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A. Choose the respectful reply

Choose A or B. You may disagree and still be respectful.

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1. Opinion: "School uniforms are useful." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

2. Opinion: "Recorded lessons help students." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

3. Opinion: "Exams should include speaking." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

4. Opinion: "Young people should volunteer." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

5. Opinion: "Cities should have safer cycle routes." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

6. Opinion: "Students need breaks between lessons." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

7. Opinion: "Schools should teach digital safety." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

8. Opinion: "Reading fiction is valuable." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

9. Opinion: "Workplaces should offer English practice." A: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view. B: Only an idiot would think that.

10. Opinion: "Local events bring communities together." A: Only an idiot would think that. B: That is a reasonable point, though I have a different view.

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B. Connect your ideas

Choose the word that fits the stated relationship.

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11. I support uniforms ___ they can reduce clothing costs. (reason: because / although)

12. Recordings are useful. ___, they cannot answer questions live. (contrast: However / Therefore)

13. ___ my opinion, speaking practice should be regular. (In / On)

14. I agree ___ you about the need for breaks. (with / at)

15. ___ the plan has benefits, it may be expensive. (Although / Because)

16. The route is safer; ___, more people may cycle. (result: therefore / however)

17. A benefit ___ volunteering is meeting people. (of / at)

18. ___ instance, students can help at a local event. (For / On)

19. I would argue ___ digital safety deserves more attention. (that / which)

20. Taking everything ___ account, I support the proposal. (into / onto)

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C. Soften a strong opinion

Rewrite with "In my view" or "I would argue that".

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21. Rewrite politely: School uniforms are useful.

22. Rewrite politely: Recorded lessons help students.

23. Rewrite politely: Exams should include speaking.

24. Rewrite politely: Young people should volunteer.

25. Rewrite politely: Cities should have safer cycle routes.

26. Rewrite politely: Students need breaks between lessons.

27. Rewrite politely: Schools should teach digital safety.

28. Rewrite politely: Reading fiction is valuable.

29. Rewrite politely: Workplaces should offer English practice.

30. Rewrite politely: Local events bring communities together.

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D. Add a supporting reason

Write an opinion and one relevant reason. Use your own ideas.

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31. Respond to this topic: School uniforms are useful.

32. Respond to this topic: Recorded lessons help students.

33. Respond to this topic: Exams should include speaking.

34. Respond to this topic: Young people should volunteer.

35. Respond to this topic: Cities should have safer cycle routes.

36. Respond to this topic: Students need breaks between lessons.

37. Respond to this topic: Schools should teach digital safety.

38. Respond to this topic: Reading fiction is valuable.

39. Respond to this topic: Workplaces should offer English practice.

40. Respond to this topic: Local events bring communities together.

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E. Acknowledge another view

Write two sentences: acknowledge a view, then give your own.

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41. Discuss: School uniforms are useful.

42. Discuss: Recorded lessons help students.

43. Discuss: Exams should include speaking.

44. Discuss: Young people should volunteer.

45. Discuss: Cities should have safer cycle routes.

46. Discuss: Students need breaks between lessons.

47. Discuss: Schools should teach digital safety.

48. Discuss: Reading fiction is valuable.

49. Discuss: Workplaces should offer English practice.

50. Discuss: Local events bring communities together.

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