

Level 4 Final exam student writing sample – argumentative essay

Write an article for the Externado student magazine on the following subject:

“The advantages and disadvantages of wearing a school uniform.”

Write at least 200 words. Remember to include examples and your own opinion.

Many people think that wearing a school uniform is terrible. However, there are people that think differently about this topic. For that reason, this text is for to write about the advantages and disadvantages of wearing a school uniform.

A lot of students don't like the uniform and they would like to use usually clothes. For example, the students school prefer arrive at home and change the uniform and wear jeans, t-shirts hats and usually shoes. This is better for they for meet their friends or plays video games, for example. They think that is a disadvantages because everyday is the same clothes and they can't do nothing to change this rule. This is a specific complain that students say. On the other hand there are students that think different, and say that the wearing a school uniform is an advantages. For example, if you are student and find someone with your same uniform, you can identify easier than other person who is this student. another advantages is if you wearing of school uniform it's probably that you have discounts in the zoo, cinemas and different places. There are more advantages but these are the more attractive.

In Conclusion, I think that wearing the school uniforms is a advantages because the people can identify the school. However, sometimes wearing the same uniform everyday is boring but it is necessary. There are the something advantages and disadvantages of wearing the school uniform.

**Comments:**

**Task response:** The student generally engages with the topic, although some information is off-topic (such as “This is better for they for meet their friends or plays video games, for example”). Some listing included: “wear jeans, t-shirts hats and usually shoes”. The text complies with the minimum word count and the format is generally appropriate. 3 / 5

**Coherence & cohesion:** Other than paragraphs 2 and 3 being combined, the essay’s structure is generally appropriate and the use of the thesis statement and topic sentences is positive. Some effective use of connectors such as “for example” and “on the other hand”. 3 / 5

**Grammar:** Some attempts at more complex structures, but this can cause confusion. Poor control over capitalisation and plurals. Overuse of articles. Problems with use of infinitives, “for to write”. Inappropriate use of prepositions: “wearing of school uniform”. 3 / 5

**Spelling & vocabulary:** A number of basic spelling errors: “diferent”, “especific” and the student also creates some non-existent words, such as “identificate”. Word form problems and faulty collocation: “a complain that students say,” “it’s probably.” Only occasional use of more advanced vocabulary: “discounts.” 3 / 5