## The Introduction

* **Write a creative opening to catch the reader’s attention. Use quotes, interesting facts, jokes and anecdotes.**

social media networks have become an integral part of the students’ full time

* **Have background information.**

After the intervention of the internet and social media networks, it is arguable that the primary role of social media was to offer the members of the public a platform where they can form and sustain meaningful social relations regardless of geographical location differences

* **Preview the main points of the essay**

Today, the phone or tablet screen has become a one-stop shop for correspondence with peers, news tapes, YouTube videos, lots of educational groups, and educational videos

* **Write a thesis statement that affirms the main idea of the essay**

Regardless of this wide and expanding array of uses, numerous research indicates that the use of social media deteriorates the educational achievements of teenage users

## The Body

### Body Paragraph I

***Least important reason supporting your thesis statement***

* **Topic sentence:**

Although there are numerous educational resources available for access on social media platforms, most of the time that the students spend on online platforms is rarely focused on reviewing the educational materials

* **After the topic sentence write a sentence using a quote from one of your sources that supports your idea.**

About 38.3 percent of the respondents claimed that social media ends up consuming time that would have otherwise been used studying or working on assignments (Talaue et al. 2018)

* **Write a commentary, explaining how this supports your thinking**

This brings to mind the idea that a significant proportion of students fail to realize the educative advantage of social media.

* **Write a concluding sentence, using one of the concept words from the topic sentence**

Consequently, failing to study translates to low academic grades

### Body Paragraph II

***The second most important reason supporting the thesis***

* **Topic sentence:**

Viewing social media as a source of information, social media often competes with academic information for students’ attention.

* **Write a sentence using a quote from one of your sources that supports your idea.**

According to Badri et al. (2017), this is in line with the gratification theory

* **Write a sentence of commentary, explaining how this supports your thinking.**

This suggests that if the student’s individual needs are attained via the social media platform, there will be no need for them to seek information presented in the academic books in the classroom setting.

* **Write a concluding sentence, using one of the concept words from the topic sentence**

Poor acquaintance with academic material translates to poor academic performance.

Body Paragraph III

***The most important reason supporting the thesis***

* **Topic sentence:**

Social media consumes significant students' time and still has no impact on their growth, and in some cases, ends up hurting them

* **Write a sentence using a quote from one of your sources that supports your idea.**

A whopping 67 percent of the respondents claimed that social media has no impact, while 12 percent claimed that social media was hurting them.

* **Write a sentence of commentary, explaining how this supports your thinking.**

Only 16 percent thought that it was helping them.

* **Write a concluding sentence, using one of the concept words from the topic sentence in this sentence this sentence**

This affirms that social media potentially has negative impacts on the student’s performance

### Refutation

***Look at the arguments made by those who do not agree with you.***

* **Topic sentence:**

Some proponents of social media usage claim that social media has some positive impacts on students’ academic performance.

* **Write a sentence using a quote from one of your sources that takes the point of view opposite to yours. Make the quote part of your own words.**

Heitin (2016) claims that students who spend their time on social media playing games score higher in math, reading, and science.

* **Sentence of commentary**

This claim is based on the assumption that the puzzles in the games help in sharpening the student’s reasoning ability.

* **Write another sentence of commentary explaining why this reason is not valid.**

Students who spend their time on social media accessing educational materials may score high academic grades.

* **Write a concluding sentence, using one of the concept words from the topic sentence in this sentence.**

there could be benefits associated with students’ social media usage

## Conclusion

* **Restate the thesis statement**

social media usage adversely affects students’ academic performance

* **Summarize your arguments and all key concepts**

Most of the students who use social media end up spending time that would have otherwise been used studying. This is exacerbated by the idea that social media information competes for students’ attention with the academic content

* **Provide a call to action**

To reap the possible benefits of social media in academics, regulating the time that students spend on social media would be advantageous.