

BASC0080: Individual Essay Writing Guidance

This document aims to provide **non-exhaustive guidance** on how to structure your critical essay of 1500 words with careful planning and organization to effectively convey your arguments and analysis within the limited word count.

Introduction (Approximately 150-200 words):

- Start with a hook or attention-grabbing statement related to your essay question.
- Provide background information on the subject matter, including any necessary context or definitions.
- Clearly state your essay statement, which outlines the main argument or perspective you will be presenting in the essay.

Main Body (Approximately 1000-1200 words):

- First Argument or Point
 - Present your first argument or point in support of your essay statement.
 - Provide evidence and/or examples to support your argument (including those based on a specific use case).
 - Analyse and interpret the evidence, explaining its significance in relation to your essay statement.
- Second Argument or Point (*if applicable*)
 - Repeat the process for your second argument or point.
- Critical Thinking
 - Address potential limitations or opposing viewpoints.
 - Put these limitations or opposing viewpoints in perspective with evidence and reasoning, reaffirming your essay statement.

Conclusion (Approximately 150-200 words):

- Restate your essay statement in different words, emphasizing its significance.
- Summarize the main arguments presented in the essay.
- Offer some final thoughts or insights based on the analysis provided.
- End with a strong concluding statement that leaves a lasting impression on the reader.

References:

- Include a list of all the sources cited in your essay, formatted according to the suggested citation style.

Additional Tips:

- Ensure smooth transitions between paragraphs to maintain coherence and flow throughout the essay.
- Provide sufficient evidence and analysis to support your claims.
- Be concise and avoid unnecessary repetition or verbosity to make the most of the limited word count.
- Revise and edit your essay for clarity, coherence, and correctness before submission.