**1. Essay structure**

* *In Assessment 1 you need to write an 500 word essay. (Word limit: +/- 10% =* ***450-550****)*
* *You will be given an essay question, and 6 short extracts as supporting evidence which will include both causes/ problems and solutions.*
* *You should also add your own elaborations. The essay question in Assessment 1 will either be:*

***causes*** *and* ***solutions*** *of the problem or* ***impacts*** *and* ***solutions*** *of the problem*

* *The basic structure is shown in the table below. It can be used for the cause + solution type question, or the impact + solution type question.*

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|  | Introduction | |  |
| **Structure A** | Cause/ Impact 1 | Cause/ Impact 1 | **Structure B** |
| Cause/ Impact 2 | Solution 1 |
| Solution 1 | Cause/ Impact 2 |
| Solution 2 | Solution 2 |
|  | Conclusion | |  |

* *With* *both structures, each solution should be closely connected to each problem.*

Introduction 50

Cause/ impact 1 100

Cause/ Impact 2 100

Solution 1 100

Solution 2 100

Conclusion 50

500

**2. Paragraph structure**

* *In Assessment 1 you need to write around 500 words and have 4 body paragraphs.*
* *This means each body paragraph should be around 100 words long.*

*The basic structure of the* ***body******paragraph*** *is shown below.*

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| **Topic sentence**: it should express the main idea of the paragraph. Try not to have *ordinary* paragraph starters; it’s easy to have improved ones. You should also try to incorporate *paragraph hooks* in your topic sentences. |
| **Supporting evidence**: this is where you can include your citation. Make sure that you cite correctly, and use a variety of reporting verbs. You should also use your own ideas to build on and comment on the citation |
| **Concluding sentence**: Do **not** use ‘to conclude’ or ‘in conclusion’ here. You are concluding the paragraph, not the essay. You should also try to link back to the topic sentence. You might find phrases such as ‘**Therefore’**, ‘**This means that**’, and ‘**Consequently’**, useful to start this sentence. |