

GRE写作

3.3 ISSUE 中间段

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Four Steps

1. Reason

normally, no more than two sentences

2. Explain the reason, if necessary

3. Example

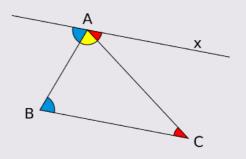
- facts

4. Explain the example

- opinions









最重要的段落 - 中间段

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Not all laws, however, violate human rights, so the decision to follow or oppose them is not black and white. In some cases a subjective sense of what is right might actually oppose a collective sense of what is right. [reason] For instance, I remember arguing with my parents while in 5th grade in school that, based on my antipathy towards school at the time, I had a right to freedom and should not be obliged to go to school. In fact, going to school is required by law in Germany, and I was arguing to break the law based on my own set of principles and rights. [example] Yet a sense of righteousness can be subjective, so it is sometimes reasonable to accept laws that benefit the whole of society as well as the individual - even if the individual is not willing to accept that as a universal truth. [explain the example] (147 words)



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Does the law defend justice?

No, it only maintains order. social order = greatest justice

← PUBLIC LAND →

Gotchya!

Fuff: ruff: ruff!

PIERSON

POST

Pierson v. Post (the fox case)



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- In Practicality
 Examples that shows your broad worldview are more likely to leave the examiner a good impression, especially when he's tired.



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I furthermore can't completely agree with the claim with respect to the statement that society should obey "just" laws. There are certainly circumstances in which a whole society's sense of right and wrong has been manipulated by years of propaganda. [reason] Consider the law passed in 1939 by Nazi Germany labeled the "Endlöesung", i.e., the final solution. That law deprived Jewish people of any human rights and set the scene for the holocaust. Through years of brainwashing, a large proportion of German society accepted that law and actually believed that Jews were an inferior race. [example] Therefore, depending on the circumstances and the manipulative powers of a regime, even laws that appear just to some are utterly appalling to humanity as a whole. Hence, the subjective nature of right or wrong does not only vary from person to person but is also subject to manipulation and deceit. For this reason I cannot agree with the claim completely. [explain the example] (155 words)



The Jewish Problem

- forcing them to emigrate
- deporting them to the ghettos and concentration camps
- the final solution: mass murdering



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什么是例子?

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- 2. Facts (education)
- 3. Hypothetical scenario

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Sample 4 - Paragraph 5

Finally, the education system of a country is designed to put all children on a level playing field. Though this is only an ideal, it is a noble ideal.

[reason] If the school curriculum becomes standardized, children who have highly educated parents, or more money to buy books outside of school, or more resources for tutors or private schools will immediately gain a foothold. [explain the reason] Poorer students from uneducated families in the current American school system are already at a disadvantage [example: fact description], but at least now there is hope through variety that something can reach out to them and inspire them. There is hope that they can find a class that interests them. If the curriculum becomes rigid and standardized, it is these disadvantaged students who fall through the cracks. [explain the example] (127 words)



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Sample 3 - Paragraph 2

This blanket statement would obviously pay dividends in situations in which a teacher desires to have students repeat particular behaviors. [reason] For example, if an educator is attempting to teach students proper classroom etiquette, it would be appropriate to openly praise a student who raises his or her hand when wishing to speak or address the class. [example: hypothetical] In such cases, the teacher may also help shape positive behaviors by ignoring a student who is trying to interject without approval from the teacher. In fact, the decision to ignore students who are exhibiting inappropriate behaviors of this type could work very well in this situation, as the stakes are not very high and the intended outcome can likely be achieved by such a method. However, it is important to note here that this tactic would only be effective in such a "low-stakes" situation, as when a student speaks without raising her hand first. As we will discuss below, ignoring a student who hits another student, or engages in more serious misbehaviors, would not be effective or prudent. [explain the example] (175 words)



中间段 - 实操中的变化

Variations in Practice

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- 2. Explain the reason
- 3. Example
- 4. Explain the example

1. You can explain the reason first.



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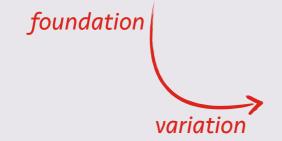
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- 3. You can use counterargument within a paragraph.



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- 1. You can explain the reason first.
- 2. You can integrate your example into your reasoning.
- 3. You can use counterargument within a paragraph.
- 4. You can use multiple examples.
- 5. You can explain your example as you describe it.
- 6. You can use more than two sentences describing examples.



如何利用范文?

How should we use sample responses?

1. 讲义: 5篇范文

2. 结构: 范文1

3. 思想: 其余范文

4. 还有没有更多范文?

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