

Discursive Essay Samples

Sample 1:

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this task.

last week you followed your dad to his co-worker's wedding. At the wedding function, you heard your dad's friend make the following statement:

"Money is the root of all evil"

Write an essay expressing your opinion on the statement. Write **at least 250 words**.

Hook Different views Thesis Statement	Introduction Money seems to have a strange power over human beings. Today, it is almost impossible for us to live without money. However, there are two different attitudes related to money. Some people argue 'money is the root of all evil', while other people believe otherwise. Money has become a factor for humans to lose their morality and to indulge in financial malefaction. However, it is also the key to happiness in one's life.
Topic Sentence (a) Elaboration Paragraph conclusion	Body: 1st Point To begin with, one of the strongest arguments that 'money is the root of all evil' is that money has become a factor for humans to lose their morality. Money has presented man with great temptations. Although money is necessary in people's lives. Some believe it provides a path to greed, sloth, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and pride. Money also sows mistrust. It ends friendships. Experiments have found that money encourages people to lie and to cheat. Even people who were morally right have succumbed to obsession for money and have transformed themselves to commit many wrongdoings. Given the reaction, people are convinced money has the ability to weaken even the firmest ethical backbones.
Topic Sentence (b) Elaboration Paragraph conclusion	Body: 2nd Point Furthermore, money has led some people to indulge in financial malefaction just to stay in power. The quest for money by covetous leaders has led them to the breaking of moral and legal codes. Some world leaders have been featured in media headlines not for their heroic act, accomplishment but for robbing their nations and siphoning their ill-gotten gain in safe haven. Some created

	economic warfare and global financial crises to stay in control over the poor nations. In the process they destroyed the nations and displaced millions to an extent where many civilians lost their lives due to poverty or civil war. On this basis, people agree that 'money is the root of all evil'.
Topic Sentence (c) Elaboration Paragraph conclusion	Body: 3rd Point On the flip side, money is not considered evil but a contributing factor to happiness. Studies show that people become happy when they have money for survival, especially to afford necessities such as good healthcare and decent education for children. Research shows that money is a tool to motivate people to achieve major milestones in their lives, which can make them happier in the long run. According to a survey done by psychology students, 83% of respondents said that they are happy when they have money because they could help others who are in need to become happy too. Thus, no one can dispute that money, when it is in the hands of the rich and the poor, brings happiness to them.
Concluding line Writer's opinion Clincher	Conclusion After considering the different points of view and the supporting evidence, it is crucial to look at money in a broader perspective. Is money really the root of all evil? Although money may bring about pitfalls to people, it is an indispensable thing to run one's life. It is something that we need to survive and it is one of the most manipulative objects that can control us. However, money by itself is not evil but it is love and greed for money that has prompted people to misuse it. Probably money is just a victim in the game played by Man.