4 I wrote an essay, **examining** four sectors.
- 5 **Developed** into a college, **the building** won an architectural prize.
- 6 The building was developed into a college, **winning** an architectural prize.

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Zoos are arguably beneficial, ideal for both educating people about wildlife and for preventing extinction of threatened species. However, not all people agree, believing there are better alternatives. For example, television is potentially a more effective way of teaching people about nature, and protecting the animals' habitat is a better long term approach. Then there is the issue of the suitability of confining animals to cages.

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Punctuation

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- 1 For example
- 2 She **has** passed.
- 3 It **is** true.
- 4 She **is** right.
- 5 They could **have** done it.
- 6 I do **not** know.

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The **L**ondon **T**ube system, **I** believe, suffers from a number of problems.¹ **F**irstly,² it is old. **P**arts of the track were built in the mid 19th century, with many of the trains dating back to the **S**econd **W**orld **W**ar. In addition, it is underfunded. **M**ost **E**uropean governments give a great deal of money to their city transport systems, knowing it helps the local economy. **H**owever, this does not happen in **E**ngland. **A**s the population is growing, it is increasingly becoming an issue, although few politicians have an answer.

Notes

¹ remember to use double space after full stops in typed documents

² commas after these longer opening words are optional

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- 1 David's class
- 2 A girl's best friend
- 3 A person's problem
- 4 The two girls' teacher was absent.
- 5 Their tutor's name was John.
- 6 Their tutors' names were written on the door.
- 7 All the countries' flags
- 8 Our country's flag
- 9 Women's issues
- 10 People's parliament
- 11 Its solution needed John's help.
- 12 It's difficult.

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Grammar

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- 1 go write look at analyse – **verbs**
- 2 at from by on – **prepositions**
- 3 given discussed taken examined – **past participles**
- 4 intelligence love hate nature – **abstract nouns**
- 5 books libraries factors solutions – **plural nouns**
- 6 possibly perhaps sometimes rarely – **adverbs**
- 7 book library factor solution – **singular nouns**
- 8 has been given was discussed is taken will be examined – **passives**
- 9 giving discussing taking examining – **present participles**
- 10 intelligent loving hateful natural – **adjectives**

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However, many¹ people² now feel⁶ new¹ legislation³ is⁶ needed^{4/6/8}. This¹ essay⁵ will⁶ argue⁶ that though on⁹ the surface⁵, a privacy³ law⁵ is⁶ appealing^{6/7}, it⁵ is⁶ in fact a deeply¹⁰ flawed^{1/8} concept⁵. Not only is⁶ it⁵ difficult¹ to define⁶ key¹ terms² essential¹ to making^{6/7} a law⁵ workable¹, but also it⁵ would⁶ clash⁶ with⁹ and perhaps¹⁰ even damage⁶ the whole¹ concept⁵ of⁹ freedom³ of⁹ speech³.

- ¹ – adjectives
- ² – plural nouns
- ³ – abstract nouns
- ⁴ – passives
- ⁵ – singular nouns
- ⁶ – verbs
- ⁷ – present participles
- ⁸ – past participles
- ⁹ – prepositions
- ¹⁰ – adverbs

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- 1 economic/economical
- 2 economically
- 3 to economise
- 4 economised/was economising/has economised/had economised

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Referencing*

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- 1 Bardini (2008) remarks, 'collapsing currencies will spell the end of the EU within three years.'
- 2 As the report pointed out, "They [the United Nations] provide 22% of cultural funding in southern Europe" (Jarrod and Ng, 2009).
- 3 "It will be many years of rebuilding.../[...]before employment reaches pre 2000 levels again" (DTI, 2012).

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- 1 According to Draper, the greatest benefit is to pensioners.⁴ / Draper suggests that the greatest benefit is to pensioners.⁴
- 2 As Karlsson argues, early intervention in June 2010 would have prevented the escalation of the crisis (Canning and Johnson 4). / Karlsson argues that early intervention in June 2010 would have prevented the escalation of the crisis (Canning and Johnson 4).
- 3 Research by Blucher (2011) found that previous statistics were faked. / Blucher (2011) found that previous statistics were faked.
- 4 According to Leno's theory, the rate will double every ten years (Taki, 2012). / Leno's theory states that the rate will double every ten years (Taki, 2012).
- 5 Schevin (2009) believed that 'unexpected changes to sea levels...caused the flooding'. / Schevin (2009) believed it was 'unexpected changes to sea levels which caused the flooding'.
- 6 As Slater and Jarvis remarked, "it [the Higgs experiment] was a defining moment in the field of physics" (New Science, 2011). / As Slater and Jarvis remarked, the Higgs experiment "was a defining moment in the field of physics" (New Science, 2011).

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- 1 Independent companies are increasingly important; in fact, only a third of the films produced in 2010 came from the five main studios (**Pershing & Sheldon, 2011**).
- 2 **Pershing and Sheldon (2011)** point out that independent companies are increasingly important; in fact, only a third of the films produced in 2010 came from the five main studios.

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- 1 Sea levels could increase by 1 metre in the next 50 years (Pinchon, 2010 p.3). (Harvard/APA)
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Sea levels could increase by 1 metre in the next 50 years.¹

1. Pinchon, p.3. (MHRA)
- 2 78% of forests are privately owned (Owens, 2010, p.4). (Harvard/APA)
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2. Owens, p.4. (MHRA)
- 3 According to the latest statistics (Crowne, 2009, p.28), about 1 in 3 marriages ends in divorce. (Harvard/APA)
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According to the latest statistics, about 1 in 3 marriages ends in divorce.³

3. Crowne, p.28. (MHRA)
- 4 A 2007 report by Coulson (2007, p.12) proved that diet was more effective than exercise in combating obesity. (Harvard/APA)
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4. Coulson, p.12. (MHRA)
- 5 Out of 213 people, 198 reported that they would change job if required (Cameron, 2010, p.23). (Harvard/APA)
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5. Cameron, p.23. (MHRA)

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- 6 “Peer pressure rather than genetics or parenting, explains most adolescent crime” (Stanton *et al.*, 2006, p.12). (Harvard/APA)
“Peer pressure rather than genetics or parenting, explains most adolescent crime” (Stanton et al. 12). (MLA)
‘Peer pressure rather than genetics or parenting, explains most adolescent crime’.⁶

6. Stanton *et al*, p.12.

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