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NOA - Essay - Final Mock

GENERAL FEEDBACK FOR ESSAYS

Content (40%)

Your interpretation should be in depth, comprehensive and academic. Always address the asked part. It should be evident in your outline, which should be self-explanatory in nature. Essays/Outlines that give related information without addressing the asked part do not qualify. The whole essay should be relevant. Even if 1-2 arguments are irrelevant the essay will not pass. Distribution of topic should be according to the demand of the topic statement i.e. if there is one scoring point it should be given more weight, if there are 2 or more scoring points all should be given equal weight. All claims made in the essay must be substantiated. Out of 15-17 arguments at least 9-10 should be academically backed with proper references. The rest should be backed by either case studies or generally known information. Evidence must be authentic and come from proper and authentic academic sources. Newspapers do not qualify as an academic source. Illustrations and vague mentions of events do not qualify as academic evidence. Essays that are lacking in evidence do not qualify.

LANGUAGE (25%)

Focus on enhancing your grammar as any essay with 4-5 grammatical mistakes does not pass. Your essay must be in the tone and tense of the topic statements. Essays that fail to comply do not pass. Your sentence structure should be simple, yet clear and diversified. Vocabulary used should be simple, clear and concise. Expression should always be formal and academic. You are never to write in 1st and 2nd person pronouns. You must always use the given keywords and your topic for your thesis statements and main headings in your outline.

STRUCTURE (20%)

Your essay must follow the selected pattern and that structure should be maintained throughout.

INTRODUCTION: The introduction is the longest paragraph of the essay, at least 200 words. It should start with a hook, must give the glimpse of what's to come and must have a thesis statement. Besides hook, your introduction should not have any sort of information and reference. Avoid definitions in introduction.

BODY PARAGRAPHS: Approximately 150 words at most and all the body paragraphs must be consistent in length. Should follow the proper structure of an academic paragraph i.e. it must have a topic sentence, supporting point, evidence and concluding sentence. The topic sentence and concluding sentence must align with each other. There should be no new information in the concluding sentence. One paragraph represents one subheading in the outline and consists of one idea.

CONCLUSION: Must start with the concluding phrase. There should be no new information in the conclusion. It should recap the arguments. Conclusion does not have any examples and information. If you are ending it on a hopeful note, remember that solutions and hope are not the same.

COHERENCE (15%)

There should be connectivity and flow between the paragraphs. Use proper connectors for this purpose not firstly, secondly, thirdly and so on. The sequencing of paragraphs must be logical. The essay must align with the outline in sequence, idea, and content. If not it will be deemed incoherent. Unity of idea must be maintained within the paragraph, otherwise it will be considered incoherent.

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Question 5

Foreign aid : Road to stability or recipe for disaster

1. Introduction

Thesis statement

Foreign aid is a stability

Thesis statement should be interpreting the topic. Not just repeating it..

2. Situational criticisms on

foreign aid:

You are given the counter stance i.e. recipe for disaster. Choose that for your counter argument.

A. Dependency Syndrome for developing countries

B. Strings attached with foreign aid

Breakdown foreign aid

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c. Delays structural changes

▷ Living beyonds means mentality encouraged

3. Why foreign aid is a road to stability:

A. Foreign aid does not have to be paid back

That does not prove that it is a road to stability.

B. Relief in the event of natural disaster

Again you are simply mentioning positives of foreign aid, not how it leads to stability.

c. Reduces poverty levels in developing countries

▷ Financial aid helps in upliftment of marginalized minorities

E. Gender inequality is reduced through foreign aid

F. Developing countries upgrade their infrastructure with foreign aid.

G. Education provided in backward areas through these funds

H. Digitalisation of communities by giving them digital services as aid

I. Child-stunting is reduced through staples and edible items given as foreign aid.

J. Climate adaptation is improving by giving people foreign aid ^{stability}

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K. Rehabilitation of refugees

Stability?

L. Reconstruction of war-torn areas

M. Renewable energy push through foreign aid - environmental sustainability

4. Conclusion

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Don't start the introduction with a definition

Foreign aid is the financial and non-financial help given by rich countries to poor countries. This has created a debate whether foreign aid does more harm than good. Those who support this claim argue that foreign aid is a trap. The poor - developing - countries become addicted to it and seek foreign aid to solve domestic issues. This claim is irrational as developing countries lack the early resources to push start their growth. They are marred with socio-economic issues and the foreign aid given helps them deal with these. Foreign aid, therefore, is a path to stability

No overview of essay, no glimpse of arguments.

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Short introduction. Should be around 200 words at least.

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given the socio-economic benefits it creates and not a recipe for disaster.

There are some critics who are highly opposed to foreign aid. their argument is that foreign aid delays the onset of a disaster.

Directly address the argument in the topic sentence.

countries rather than ensuring self-dependency and pursuing the needed changes - privatisation, de-regulation of markets, tax reforms - rely on foreign aid. These

Your argument is centered on countries not on how aid leads to dependency.

countries continue to live beyond their means and create perpetual fiscal deficits. Those

No argumentation
No evidence.

developed countries that give loans do so to fulfill their strategic objectives, and these goals come with strings attached.

Where are paragraph 2 B,C and D???

These arguments are based on myopic views and fail to see the vast benefits that are

That's not what's asked. You are not asked if it is beneficial, you are asked whether it leads to stability.

created by foreign aid first and foremost, foreign aid does not have to be paid back and reduces the need to take additional debt.

In the absence of foreign aid most of these

developing countries lack the financial

resources to manage most of their affairs

go to financial institutions such as IMF and World Bank.

These financial institutions create a debt trap.

John Perkins in his book 'The Economic Hitman'

highlighted that the director of IMF

knowingly gave loans to country who could not give them back to start a debt cycle.

In comparison, foreign aid does not

have to be paid back as given in the form of gift.

Another benefit is foreign aid gives relief is the event of

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No explanation of how lack of repayment results in stability

Why are you discussing loan based evidence when the argument is about aid?

That's why

not asked

a natural disaster. When countries are struck with a natural calamity the entire system comes at a halt. In this scenario, the foreign countries that give aid, such as tents, food and medical kits, helps in getting some temporary relief to the victims.

In Turkey's recent earthquakes President Erdogan admitted that foreign aid helped the country cope with the disaster. The loss of life is prevented when timely help arrives in the form of foreign aid. In its absence the disaster struck people would be left under the night sky.

How does that relate to road to stability aspect???

Further, foreign aid helps reduce poverty. The aid given to countries, at times, is used to provide in-kind transfer such as edible items.

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This makes a significant portion of the household expenditure in developing countries.

The easing of this food expenditure gives them space to spend money on other essential items - health, Education and leisure. In Pakistan,

What you are discussing does not relate to the question asked.

40% of people live below poverty line World Bank 2024 report. In these

countries where people earn less than \$2 a day, foreign aid gives much needed relief.

Social objectives of helping marginalized minorities is also done with foreign aid. There are some groups in society that are discriminated against based on ethnic background.

Stability

If you make outline in form of phrase you need to completely connect it to the topic in the sentence in paragraph. How does that relate to stability?

In developing countries, foreign aid is given by developed countries to address their needs. This helps in building spaces for them.

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For instance, ~~USAID~~ ~~around~~ the globe helps provide relief to minorities.

This can be by giving the clothes, houses and solar panels. Many minorities lifestyle is significantly improved as a result.

Another social group that is helped with foreign aid is women.

Fall under minorities and marginalised.

In developing countries, the gender inequality is more stark compared to developed countries. Women are denied the basic everyday needs. They have to walk for miles to get water for their households.

When the household is struck with a financial calamity the education of the woman is compromised. The list can go on and on.

In these countries, foreign aid given by organisations such as UNIFEM helps

No explanation relevant to how foreign aid is a road to stability.

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Generic, you need to write a specific case study.

in reducing gender inequality. As all of the above problems are catered by these organisations with the help of aid from developed countries.

Tone

~~Moreover, developing countries upgrade their infrastructure with the help of foreign aid. In developing countries the infrastructure is out-dated as most of these countries lack financial resources.~~

Lack proper argumentation. You are again focused on what countries do not on how aid facilitates

~~When developed countries provide their aid, these countries use it to build roads in rural areas and electrification of villages. For instance, French aid allowed them to build roads in 200 villages. These funds help in upgrading the lifestyle of communities around the world.~~

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Additionally, foreign aid is used to provide education in developing countries.

The literacy rates in most of the undeveloped parts of the world are exceedingly low. In these places reading and writing are a rare quality. Many of these people cannot understand the daily news on various digital channels.

For instance, in Balochistan province of Pakistan the literacy rate is 52% Digital census 2023. This means almost half of

Unstructured paragraph.

the people cannot read or write. In these communities foreign

aid provides the funds to build schools and Universities.

USAID

has been used to provide education to many students of Balochistan. In other communities

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foreign aid is used similarly.

Furthermore, foreign aid helps in digitalisation of communities around the globe as well.

Many countries in the global South lack the means to connect with people in this wireless age. The aid given in these communities helps in providing them with digital devices, such as laptops, smartphones and tablets.

How?

As an example, Bill Gates and Melinda Foundation has provided digital devices to children in various parts of Africa to cater to their digital needs. Foreign aid creates much needed prosperity in these region and fills the digital gaps.

Name the foundation properly.

In many developing countries foreign aid is helping in reducing child-stunting. The developing countries, usually, have a high population growth rate. There are a lot of family members to feed. In these households the children do not get enough to grow fully in their early years and children growth is stunted. Most children never fully develop their brain. 60% of the children in Pakistan fail to develop their brain to full potential due to malnourishment according to a study by Food and Agriculture Organization. In these communities foreign aid is used to provide everyday staple items. The figures would be much worse if

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foreign aid was absent in such communities.

The climate adaptation is improved through foreign aid. In most of these countries of global South there is inability to adapt to the global challenges of climate change. The aid is used to bring them at a level where climate impact is minimized. In Maldives, the foreign aid has helped in providing up-to-date technologies that help them assess the weather condition and become more adaptable to climate change.

To add, foreign aid helps in relocation of refugees. In the current geo-political environment

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where conflicts around the world are increasing the foreign aid is used to rescue people. The European and USAID were used to rescue a lot of refugees from Syria and Afghanistan after war had imposed disastrous consequences on the people.

Rehabilit Reconstruction of a lot of areas done through the help of foreign aid that are war torn. In many areas around the world where war takes away the homes of the people and their is mass destruction the foreign aid is used to reconstruct these areas. For example, the Palestinian reconstruction of the Gaza is

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already speculated to be done with the help of foreign aid from wealthy middle-eastern countries

Environmental Sustainability is improving through foreign aid as well. The renewable energy push has increased in most of the developing parts of the world due to solar panels given. This has had the effect of reducing reliance on coals and natural gas for electrification. For example, solar panels given in rural communities reduce long term emissions by 22% as noted by UN Sustainability Development Goals report. Foreign aid is increasingly used to give sustainable solutions to communities that have positive environmental impact.

In conclusion, foreign aid is a pathway to stability. It has positive socio-economic benefits for the communities that are trying to sustain themselves. In the absence of foreign aid, all indicators in these communities either it is of education, health, poverty among others will deteriorate. The developed countries should not decrease but increase foreign aid to create more prosperity in the disadvantaged parts of the globe. As Robert Baden-Powell said, "We should leave the world a better place than we found it." Developed countries should have a similar approach when it comes to helping developing countries.

Not suitable.