

Gulf University for Science and Technology

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**ENGL 100 Essay 3 Guidelines**  
**FALL 2015**

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Write 500-word essays using an argumentation rhetorical pattern;
2. Employ the various steps of the writing process, including planning, drafting, revising, and editing written work;
3. Produce unified and coherent essays with introduction, body and conclusion paragraphs;
4. Use observations, personal experiences and examples to support and develop a thesis;
5. Demonstrate grammar competence by writing clear, error-free essays.

**LENGTH**

500-1,000 words (excluding reference page)

**RHETORICAL PATTERN**

Argumentation

**TOPIC**

Write your essay on one of the following topics:

1. Is global warming a myth?
2. Can continuing stem cell research be justified?
3. Can cloning be justified?
4. Is there a need for a national DNA database?
5. There is no need to use animals as test subjects.
6. Is genetic testing before marriage important?
7. Is there a need to ban genetically modified foods?
8. Has the time come to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes?
9. Has the time come to ban drugs in sports?
10. Is heredity a major cause of violence?
11. Is there a need to drink only bottled water?
12. Does life exist on Mars?
13. Does TV affect intelligence?
14. Does food exert a role more than just satiating your hunger?
15. Can an addictive personality disorder be overcome?
16. Is schizophrenia hereditary?
17. The greenhouse effect is a result of deforestation.
18. Is there a need for more controls on plastic surgery?
19. Are cell phones harmful to one's health?
20. Do certain species need protection?

21. Is natural medicine as effective as Western medicine?

22. Can renewable alternative energy sources meet the energy needs of the planet?

### **FORMAT**

You must use type your paper using the [Essay Template](#) (click on here to download) available in MyGUST and the class blog. Your Word file must be saved as your name, e.g. *Haitbam Mabmeed Essay 3*. Your essay should include the following:

- Introduction
- 2 Argument paragraphs
- 1 Counterargument/refutation paragraph
- Conclusion

### **SOURCES**

Your paper must include “expert evidence” from four peer-reviewed sources. The two claim paragraphs must each include “expert evidence,” and the counterargument/refutation paragraph must include two.

### **DUE DATES**

- Thursday, Dec. 3 – Final draft of introduction submitted to Turnitin before 11:55 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 10 – Final draft of body paragraphs (2 claims and 1 counterargument/refutation) and working reference page submitted to Turnitin before 11:55 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 17 – Final draft of conclusion and reference page submitted to Turnitin before 11:55 p.m.

**Please note that you will submit the same essay file each week. However, you will add different sections of the paper to it. For example, when you submit the file on Dec. 3, it will contain only the introduction. However, on Dec. 10, the file will contain your introduction, two claim paragraphs, a counterargument/refutation paragraph, and a working reference page. On Dec. 17, the file will contain the introduction, three body paragraphs, conclusion and reference page.**