

## ESSAY OUTLINE FORMAT

Here's an example of one way to structure an outline so that you can use it directly for writing your essay.

### TENTATIVE OUTLINE FOR ESSAY AGAINST SMOKING IN PUBLIC

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

**TOPIC SENTENCE: Smoking in public is a behaviour that we, as a society, ought to refuse to tolerate.**

- i. experiences?
- ii. **smokers opinions:** will disagree.  
(*explain why*)
- iii. reasons (2, 3, 4)

#### 2. SMOKING IS RUDE

**TOPIC SENTENCE: Although many people don't realize it, smoking in public is actually a very rude behaviour.**

- i. other people don't like the **smell**, or get **sick** from smoke
- ii. smoke **spreads out**/affects others, especially in cases of
  - (a) asthma
  - (b) emphysema
  - (c) pregnancy
  - (d) (?)
- iii. **inconsiderate** behaviour

#### 3. SMOKING IS UNHEALTHY

**TOPIC SENTENCE: Smoking is very unhealthy, not only for the smoker, but also for others in the area.**

- i. it's unhealthy **for the smoker...**
  - (a) cancer
  - (b) heart disease
  - (c) heart attack
  - (d) stroke
- ii. smoker has **freedom of choice**, but who pays for **medical insurance**?
- iii. **second-hand smoke** – unhealthy for **others**
- iv. non-smokers **don't have freedom of choice**

#### 4. SMOKING IS STUPID

**TOPIC SENTENCE: Smoking is downright stupid behaviour, and we shouldn't treat it any differently from how we treat other stupid, self-destructive behaviours.**

- i. smoking = **cancer**. not like 1950: **everyone knows** this now.
- ii. if you drink poison, knowing it will kill you = **stupid**. why not cigarettes?
- iii. do we tolerate other stupid, **self-destructive** behaviour in **public**? (examples = NO)
- iv. **we shouldn't tolerate smoking.**

#### 5. CONCLUSION

**TOPIC SENTENCE: Because smoking in public is not only rude, but unhealthy and stupid, there is no reason we ought to tolerate it as a society.**

- i. ban?
- ii. insurance refusal?
- iii. public mockery / rejection
- iv. other?