

Gambling can be a lot of fun, or an opportunity to test probability theory axioms. Some people, however, maintain that gambling has a very negative influence on our society and thus should be banned. What is your position?

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There are many people who try to earn money by gambling when they are without a job. Naturally, they hardly ever win and have no money afterwards to pay their bills. Some of them have families, which makes gambling even more problematic.

What is more, gambling is strongly addictive. Many people lose all their money, yet they cannot stop gambling. They believe that one day they are going to win big money, but that never happens. Such people are obsessed with gambling and are happy only when they return to a gambling house and join other gamblers.

Since most compulsive gamblers keep losing, they constantly need more and more money. Some of them borrow money from their relatives and friends, but sooner or later they are left without this option. This is the moment when many gamblers begin to steal or sell drugs to support their addiction.

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The outline of the proper essay organisation:

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Komentář [ms1]: Background information

Komentář [E2]: A recognition of other views

Komentář [ms3]: A statement of the writer's position (the main idea/thesis statement)

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Komentář [E5]: The second argument supporting the main idea - it should include a) the topic sentence b) supporting sentences c) the concluding sentence

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Komentář [ms6]: The third argument supporting the main idea - it should include a) the topic sentence b) supporting sentences c) the concluding sentence

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Komentář [E7]: The summary of the main points

Komentář [ms8]: The restatement of the main idea and a call to action (the latter may or may not be included)