16.1 Writing: propose a change and weigh objections

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KEY WORDS machine

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Objective

Supported preparation: Build the five-part machine; Hold objections with three beats. This is original classroom practice, not an official exam paper.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

> **Machine.** Five parts: situation, proposal (one implementable sentence), arguments (strongest last), objections weighed, closing ask (two sentences, its own line). Three beats per objection: raise fairly (the strongest objection is), weigh honestly (this is a serious point), answer or accept (a rota would halve it). Tone: we propose beats we demand; the conditional softens the ask.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the five parts in order. [5]

2.2 Name the three beats of holding an objection. [3]

2.3 Which must the proposal sentence survive? [1]

2.4 We propose or we demand: which belongs in a proposal? [1]

2.5 What is accepting a real cost, in one word? [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 *(Beats style.)* Hold this objection in three beats: a 9.00 start squeezes the bus schedule. [3]

3.2 *(Machine style.)* For a later school start, write the proposal sentence and the closing ask. [2]

3.3 *(Evidence style.)* Replace very important with evidence that argues for itself. [1]

Solutions

2.1 Situation (1); proposal (1); arguments (1); objections (1); closing ask (1).

2.2 Raise (1); weigh (1); answer or accept (1).

2.3 Being quoted alone (1).

2.4 We propose (1).

2.5 Strength (1).

3.1 Raise: the strongest objection is the bus schedule (1); weigh: the fleet is already tight at 8.00 (1); answer: the Saturday rota would absorb most of it (1).

3.2 Proposal: Start the school day at 9.00 instead of 8.00 (1); ask: Would the committee consider a one-term trial? (1).

3.3 Any sourced number, for example: 72 of 240 students said they sleep less than seven hours (1).

Local review guidance: (R1) part order; beats honest; numbers argue. Authored guidance.