

## Sample A – An essay on education

Education is an effort of the senior people to transfer their knowledge to the younger members of society. It is thus an institution, which plays a vital role in integrating an individual with his society and in maintaining the perpetuation of culture. Emile Durkheim defines education as “the influence exercised by the adult generation upon those who are not yet ready for adult life”. He further maintains that “society can survive only if there exists among its members a sufficient degree of homogeneity. The homogeneity is perpetuated and reinforced by education. A child through education learns basic rules, regulations, norms and values of society”. Education thus is an essential prerequisite of modernization. It enables people to know the world beyond their own surroundings and transforms them to become rationalist and humanist in outlook and world view. However, it has to be kept in mind that the education has got modernized and in turn is contributing to the process of modernization of the Indian society.

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### Report:

The introductory paragraph fails to do what an introduction should - clearly identify what the essay is about. An introduction should inform the reader of the topic and the core arguments. In fact, most academics write the introduction last after they have finalised the essay's main ideas and identified the conclusions. Apart from the fact that the essay is about education, it is difficult to identify what the essay aims to achieve, so you need to add some sentences which can do this.

Please remember:

- Always include in-text citations for any quotes used. These quotes also need to be cited in your bibliography or reference list.
- If you use new or complex terms, you need to explain them either in the following sentence or in a footnote or endnote.
- If you make large claims you need to have proof. Find sources that support your argument as an examiner cannot just assume your claims are true just because you said so.

**Commented [U1]:** Poor word choice. Rephrase e.g. Education is a means through which older generations...

**Commented [U2]:** Qualify the reference e.g. Emile Durkheim, a reputed sociologist etc. We need to know who he is and why we should value his opinion.

**Commented [U3]:** Always put the source of a quote e.g. (Durkheim, 1902)

**Commented [U4]:** This phrase is oddly worded... rephrase "Through education a child learns..."

**Commented [U5]:** Source of quote is not cited.

**Commented [U6]:** Short sentence that doesn't say much. Insert a comma and combine it with the following sentence to make it more substantial.

**Commented [U7]:** You make big claims but do not expand on them. Follow up by inserting a sentence that explains what rationalist and humanist mean in this context.

**Commented [U8]:** How so? Clarify this phrase by saying how it has become modernised.

**Commented [U9]:** To make a claim such as this you need to provide proof of the link between the two. You need to insert a reference that supports your claim.