

# Structural Requirements for the EPT

## **Please read the following carefully:**

**Length Requirement:** Write an essay that consists of several well developed paragraphs.

## **Structural Guidelines:**

- The article is the basis of the essay question; you can refer to the reading, but the bulk of your essay must express your point of view of what you have read: The focus of your essay is on how you see the topic.
- Your language must be clear and formal, firmly addressing the topic.
- Content, coherence, clarity of expression, grammar, punctuation and readability will be taken into consideration when assessing your essay.
- Be sure to leave yourself ample time to proofread your work.

## **Structural Requirements:**

- You have to write a well-developed essay that has logical ideas related to your response to the essay question.
- Your essay needs to include an introduction, a thesis statement, an appropriate number of supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Each paragraph should start with an effective topic sentence that sums up the central idea of each paragraph.
- Your ideas should be connected to each other via the use of effective transitional devices.

## **Formatting Requirements:**

- Lines have been double spaced on your printed sheets, so do not leave a line, write on every line.
- Indent the first line of each paragraph half an inch.
- Leave a line between paragraphs, to show the difference between them.
- Write a suitable title for the essay.
- Write neatly; your handwriting should be easy to read.