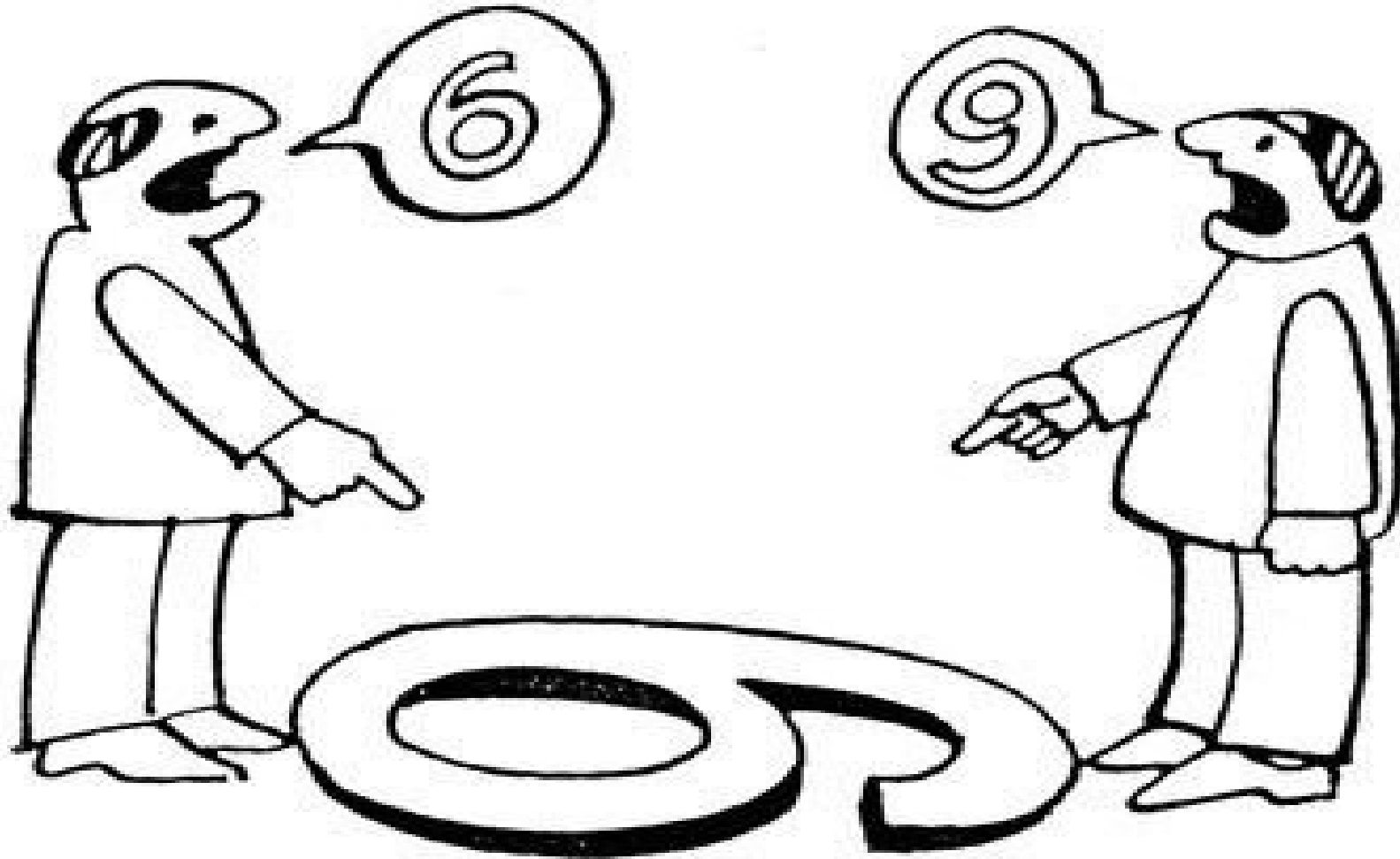


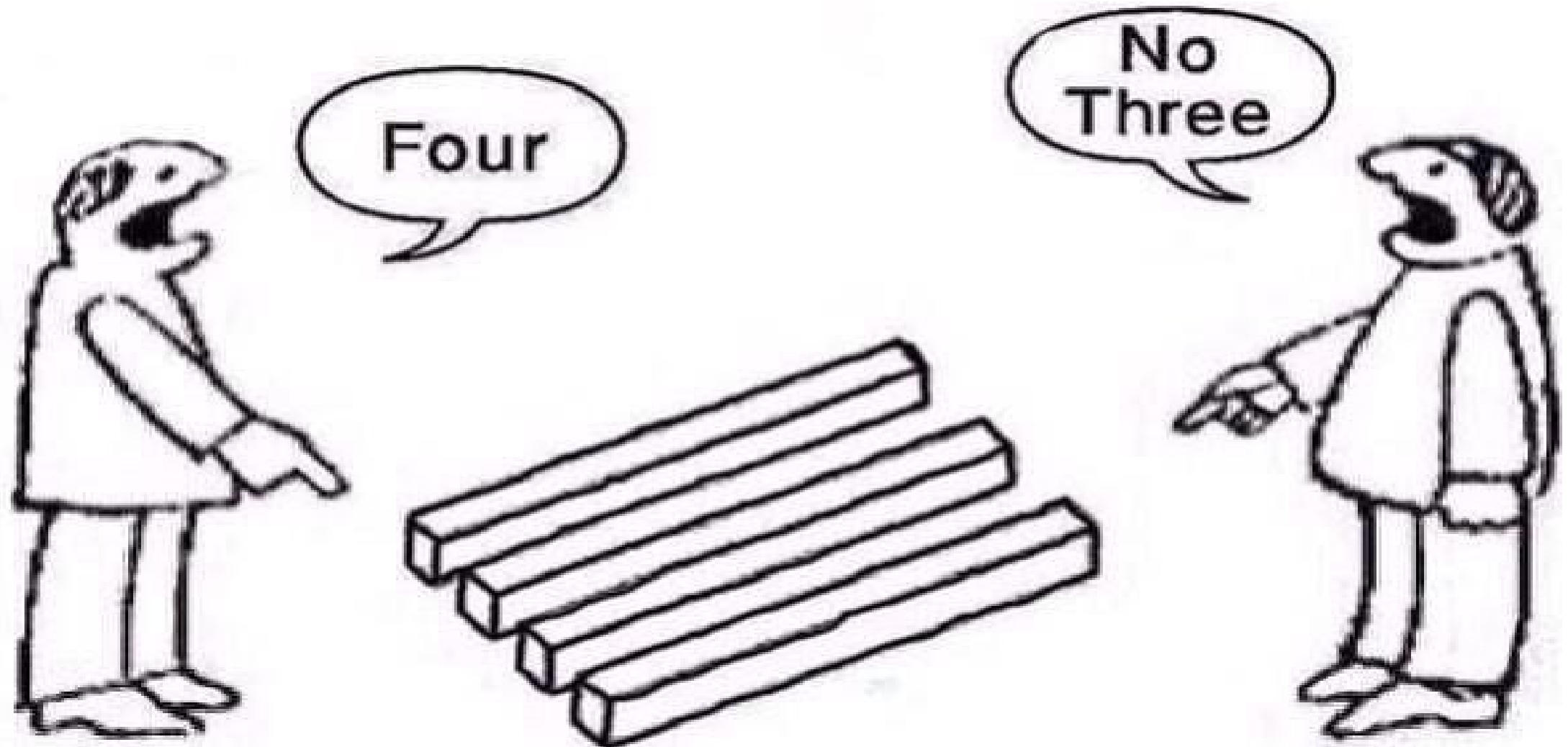
IELTS Writing Task Two

DISCUSSION ESSAY

What is a discussion essay?



You have to analyse the topic from different perspectives



Sample topic

Some people believe that it is best to study abroad. Others, however, believe that studying at local universities is better.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.

Essay structure -> Introduction

- 1) Introduce the topic -> mention two opinions (you may also start by giving background statement).
- 2) Give your own opinion -> openly mention which side you agree with

Education undoubtedly plays an important role in our lives. Some people claim that it is better acquired when students go abroad, whereas others believe that it is more beneficial to study at local universities. I believe that studying abroad is better than studying locally.

Essay structure -> body one (discuss the side 1)

- 1) Topic sentence -> introduce your argument
- 2) Give explanations to your argument
- 3) Give examples to your argument if you can

On the one hand, local universities can offer no fewer benefits than any foreign institution. The main reason for this is globalization. As globalization is immensely affecting many different fields, making them similar, the sphere of education has also witnessed a noticeable influence. This is because many universities could replicate the education systems of foreign universities, and integrate them into their own systems, letting their students obtain the same education as their foreign counterparts. What is more, almost all contemporary students have an access to the internet and thus can learn any knowledge even without leaving their hometowns. Therefore, studying at local universities might indeed seem more beneficial than going overseas.

Body two -> discuss the side 2

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Having said that, I still believe that the advantages of local universities are not tantamount to those of international ones. Although the same education can be acquired locally in this modern era, students who travel overseas for education have more friends from different parts of the world and, thus, a wider outlook.

Furthermore, studying abroad teaches students to cope with various hardships on their own, turning them into more independent individuals. In other words, issues like earning money, dealing with troubled people, and recovering from illnesses alone shape resistance in students and make them less vulnerable to the challenges of life.

Conclusion

- 1) Restate two opinions
- 2) Restate own opinion

In conclusion, although it is true that the knowledge available at foreign universities can easily be acquired locally due to globalization and modern technology, the benefits of studying abroad overcome these local conveniences.

Discussion essay -> class practice

Some people think that living alone is good. Others, however, believe that living with family is better.

Discuss both views and give your opinion.