



# CONCLUSION



GENERAL PAPER

## What is a CONCLUSION?

- A conclusion is a **short paragraph** that aims to provide a **well-rounded END** to your essay.

Ways to start a conclusion:

- “In conclusion”, “All in all”, “In a nutshell”, “In sum”

## What you SHOULD include in your conclusion

1. Simple reiteration of your main points.
2. Proper justification of your stand.
3. A call-to-action/resolution to your essay.

# REITERATION OF YOUR MAIN POINTS

Reiteration of points = State your points in brief

- You do not want to ramble on about the points that you had already explained earlier in your body paragraphs,
- Take this as an opportunity to make it clear to the marker what your points are and how they were segregated (*which were the arguments and which were the counter-arguments*).
- Take 1-2 lines to re-state your points. REMEMBER you are NOT explaining them, just stating!

E.g. “All in all, awards and prizes continue to serve a very useful purpose in today’s society by providing many with an opportunity to be recognised for their commendable efforts, as well as serve as provide a boost of confidence in empowering people and building strong characters.”

# JUSTIFICATION OF YOUR STAND

- In order for you to be able to justify your stand, there has to be an underlying reason/criteria that comes paired with it.
  - E.g. Since benefits > drawbacks and with this issue being inherent in society → Justified stand.
- Use your conclusion as an opportunity to bring across why your stand is justified

Reasons for a stand to be **justified**:

- Benefits > Drawbacks
- Feasibility
- Long-Term implications
- Root Cause

E.g. *“However, it can be impractical in some context, such as in the area of adulthood, as well as may act as a double-edged sword when abused or over-emphasised.”*

# CALL-TO-ACTION/RESOLUTION

- A nice way to end off your essay would be to have a strong resolution.

## Various ways to end:

- Call-to-action
- Long-Term effects/outlook
- Link the issue of the question to society today

E.g. “Moving forward, there is a need to stigmatise awards as an ‘added bonus’ for an achievement, while the lessons learnt from going through the process should remain as the primary focus.”

## Sample Conclusion

*All in all, awards and prizes continue to serve a very useful purpose in today's society by providing many with an opportunity to be recognised for their commendable efforts, as well as serve as provide a boost of confidence in empowering people and building strong characters. However, it can be impractical in some context, such as in the area of adulthood, as well as may act as a double-edged sword when abused or over-emphasised.*

Moving forward, there is a need to stigmatise awards as an 'added bonus' for an achievement, while the lessons learnt from going through the process should remain as the primary focus.



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