**ARGUMENT**: Advantages and Disadvantages

If the aim of your essay is to give a rough idea the advantages and disadvantages of something, you are *not expected to express your own opinion by using personal words or expressions.* Start by making a *general statement* and then *divide the advantages and disadvantages into two separate paragraphs*.

An opinion can be expressed in a non-emotional way. e.g*. it seems that … it can be seen that …*

**Read the following essay and complete this worksheet.**

**1. Underline the thesis statement. In the margin, note the order of the thesis.**

**2. Double underline each transition and add punctuation where needed.**

**3. Single underline the Topic Sentence of each paragraph.**

**4. Circle each SC (subordinating conjunction) and add punctuation where needed.**

**5. Correct Run-On errors.**

**6. Correct Comma Splice errors.**

Importance of Tourists and Tourism

According to the website World Atlas**,** Thailand and France are both in the top ten of most visited countries in the world. Countries like Costa Rica and states like Hawaii have beautiful beaches**,** so they attract many tourists. However**,** is this tourism a benefit or are the negative effects too great? Firstly**,** tourism should be considered in relation to a country’s economy. Secondly**,** it can be seen in terms of its effect on the countryside and environment. Thirdly**,** the influence of the tourist industry on culture must be taken into account.

The economy of a country often benefits as a result of tourism**;** foreign visitors come and spend their money, and this creates jobs for those who run hotels and restaurants. However**,** there are also certain drawbacks. Whereasthe people directly involved in the industry may benefit**,** others may find that they are worse off**.** **T**his is becausethe cost of living goes up and goods become more expensive since tourists are prepared to pay more for them.

As far asthe effect on the environment is concerned**,** tourism is often a bad thing. Whileit is true to say that development results in better roads being built and improvements for poorer areas**,** it is sometimes alsovery harmful. In some countries**,** huge hotels and skyscrapers have ruined areas of unspoiled beauty.

The cultural influence of tourism is difficult to measure**;** in some countries**,** foreign influence can destroy the local way of life. On the other hand**,** countries which do not encourage tourism may miss the benefits that foreign technology and investment can bring.

In conclusion**,** it can be seen that tourism has both advantages and disadvantages**.** **I**f it is controlled properly**,** it can be good for a country**,** but there will always be a danger that it may do a great deal of harm. *(270 words)*

*Drawback:* disadvantage *Run:* manage, operate, administrate

**Create a formal outline or bubble outline for this essay:**

**Make a list of each found in the essay:**

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| **Transitions (Conjunctive Adverbials)**  Firstly**,**  Secondly**,**  Thirdly**,**  However**,**  On the other hand**,**  In conclusion**,** | **SC words (subordinating conjunctions)**  Whereas  As (far as)  While  If |