CALIFORNIA ENGLISH 11 · UNIT 3 · 10 QUESTIONS

Argumentative and Explanatory Writing — Practice Test

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1 **Arguing in a circle, where the conclusion merely repeats the claim as its own proof, is called**

- A Straw man
- B Slippery slope
- C Circular reasoning
- D Bandwagon

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2 **Citing a famous person with no expertise on a topic as proof is a weak**

- A Appeal to logic
- B Appeal to authority
- C Rebuttal
- D Concession

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3 **A qualifier such as often or usually can strengthen an argument by making a claim**

- A Vaguer in a bad way
- B More accurate and harder to disprove unfairly
- C Emotional only
- D Longer only

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4 **A writer who answers the strongest version of an opposing view, not a weak version, is arguing**



A Without evidence

B Emotionally only

C Dishonestly

D Fairly

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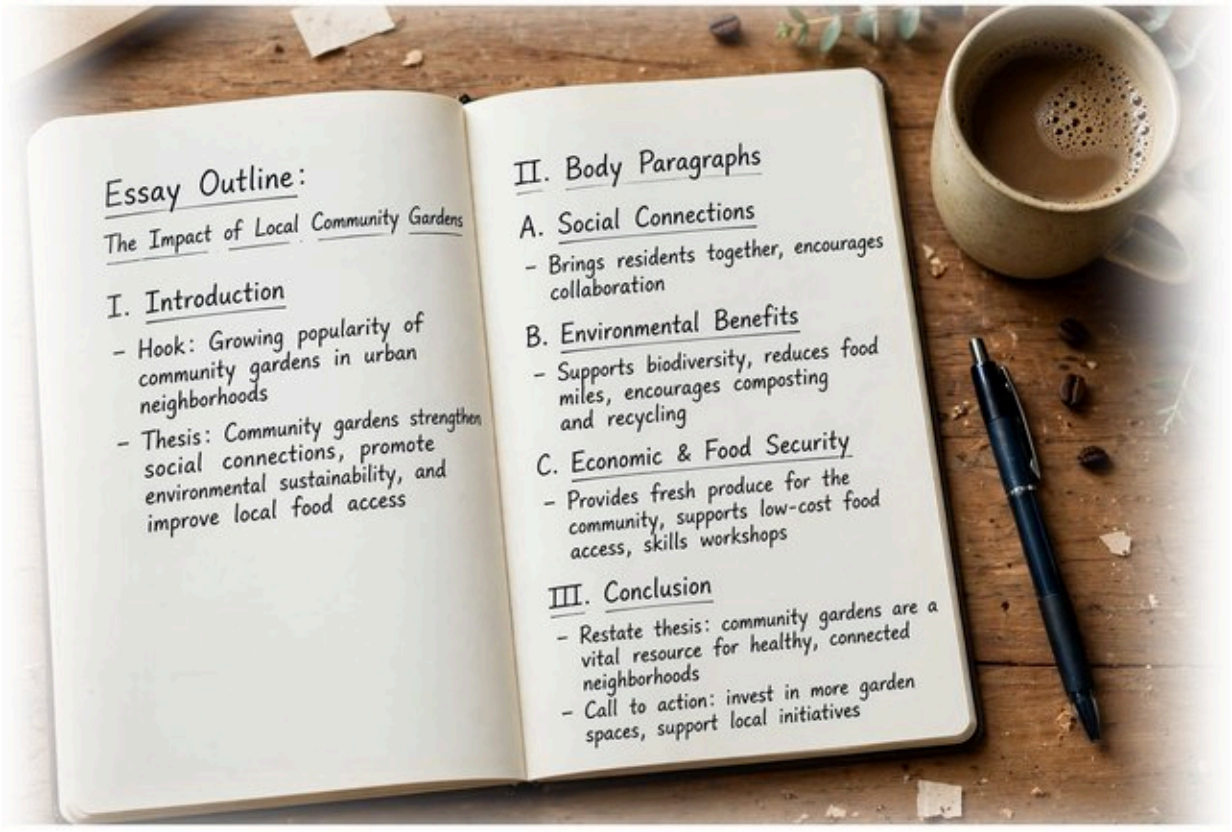
5 **The body paragraphs of an argument should each develop**



A. A new thesis

B. The title

C. One main reason with evidence

D. A list of jokes

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6 **A counterclaim paragraph placed before the conclusion mainly shows the writer has**

A Run out of ideas

B Forgotten the thesis

C Changed the topic

D Considered other views

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7 **An essay gives 3 reasons for a claim and 2 reasons against it How many reasons in total are given**

ANSWER _____

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8 **A writer lists 4 pieces of evidence, then adds 3 more How many pieces of evidence in total**

ANSWER _____

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9 **An essay has 5 paragraphs with 1 counterclaim paragraph How many paragraphs are not the counterclaim**

ANSWER

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10 **A debate team prepares 2 claims and 2 rebuttals How many argument parts in total**

ANSWER

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. B
3. B
4. D
5. C
6. D
7. 5
8. 7
9. 4
10. 4

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