DIRECTED DISCURSIVE/ ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Choose ONE of the following titles and write between 450 and 500 words about it.

Important:
1. The aim of this task is to make you aware of the importance of text organization and the logical development of ideas in writing.
2. Start your essay with the Introduction given.
3. Write four Body paragraphs, each starting with the given linking word or phrase, in the sequence indicated.
4. Start the Conclusion with one of the words or phrases suggested.

Essay 1: FOR AND AGAINST Essay:
Euthanasia - right or wrong?

Introduction:
Euthanasia, or mercy-killing, has been legalized in a number of countries throughout the world. It involves terminating a patient’s life, generally at the patient’s own request, to relieve pain and suffering which have become intolerable. The procedure is expected to be done under strict medical supervision. However, euthanasia is not accepted by all, especially on religious and moral grounds.

Body:
(1) On the one hand, ...
(2) Moreover, ...
(3) On the other hand, ...
(4) Not only that, but ... also ...

Conclusion:
[Choose one] Ultimately, ... / All in all, ... / On balance, ...
Essay 2: OPINION Essay:
‘Violent man is born, not made’. Do you agree?

Introduction:
Violence, whatever form it takes, is generally condemned, but efforts to keep it in check, by governments or other institutions, are not always successful. This has led experts to question whether violence is an innate or acquired quality in man. In fact, while some researchers state that one’s tendency to be violent is impossible to overcome, others claim that tackling the external factors that cause violence could actually prevent it happening. To my mind, violent man is more likely to be [born rather than made/ made rather than born].

[Choose one of the options in italics and develop your essay accordingly.]

Body:
(1) To begin with, I feel that ...
(2) Furthermore, ...
(3) What is more ...
(4) On the other hand, some may argue that ...

Conclusion:
[Choose one] By and large, ... / On the whole, ... / To sum up, ...

Essay 3: PROBLEM / SOLUTION Essay:
The problem of bullying in schools

Introduction:
Bullying in schools has probably been around since schools were first established because there have always been those who exercise power over others, even among schoolchildren. The causes and effects of bullying are various, as are the modes of expressing it, and being aware of them and their implications is important if we are to come up with solutions to the problem.

Body:
(1) Perhaps the most crucial aspect of bullying is ...
(2) (An)other bullying issue(s) ...
(3) One way to deal with the problem of ...
(4) (An)other possible measure(s) ...

Conclusion:
[Choose one] To sum up, ... / In short, ... / In conclusion, ...