Use your English

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Plan before you begin

Check the audience, purpose and required length. Organise your ideas, write or speak, then check meaning and accuracy.
Example: A clear paragraph has one main idea with useful supporting detail.
Complete both activities. Plan your ideas first. Use your own details when requested. Continue on another sheet if needed.
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Try it yourself

1. Write an essay of 140-190 words: "Schools should teach pupils to use phones responsibly instead of banning them." Discuss learning, communication and one idea of your own.

2. Write a 30-40 word self-check explaining whether your essay includes a clear position and addresses all three points.

A reason is stronger with an example

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Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.
Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.
Read this new situation carefully. Use only the stated facts for the first answer. Then improve the sentence and apply the idea to a new situation. Check meaning, punctuation and the reader's needs.
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A school is discussing phone use during lessons. One pupil argues that phones should always be allowed because technology is useful. Another argues that phones should never be allowed because messages distract learners. The discussion becomes more helpful when pupils identify a specific learning task, consider possible distractions and propose conditions that a teacher could check in practice.
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Try it yourself

1. What weakness do the two absolute arguments share?

2. Improve this sentence: Although phones can be useful, however they always improve every lesson.

3. Write a developed essay paragraph explaining one possible benefit of controlled phone use. Give an example and a reasonable condition or limitation; do not simply list advantages.