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**Counter-Argument Paragraph Practice**  
Read each paragraph carefully.

1. *However, Many may say that children get distracted by technology easily.*  
Students can just as easily get distracted by another student or a pencil. If students are getting distracted by anything it should be the teacher's responsibility to make the class more interesting. Technology will definitely help make the class more enjoyable. If you want students to be less distracted, give them a lesson that is fun and worth learning.
  
2. Some people feel that school uniforms will prevent students from wearing clothes that are immodest or have drug references. While this may be true, school uniforms have shown to correlate with more violence in schools. "A 2007 peer-reviewed study found that "school uniforms increased the average number of assaults by about 14 [per year] in the most violent schools" ("Do School Violence Policies Matter? An Empirical Analysis of Four Approaches to Reduce School Violence"). Although school uniforms may prevent clothing that correlates with violence or behavior problems, they do not prevent the actual violence, which is the important thing to try and prevent. So school uniforms are actually increasing the behaviors that schools hope to eliminate by implementing uniforms.
  
3. However, some may argue that teens should be allowed on social media because they can connect with friends, share with people who have a common interest, and find out about news events/social activities. Not all teens who have access to social media are victims of predators or cyberbullying. However, cyberbullying and exposure to inappropriate material still occur and the only way to be protected from it is to evade it. For example, "In 2008 and 2009, US law enforcement agencies saw 3,477 cases of youth-produced sexual images with 2,291 agencies seeing at least one case" (Wolak, Finkelhor, and Mitchell). It does not matter that not all teenagers become the victims of cyberbullying, predators, or inappropriate content. One is enough. If even one teenager is affected negatively, sometimes even in a fatal way, because of social media, that is reason enough to limit teenage access.
  
4. On the other hand, some teens are at a mature enough level to have children, and some are even married. In these cases, teenage pregnancy can be manageable. There are some married teenage couples who are raising children and are doing it just fine.

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Read the following four counter-argument paragraphs for argument essays. Identify them according to this key: A. Didn't include a transition phrase or word, B: Didn't include a rebuttal, C: Didn't include evidence in the rebuttal, D: Used transition, identified counter-argument, and provided a rebuttal with evidence.

A. Didn't include a transition phrase or word: Paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Didn't include a rebuttal: Paragraph \_\_\_\_\_

C. Didn't include evidence in the rebuttal: Paragraph \_\_\_\_\_

D. Used transition, identified counter-argument, and provided a rebuttal with evidence: Paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

How you would rank these paragraphs from best to worst? Explain your reasoning in a sentence.

1 (Best) :

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2:

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3:

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4 (worst):

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