Response 2

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1. What is the essay’s thesis? Restate it in your own words.

The essay argues that drinking age for alcohol should be raised to 25 years. According to the writer, alcohol is one of the major reasons for teenage deaths, assaults, rap, road accidents etc. mainly because of the age limit being 21. It is easy for college students to get their hands on alcohol because their age fellows can provide them; if the age for alcohol is raised to 25 then college students will have hard time to get alcohol and this will save many lives.

1. List the arguments herman presents as evidence to support his thesis.

The writer argues that because a 21 year old individual is legally allowed to have alcohol, this individual can offer this product to his or her friends who might be underage1; therefore, if the age is increased to 25, college students will not find it easy to get alcohol which is the reason for death of 1400 college students every year due to over drinking, 17000 drunken driving death and so on so forth.

1. Summarize the opposing argument the essay identifies. Thenm summarize Hermans refutation of this argment.

One school of thought believes that a gradual transition to alcohol from early age is beneficial in the systematic societal problems of alcohol misuse. However, according to the writer, if those who are underage are misusing alcohol or getting killed because of it2, some serious steps must be taken to restrict that usage and change the harmful behaviors rather than allowing this disastrous behavior to happen.

1. Restate the essay’s concluding statement in your own words.

In conclusion, raising the age for alcohol use to 25 will greatly restrict alcohol use in college students and by the age of 25, most of the college students will get busy with their jobs and family lives. Though alcohol is not inherently evil, but it has some grave consequences and many of us have been victims of the alcohol misuse, therefore, we all should seriously consider this a severe threat to our lives and the lives of our loved ones to save hundreds of people including our own.

End Notes

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