

Planning for Academic Writing (or discursive essays)

1Part - Decide on three main points for the essay.

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- 2.
- 3.

Part 2 - Establish the register or style of language.

CONTEXT
AUDIENCE => REGISTER
ROLE OF WRITER

Part 3- Structure your essay.

Word Limit = (FCE 180 words – CAE 250 Words)

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First paragraph (words) The Introduction	Correct register – neutral tone Establish 3 main points Outline how you are going to treat the question	
Second paragraph (words) The Main Body	Show descriptive skills Show a range of vocabulary and Expressions Avoid copying from the ques	
Third paragraph (words) Counterarguments	Show an ability to compare and contrast ideas	
Fourth paragraph (words) Developing your arguments	Be able to use persuasive but formal language Show skill at recommending	
Fifth paragraph (words) Conclusion	Be able to resume well Find a neat ending to your essay	

Academic Writing Worksheet

Write the phrases from the box into the most appropriate section below.

Having said that, ... The generally accepted view is that ... I will set out to demonstrate that ... The ideal course of action would seem to be ... In this essay I will firstly cover the ... There is strong evidence to suggest that ...

Most experts agree that the current ... Therefore, the most appropriate response ...

Nevertheless, other factors need to be ... This could lead us to suppose that ...

Of the three principal issues to address, ... Unless they respond to these findings, ...

INTRODUCTION

THE MAIN BODY

COUNTERARGUMENT

DEVELOPING YOUR IDEAS – PERSUASION & RECOMMENDING

CONCLUSION

Answers.

Please note that these are not definitive answer as they could be used in other areas of the text depending on the writers interests on highlighting. These are just general ideas and placements for easy understanding.

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