



# STUDY GUIDE

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## ESSAY WRITING

### EXAMPLE TYPES OF ESSAYS- DISCURSIVE

'Discuss what are the most likely causes of asthma in children', topic- causal factors of childhood-diagnosed asthma.

#### INTRODUCTION 5%

Definition - what is asthma?

How it is measured in populations (incidence and prevalence)?

Scope of essay (i.e. children are 15 years and younger, trends since 1976, global studies and data but focus predominantly on Europe)

#### MAIN BODY 85%

Comprehensive and broad identification and discussion of different potential causal factors and correlating evidence

Genetic/health

Diet and nutrition

Wealth/poverty

Environment/pollution

Home and lifestyle

Psychological

#### CONCLUSION 10%

Identification of overall trends or patterns and the likelihood of any particular issue as a significant causal factor, giving explanations and possible future implications