Nº.	ITEM	YES	NO
	FOR & AGAINST ESSAYS SELF-ASSESSMENT-SHEET (Discussion Essays)		
1	Did you take **enough** time to **plan** and write your text? (*at least 45 minutes?*)		
2	Did you make a first **draft**?		
3	Did you organize your essay in well-built **paragraphs** (4)?		
4	Did you follow the rule "**one paragraph = one idea?**"		
5	Did you write an introduction in which you presented the topic of the essay making a **general remark** about it **without giving your opinion**?		
6	Did you include a **rhetorical question** to address the reader?		
7	Did you present the points <u>FOR</u> and the points <u>AGAINST</u> in **two separate paragraphs**, supporting your arguments with **justifications / examples**?		
8	Did you include your opinion in the final paragraph? (If the answer is YES, did you include opinion words like *In my opinion, I believe, etc ...?*		
9	Did you include a balanced summary of the topic in the final paragraph?		
10	Did you use formal English? (*no short sentences, no colloquial expressions or contractions, etc)*?		
11	Did you use any **connectors of addition** and **contrast** in the right way?		
12	Did you use at least four of these words or expressions: *to begin with, secondly, finally, advantage, disadvantage, for example, for instance, therefore, as a result, on the one hand / on the other hand, however, although, despite, in spite of, in conclusion?*		
13	Did you use any conditional and time sentence to emphasize the results of a particular argument? (*at least one example of each of them!*)		
14	Did you take some time to check your first version in order to find out the mistakes you could discover with a little of attention?		
15	Did you translate from your mother tongue into English?		
16	Did you use any sources to get information and ideas for your essay?		
17	Did you work on your own?		
18	Did you abuse of the dictionary or any translating programme or resource?		
19	Is your final text clean and double-spaced?		
20	Did you have a good time doing this writing task?		

Do you know now the writing expectations for a "for and against essay"?