

H1 General Paper 8807 Exam Preparation Checklist 2015

☐ Two Nights Before The Test

- ☐ I have revised my content knowledge on the various topics that we have went through in class and how these apply to the various perspectives:
 - Social
 - Economic
 - Environmental
 - Political

☐ During The Test

- ☐ During the exam, I choose my question according to the number of **Variables** in the question and not according to familiarity of the question. The lesser the variables the better.

☐ Brainstorming!

- ☐ I take 2 to 3 minutes to write down the various **Examples** that relate to the **Main Variable** of the question.
- ☐ Out of these examples I group them into 3-4 **Arguments, forming the main points of each argument and ensuring that the arguments do not overlap each other.**
- ☐ Each argument will have at most 1 or 2 main examples.
- ☐ Discard irrelevant / unimportant / inapplicable examples

☐ Forming the Macro View of The Essay

- ☐ **Decide what is the overall flow of the Essay**
- ☐ Am I going to argue:
 - For
 - Against
 - Reconcile both situations based on the context (or some external factor)
- ☐ Choose whichever path is easier, then decide which arguments go where

☐ Your Plan For The Macro Content of The Essay

- ☐ Introduction (Write Later)
- ☐ The Layman's Perspective (or, the most common point of view)
 - State this in one line _____
- ☐ Signposting (Write Later)
- ☐ Argument 1
 - State this in one line _____
- ☐ Argument 2
 - State this in one line _____
- ☐ Argument 3
 - State this in one line _____
- ☐ Conclusion (Write Later)

☐ Detailed Breakdown (Use the Films Essay as Reference)

- ☐ Introduction
 - Open the discussion by acknowledging that the qn is a debatable one
 - Show the two extreme perspectives of the qns
 - Tell the examiner what you are going to do in this essay (Examine the various different perspectives and deliver your judgement in the conclusion of the essay)
- ☐ The Layman's Perspective (or, the most common point of view)
 - This is a paragraph explaining the most commonly held perspective on the issue
 - It is used to explain what the layman thinks of the issue
 - And it is also for you to explain the inferior perspective and ascribe it to someone other than yourself ***Don't ever ascribe extreme viewpoints to yourself***
 - Use the PEEL structure to organize the content in this paragraph.
 - (Rmb to link back to the main variables, your point and the essay Qn)
- ☐ Signposting
 - Switch the direction of the argument from the commonly held beliefs to your stronger, better, beliefs / arguments
 - "On closer inspection, however... (your new perspective that outweighs the previous one)"
- ☐ Argument 1
 - From a (Social / Economic / Environment / Political / Technological / Educational) perspective... (Your Point)
 - Choose whichever perspective is relevant to your argument, then start the PEEL process, ensuring that everything in your PEEL links back to the question
 - Ask yourself if what you've written directly answers the question
- ☐ Argument 2
 - Repeat the same process as argument 1
- ☐ Argument 3
 - Repeat the same process as argument 1
- ☐ Conclusion
 - Summarize in 1 sentence the purpose of arguments 1, 2, and 3.
 - Question the Question (where possible)
 - State your stand / deliver your judgement as promised in the Introduction

☐ Keep In Mind!

- ☐ When you actually begin writing your essay, always ask yourself:
 - What is the **PURPOSE** of each paragraph (Intro / Arg / Conclusion) that you write?
 - Make sure that each point / sentence / paragraph has a clear purpose
 - This will ensure clarity throughout your essay