

These are common types of essays. Here is a basic overview of what each of these is:

Argumentative Essay

This is an essay that discusses a topic in order to make a point.

You will be given an issue and two options. You have to pick a stance and argue for it. The aim is to try to get the reader to think the way you do.

This type of essay needs to have reasons and be well-researched. Have a good knowledge of your set works so that you succeed in writing a good argumentative essay.

To read up more, here are some links: <https://www.kibin.com/essay-writing-blog/argumentative-essay-outline/>

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/685/05/>

<http://study.com/academy/lesson/argumentative-essay-definition-format-examples.html>

Compare and Contrast essay

A compare and contrast essay question will give you two things which you need to look at side-by-side. Point out similarities and differences and why these are important.

Here are a few links: <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/comparing-and-contrasting/>

<https://www.kibin.com/essay-writing-blog/compare-and-contrast-essay-outline/>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Compare-and-Contrast-Essay>

If you have any questions, please post here.

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Re: Two common types of essays

by [T RAMCHANDER](#) - 14 Mar 2017 @ 8:52

Hi there

So I see this exam as if we have a background and sound knowledge of each the characters in both The Raisin in the Sun and Nervous Conditions we should be able to answer any question we get? I'm just trying to prepare for my exams and I wanted to know the questions on the books we choose in the assignments 1 and 2, we can still choose those books in exam paper?

- Tash

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by [R BEHARI](#) - 15 Mar 2017 @ 12:16

Hi Tash,

Yes. Please prepare all sections for the exam so that you are guaranteed a good mark.

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by [M SOOLIMAN](#) - 16 Mar 2017 @ 10:39

Hi

My name is Meeshka

I would also like to confirm that the Two choices we make, we will be able to still answer those two questions in the exam and not of the other two topics? This is really stressing me out!

Thank you :)

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by [K BUCHANAN](#) - 17 Mar 2017 @ 12:29

Hi Meeshka.

In both the assignments and the exam we are always given a choice of what we want to answer. This is what the tutorial letter says about the exam:

The examination paper will consist of FOUR questions: a question on each of the four prescribed texts. You must answer TWO questions. In order to be sure that you are prepared for the examination, we strongly advise you to have studied all four prescribed texts.

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by [T PRETORIUS](#) - 10 May 2017 @ 14:07

Hi

To confirm then we will be writing a comparative & contrast essay then for Nervous Conditions and Raisin in the Sun?

Regard

Tanya

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[Re: Two common types of essays](#)

by [R BEHARI](#) - 12 May 2017 @ 12:26

No. I am not sure what essays you will be getting. These are merely two common types of essays that come up in assignment and exam questions for all courses. Not just this one. I am not confirming anything. I am trying to help you by providing you with information if any of these types of essays come up in any exam you ever have to write.

Argument Essay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lzGy5gizKg>

Research Essay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSkb7KZ5yw0>