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| **Domain** | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **Logical appeals-** | No appeal | Appeal attempted but not clear | Appeal present but not effective or connected to purpose | Appeal present and connected to purpose but not effective | Appeal clearly effective and connected to purpose! |
| **Emotional appeals-** | No appeal | Appeal present but not clear | Appeal present but not effective or connected to purpose | Appeal present and connected to purpose but not effective | Appeal clearly effective and connected to purpose! |
| **Use of parallelism repetition** | No parallelism or repetition | Parallelism repetition attempted | Parallelism/ repetition present but not used for an effect | Parallelism or repetition present with some effect | Present and used effectively! |
| **Imagery-** | No imagery | Vague but attempted | Attempted but no effect | Attempted and some effect (appeals to senses) | Attempted and effective! |
| **Comparisons (metaphor, simile, analogy)** | No comparisons | Attempted | Comparison present but not effective or connected to purpose | Comparison is obvious and connected | Comparison clearly illustrates point(s)! |
| **Anecdote-** | No anecdote | Unrelated | Anecdote attempted but unrelated to desired effect. | Anecdote has some connection to desired effect | Anecdote clearly demonstrated and connection is obvious! |
| **Allusion-** | No reference. | Allusion attempted, but more of a detail than reference with no connection or effect | Allusion present but not effective or is a vague reference | Allusion clearly known with some relation to purpose | Allusion clearly demonstrates connection! |
| **Voice Projection/ Articulation/Pacing** | Inaudible | Somewhat audible, but not articulate or too fast | Audible, problems with pacing or articulating | Audible with some minor lapses in clarity and/or pacing | Clearly audible and words are enunciated! |

**Total**- \_\_\_\_\_/**40** **points**

101 Persuasive Essay Topics

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**1.Should students be allowed to have cell phones in elementary and high schools?**

**2.Should students have to wear uniforms?**

**3.Should college athletes be paid for playing?**

**4.Should the elderly receive free bus rides?**

**5.Should state colleges be free to attend?**

**6.Should all American citizens have to complete a year of community service?**

**7.Should students be required to take Spanish classes?**

**8.Should marijuana be legal for medicinal purposes?**

**9.Should the voting age be lowered to thirteen?**

**10.Should the driving age be raised to twenty-one?**

**11.Should students be paid for having good grades?**

**12.Should illegal immigrants be allowed to get drivers licenses?**

**13Should not wearing a seatbelt be illegal?**

**14.Should students’ textbooks be replaced by notebook computers?**

**15.Should students have to pass a basic skills test to graduate high school?**

**16.Should schools raise money by selling candy and sugary soft drinks to students?**

**17.Should schools serve french-fries and fried potato products to students at lunch?**

**18.Should students’ grades in gym affect their grade point averages?**

**19.Should girls be allowed to play on boys sports teams?**

**20.Should teens be able to buy violent video games?**

**21.Should boys and girls be in separate classes?**

**22.Should teenage girls be allowed to get birth control without the permission of their parents?**

**23.Should our country have a universal health care program?**

**24.Should immigration laws be reformed?**

**25.Should the federal government recognize civil unions?**

**26.Should people who download music and movies illegally be punished?**

**27.Should school athletes have to be on the honor roll to play in games?**

**28.Should music with curse words be allowed at school dances?**

**29.Should public schools begin the day with a silent prayer time?**

**30.Should students be able to listen to MP3 players on headphones during study hall?**

**31.Should schools offer fast food options like McDonalds or Taco Bell?**

**32.Should smoking be allowed at parks and other outdoor public venues?**

**33.Should cities offer free public Wi-Fi?**

**34.Should the government place a tax on junk food and fatty snacks?**

**35.Should the 2nd amendment give citizens the right to own assault weaponry?**

**36.Should people travelling in airplanes have to undergo intensive security screenings?**

**37.Should restaurants be allowed to sell genetically modified chickens under the name “chicken”?**

**38.Should teachers have to pass a basic skills test every ten years to renew their certification?**

**39.Should people be allowed to keep exotic animals like chimpanzees or tigers?**

**40.Should people be allowed to keep pit-bull dogs?**

**41.Should the city offer a bike sharing program?**

**42.Should there be an ordinance citing people who fail to recycle $50?**

**43.Should there be an ordinance citing people who play music too loudly $50?**

**44.Should prostitution be legalized and regulated by the government?**

**45.Should celebrities who break the law face stricter penalties?**

**46.Should the government increase spending on the space program?**

**47.Should larger passengers have to pay for two plane or movie theater tickets?**

**48.Should children have to use booster seats in cars?**

**49.Should people have to get a license to become parents?**

**50.Should there be tougher federal restrictions for content on the internet?**

**51.Should people be allowed to curse on daytime television?**

**52.Should owners be legally accountable for clearing snow from sidewalks on their property?**

**53.Should sexual education be taught in public schools?**

**54.Should students be able to get free condoms at school?**

**55.Should students who commit cyberbullying be suspended from school?**

**56.Should corporations be allowed to advertise in schools?**

**57.Should students be allowed to eat during class?**

**58.Should more be done to protect and preserve endangered animals?**

**59.Is it appropriate for students and teachers to be friends on Facebook?**

**60.Should students have open campus lunch periods?**

**61.Should abortions be legal?**

**62.Should abortions be legal in cases of rape and incest?**

**63.Should the death penalty be used to punish violent criminals?**

**64.Should students learn about world religions in public schools?**

**65.Should schools start later in the morning?**

**66.Should the USA end overseas military operations?**

**67.Should politicians be allowed to accept campaign contributions from corporate lobbyists?**

**68.Should people with terminal illnesses have the right to doctor assisted suicides?**

**69.Should Puerto Rico become a state?**

**70.Should stem cell researchers be able to use the stem cells from aborted babies to cure diseases?**

**71.Should school athletes have to take drug tests?**

**72.Should professional athletes have to take drug tests?**

**73.Should America convert to the metric system?**

**74.Should high school students have to complete community service hours to graduate?**

**75.Should teens over 13 years be allowed into R rated movies?**

**76.Should state tests be given in other languages for ESL students?**

**77.Should scientists be allowed to test products intended for human use on animals?**

**78.Should unhealthy fast food products be sold with a warning label?**

**79.Should there be a tariff or tax on products manufactured outside of the country?**

**80.Should students or teachers receive money for scoring well on standardized tests?**

**81.Should everyone under the age of 17 have a 9:00 PM curfew?**

**82.Should schools with low scores on standardized tests be closed?**

**83.Should minors be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages in their homes with their parents’ consent?**

**84.Should students be allowed to drop out before they turn 18 years old?**

**85.Should alcohol manufacturers be allowed to advertise on television?**

**86.Should students as young as fourteen be allowed to hold jobs?**

**87.Should American families have a two child max rule to limit population growth?**

**88.Should children younger than thirteen be allowed to watch MTV or music videos?**

**89.Should people who are caught driving drunk lose their licenses for a year?**

**90.Should students who fail their classes be retained and have to repeat the grade?**

**91.Should large businesses and corporations be required to employee a number of minorities proportionate to the population?**

**92.Should female construction workers earn the same wages as males?**

**93.Should children in temporary living situations with 3.0 GPAs earn free college tuition?**

**94.Should gambling and sports betting be illegal or should the government regulate it?**

**95.Should children who commit violent crimes be tried as adults?**

**96.Should the government be allowed to detain suspected terrorists without trial?**

**97.Should the government censor internet content deemed inappropriate?**

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**Should teachers have to wear uniforms or have a dress code?**

**99.Should teachers be allowed to have cell phones in the classroom?**

**100. Should the state execute dogs that have bitten someone?**

**101.Should talking on a cell phone without a hands-free device while driving be illegal?**