Despite the general notion that a college education is justified only as a step to increase one’s own income, an educated population really benefits both the individual and society as a whole in various ways.

I. **[1st MSP: main supporting point; t/s]** Advanced education teaches reasoning skills
   
   A. Reasoning skills are necessary to analyze complex political issues
      1. to understand ballot propositions
      2. to understand national and state elections
      3. to understand media reports and opinions on national and international political issues
   
   B. Reasoning skills are also important to analyze societal conflicts
      1. to understand racial, ethnic conflicts
      2. to understand economic conflicts between “haves” and “have-nots”
      3. to understand conflicting attitudes among various subgroups toward “moral values”
         a. pornography vs. art
         b. loyalty vs. dissent
         c. traditional views vs. changing “modern” views of right and wrong
   
   C. Reasoning skills are important to analyze problems within oneself
      1. attitudes toward marriage, “relationships,” etc.
      2. control of impulse
      3. improvement of emotional equilibrium

II. **[2nd MSP, t/s]** Advanced education develops an appreciation for culture
   
   A. Advanced education helps develop an appreciation for art, as one expression of culture
   
   B. Adv. edu. helps develop an apprec. of music in its many cultural forms and traditions
   
   C. Adv. edu. helps develop an appreciation of literature, a major expression of culture

III. **[3rd MSP, t/s]** Advanced education promotes the interactions of new ideas

IV. **[4th MSP, t/s]** Adv. edu. may offer social mobility

(Please note that just for teaching purposes, only the 1st MSP has been developed in depth for this model outline. Naturally, outlines require full development of **every** MSP).