Essay question creations:

Placing the phrase, “To what extent,” at the beginning of a question will not necessarily make your question a good one. So, to construct a good question, first brainstorm, then ask yourself the following questions.

1. Does this question allow me to take a position and argue it?  
   a. **Bad** – How do musicians become great?

b. **Good** – Do musicians struggle more than other professionals to perfect their craft?

1. Is this question specific enough to argue in 600 words?  
   a. **Bad** – Should gay marriage be legalized throughout the world

b. **Good** – Should gay marriage be legalized in the state of Texas?

1. Does this question force me to think about many different positions?  
   a. **Bad** – Why should the Enbridge pipeline not be allowed to build in British Columbia?
2. Good - Should the Enbridge pipeline be allowed to build through British Columbia?
3. Is there enough research done by experts to support the question I have chosen to answer?
4. **Bad** – Are PC s better than Macs?
5. **Good** – Do recent technologies positively or negatively affect the development of teenagers?

5. Do I feel passionate about taking a position on this statement?