

World peace is maintained through the threat of nuclear weapons. Nuclear power also provides cheap and clean energy. Therefore, many people say that the benefits of nuclear technology outweigh the disadvantages.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear technology and give your own opinion.

Introduction (approx. 50-70 words)

- state the fact that nuclear power has advantages and disadvantages (use different words from those used in the question)
- give the reader a general idea about your own opinion – do you think the benefits are greater than the drawbacks?

Para 1 – focus on the advantages

- give one benefit of nuclear power; for example, clean and efficient energy (why is this important for countries today?)
- give another benefit of nuclear technology; for example, nuclear weapons which provide a deterrent to prevent world wars (does this make the world a more stable place?)

Para 2 – focus on the disadvantages

- give one disadvantage – accidents at nuclear power plants have caused major environmental disasters with significant loss and suffering to human life – give an example
- give another disadvantage – weapons have been used to end a war with catastrophic results – give example – (could be used again in future)

iPass tip – if you think the disadvantages are greater, put para 2 before para 1 so that it follows on naturally from your opinion statement in the intro.

Conclusion – which side of the argument do you agree with more?

- Reaffirm your opinion and justify it by summarising your main argument in favour or against nuclear technology (be careful not to repeat what you have already said!)