Essay Titles

1. ‘A good book is the best of friends, the same today as for ever’. Use this as the basis for a newspaper report intended to introduce the readers to the advertising campaign of a small bookshop you have been working for.

2. “Persons who drink and drive should be barred from driving for a minimum number of years.” Discuss.

3. A Heatwave

4. Alternative sources of energy for Malta.

5. As student representative, you have just attended a School Committee meeting where the possibility of raising money by renting out the school gym was discussed. Write a summary of the arguments in favour and against renting out the gym, and the final decision reached by the Committee.

6. Does watching television influence children’s developing view of the world?

7. Having just witnessed what could have been a very serious accident in your locality, you decide that the council simply has to act. Write a letter to the local council describing the accident that almost took place and urging them to take action about the lighting and the traffic signs in this spot.

8. Homelessness.

9. Illegal immigrants

10. Is mobile telephony changing the way we communicate?

11. “Mobile telephony is a contemporary form of slavery.” Discuss.

12. Narrate a frightening experience concluding with the following sentence: “We were indeed lucky that James had borrowed uncle’s mobile phone.”

13. Newspaper Cartoons are an effective means of caricature and portrayal of political problems. Discuss.
14. Nuclear Energy now and in the future.

15. Science and ethics.


17. Solar energy as an alternative source of power.

18. The advantages and disadvantages of alternative medicine.

19. To what extent can it be said that: ‘Practice makes perfect’?

20. An unfulfilled desire.

21. Together with a team made up of four of your peers, you are competing in an extracurricular competition organised for sixth forms. Write a report to present to the adjudicating body describing the aims of the task undertaken by your team and the outcome of your endeavour.

22. Together with reading, writing and arithmetic, computer literacy has become one of the hallmarks of an educated person. Discuss.

23. An important archaeological site has been vandalized. The newspaper you work for has asked you to cover this incident and to highlight the lack of security at the site. Write the report.

24. Waste management

25. What do you think will be some of the effects of our ageing population on society?

26. Women and work.

27. Write a description of your dream car.

28. Write a letter in answer to an advertisement calling for applications for a job at the leisure centre in a neighbouring town.
29. Write a report to the local Council suggesting practical ways of improving security in an outlying area in your district.

30. Write a review of a dance production/play/concert you attended recently.

31. Write a short article in your local paper suggesting ways of dealing with environmental problems in your town or village.

32. Write a short story ending with the words: ‘Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes’.

33. Write a story ending with the words: “Actions speak louder than words.”

34. Write a story ending with the words: “Every man has his price.”

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37. Write a story ending with the words: “I realized then that his bark was a great deal worse than his bite.”

38. Write a story ending with the words: “There’s none so deaf as those who won’t hear.”

39. Write a story ending with the words: “We had made it on a wing and a prayer.”

40. Write a story ending with the words: “Absence, I found, does not always make the heart grow fonder”

41. Write an article for a tourist magazine in which you describe your favourite, out-of-the-way, outdoor spot in Malta.

42. You are a journalist investigating poverty in your area. Write a report about your
findings.

43. You are a journalist with a local cultural magazine. You have been asked to cover the final round of a song contest. Write your report about the event.

44. You are a journalist with a local newspaper. You have been asked to cover a charity event. Write your report on the preparations leading up to this event, the actual event, and its outcome.

45. You are a trained professional and have just been offered a job abroad. Write a letter to your prospective employer/s in which you ask for clarification on details such as a relocation allowance, health insurance, housing in the area, etc.

46. You are chairing a committee set up to raise funds for earthquake victims in Turkey. At the first meeting several ideas about raising money have been put forward. Write a summary of the ideas suggested and the decisions made by the committee to circulate among the members.

47. You are the advertising manager of a small company set up within the context of the Young Enterprise Malta scheme. Write to a major corporation describing your project and requesting funding.

48. You are the privileged reporter chosen to participate in the first expedition of non-scientists to Mars. After a long journey you have reached your destination. Narrate what happens in the first half-hour on the planet.

49. You have recently moved into a new house. Write a detailed description of your new home, comparing it to your previous one.

50. You were out celebrating your mother’s birthday at a well-established restaurant when your mother found an insect floating in her soup. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of the establishment.

51. You were recently asked to represent your school at a seminar on “The threat of the internet to the more traditional media such as newspapers, radio and television”. Write your report on the seminar.

52. You were sunbathing on the beach when you noticed a crowd gathering at the edge of the water. When you approached the crowd you realised that….. Recount what happened.

53. Your Australian cousin may be coming to continue her education in Malta. Write her
a letter describing the teaching in your school and the examinations she would take at the completion of sixth form.

54. Your company is preparing publicity material for a new computer. Write a description of this computer to maximise sales.

55. Your English cousin will visit your family this summer, when you normally go camping. Despite restricted space, you would like your cousin to agree to come camping. Write him/her a letter to describe your living arrangements at the camping site so he/she will be persuaded to come.

56. Your friend lives in a remote rural spot in Britain. He/She is coming for a visit and would like to know what he/she could do during his/her month’s vacation. Write him/her a letter to explain how you and your friends spend your time here.

57. Your parents have gone to the US for six weeks and left you in charge of the house and pets. A favourite cat has become ill and you have had to have it put down. Write to your parents to tell them what has happened to the cat and explaining your decision to have it put to sleep.

58. Your friend from Italy is very keen on continuing his/her education here. His/her English language skills, however, are not yet up to the required standard. Write a tactful email to him/her in which you describe your learning experiences in such a way that it will be clear to your friend that he/she will be at a disadvantage.

59. Your school council is designing a visitors’ guidebook to your school. Describe the layout of your school in a piece meant to be included in this guidebook.

60. Your school has been involved in a twinning project with another school abroad aimed at improving understanding and appreciation of the local environment. Write a report to send to the school you are twinned with on work relating to the project which has been carried out by your school during the past year.

61. Your school is preparing publicity material for a student exchange programme. Write a description of your college that would inform prospective visitors of the amenities it offers.

62. The management of the gym of which you are a member asked you to prepare publicity material which will feature in a local magazine. Write a description of the amenities and the equipment available in the gym for the publication.