DIRECTED DISCURSIVE ESSAY

Choose ONE of the following titles and write between 450 and 500 words about it.

Important:
1. The aim of this task is to make you aware of the importance of text organization and the logical development of ideas in writing.
2. Start your essay with the Introduction given.
3. Write four Body paragraphs, each starting with the given linking word or phrase, in the sequence indicated.
4. Start the Conclusion with one of the words or phrases suggested.

Essay 1: Argumentative Essay:
The Attractions and Drawbacks of Celebrity Life

Introduction:
Many young actors, dancers, singers and musicians, as well as models and athletes take part in competitions, dreaming of becoming celebrities one day. To a lesser or greater extent, a few do achieve the fame they desire, and nowadays, the media give them the exposure they need once they become stars. However, celebrity life is not completely the bed of roses it is thought to be.

Body:
(1) On the one hand, …
(2) Moreover, …
(3) On the other hand, …
(4) Not only that, but … also …

Conclusion:
[Choose one] Ultimately, … / All in all, … / On balance, …
Essay 2: *Opinion Essay:*
Honesty is not always the best policy. Do you agree?

*Introduction:*
From an early age, children are taught that they must always be honest and tell the truth. Yet they are also quick to learn, both at home and at school, that being dishonest and lying pays at times. In fact, modern society has come to view telling the truth or a lie as a matter of convenience, not of principle. To my mind, this *is the best policy* / *is unfortunate* for the individual in particular and society in general.

[Choose one of the options in italics above and develop your essay accordingly.]

*Body:*
(1) To begin with, those who claim that …
(2) Furthermore, …
(3) What is more …
(4) On the other hand, some may argue that …

*Conclusion:*
[Choose one] By and large, … / On the whole, … / To sum up, …

Essay 3: *Problem/Solution Essay:*
Traffic Problems in Malta

*Introduction:*
Getting to one’s destination in a small island like Malta should not be difficult or take long. However, we all know that Malta is not only overpopulated, but also serves as a holiday resort to thousands of tourists every year. This means that the streets in Malta are laden with traffic at most, if not all, times during the day, even at weekends. This causes various problems, which call for some practical solutions.

*Body:*
(1) Perhaps the biggest traffic problem is …
(2) (An)other traffic problem(s) …
(3) One way to deal with the problem of …
(4) (An)other possible measure(s) …

*Conclusion:*
[Choose one] To sum up, … / In short, … / In conclusion, …