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Learning Activity Sheet

Argumentative Essay's Thesis Statement and Claims

I. Write one example of claims for each of the topics given.

1. Claims of fact – TV programs

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2. Claims of value – Cosmetic surgery

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3. Claims of policy – Use of National ID

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II. Read the short essay. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Clothing's Impact on Our Personality and People's Perceptions

Are you aware that the way you dress may have an impact on how people around perceive you and even treat you?

Clothes have an effect on people; how one wears them and how he/she looks with those clothes on also affect the perception of other people about that person. A beautiful dress or an elegant suit can make you feel more confident and sophisticated. Fashion, like the nonverbal language, is one of the most powerful means of communication. In employment, clothes may play a vital role in the life of a person especially in getting the desired job. So, fashion may not only carry a message; it can also create a "pseudo-message" that is required by a situation the person finds himself/herself in.

How can this be proved? Try analyzing the people's reaction in the street on how they look at other people wearing different types of clothing. The preference is always given to people dressed in "business style" because this style may reflect dignity and seriousness in everything. We do not wonder why companies make wearing a suit one of their requirements for their employees. The customers feel more confident with such a "consultant-type of look." Fashion serves as a keen but subtle tool of the human mind's manipulation and communicating positive messages we want to convey.

Shouldn't we give attention to the clothes we wear to produce the results we want on people's attitude and approach to us, and in return, result to what we aspire for in life?

1. What is the introduction of the essay? How was it written?

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2. What is the conclusion of the essay? How is it framed?

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3. What is the argument of the writer?

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4. How did the writer develop his/her argument?

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5. How does one's clothes affect people's perception of a person?

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