

South Australia Police Entrance Exam - Written Expression

Written Expression Process/Template

Step 1 - Take a position or side

Step 2 - Extract 1-3 points in the question/statement to address

Step 3 - Create an idea or ideas around each point

Step 4 - Write 1 to 3 sentences around each idea. Remember to include an opening and conclusion

Example: Question: Police presence at major entertainment and sporting events is important to ensure community safety.

Step 1 - Agree

Step 2 - Extract 1-3 points

Point 1 - *Community safety* (there's really no other points in this statement)

Step 3 - Create an idea around these/this point/s

Idea 1 - visible police presence influences behaviour

Idea 2 - police presence improves response times (anti-social behaviour, criminal activity, medical or other emergencies, lost child etc)

Idea 3 - community interaction (chatting with fans, taking photos, kicking the footy etc)

Step 4 - Write 1 to 3 sentences around each idea

(Be sure to include an opening and conclusion)

Russell's Written Expression Example

Opening --- I agree that the presence of police at major entertainment and sporting events is important to ensure community safety. There are a number of reasons why I agree with this statement.

Idea 1a --- The mere presence of police officers at such events influences people's behaviour. In a similar way to how a driver of a motor vehicle might check their speed if a police car appears in their rear vision mirror, attendees at events might think twice about behaving in an aggressive or anti-social manner if there is a highly visible police presence.

Idea 2a---At events where large numbers of people gather it's almost inevitable that some will behave poorly. Anti-social behaviour including inappropriate language, aggression, property damage, violence or intoxication can be dealt with far more promptly if police are already present at the event.

Idea 2b---Other incidents requiring a police response, such as emergencies like a fire, a lost child or an urgent medical situation can be responded to quickly when police are already in attendance.

Idea 2c---If a criminal matter, such as a theft or an assault was to occur at a major entertainment or sporting event, having a police presence would mean these crimes could be dealt with more efficiently.

Idea 3a---Having police present at public events allows for police and community interaction. Any time police and the public can interact in a positive way in this type of environment it strengthens relationships and trust, both of which improves community safety in my opinion.

Conclusion---I believe police officers should be in attendance at all public events where large numbers of people are gathered. There is no question in my mind that community safety is enhanced by having a police presence at large gatherings such as major entertainment and sporting events.

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Opening --- What is your opening statement, agree or disagree?

Idea 1a ---Write your sentence here to express your idea.

Idea 1b ---Write your sentence here to express your idea. *(If required)*

Idea 1c ---Write your sentence here to express your idea. *(If required)*

Idea 2a ---Write your sentence here to express your idea.

Idea 2b ---Write your sentence here to express your idea. *(If required)*

Idea 2c ---Write your sentence here to express your idea. *(If required)*

Idea 3a ---Write your sentence here to express your idea.

Idea 3b ---Write your sentence here to express your idea. *(If required)*

Idea 3c ---Write your sentence here to express your idea. *(If required)*

Conclusion---What is your conclusion that re-enforces your opening statement?