**OPINION ESSAY CHECKLIST**

Mark each criterion as Yes, No, or Needs Improvement, and add comments if needed.

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| Criteria | Yes | No | Needs Improvement | Comments |
| The thesis statement clearly expresses the writer’s opinion. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| The thesis is specific and focused (not too broad or vague). | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Topic Sentences: Each body paragraph begins with a clear topic sentence. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Topic Sentences: The topic sentence supports the thesis/opinion. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Each paragraph includes at least one fact or example, which are relevant and clearly explained. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Concluding Paragraph: The conclusion restates the thesis in a new way. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Concluding Paragraph: It summarizes the main points. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| The final sentence leaves a strong impression or final thought. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Formal connectors are used to organize ideas (e.g., Similarly, as opposed to, Consequently, Nevertheless, To sum up). | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |
| Use of Formal Connectors: Connectors are used correctly and naturally. | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |  |