

GAMSAT S2 Example Bank

This structure and example bank helped me achieve an essay score of 70+.

....Examples comprised of current events, philosophy and history.

Good luck 😊

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Essay Structure – Task A and B

This structure helped me for both task A and B as I chose to utilise an expository approach combined with a philosophical tone in both essays. This allowed me to achieve a score of 70+ in S2.

Planning time: 5-8 minutes

Writing time: 25-22 minutes

Plan:

- What is the theme?
- How does the theme relate to society? What are its impacts (current and future)
- What is your contention?
- Ask, who, what, when, where, how and why.
- Take 1-2 minutes to paraphrase each comment into your own words.
- Synthesis:
 - Find 2 comments that share the same stance and form 1 integrated sentence
 - Each sentence may serve as the topic sentence of your body paragraphs – this allows for a more complex discussion of the theme and allowing you to cover more ground and make your essay stand out.
 - Create 2 integrated sentences for two 'for' body paragraphs.
 - Find 2 sentences that oppose one another and integrate them into one sentence.
 - This may serve as your topic sentence for your rebuttal paragraph.
- What is your call to action and title of your piece?

Title:

- Rhetorical question
- Pun
- Statement

Introduction:

- 3-4 sentences long
- Hook sentence:
 - Statistic
 - rhetorical question
 - pun
 - anecdote
 - broad summary of theme
- Context of theme:
 - Explain theme and its relevancy to society
- Set of the focus and purpose of your essay:
 - thesis statement
 - contention

Body paragraphs (x2 for)

- TEEL
- Follow the pyramid model
 - Broad topic sentence with you gradually getting to the 'point' in the body paragraphs
 - Reputable and concrete evidence – historical/ current events, philosophy. Try to avoid examples that a lot of people would obviously use unless you have a very unique way of presenting it or analysing it from an angle not commonly discussed.
 - Philosophy can also be utilised to serve as the solution to the issue
- Avoid too much narration of evidence and use it instead to back up your contention in 1-2 sentences.
- Concluding sentence – link back to the contention

Body Paragraph (x1 against)

- TEEL
- Follow the pyramid model
- Avoid narration
- Reputable and concrete evidence
- Bring in the other side of the argument and acknowledge its validity, but explain how your POV is much more logical and suitable to benefit society.
- Concluding sentence – link back to the contention.

Conclusion:

- Restate contention –use key words from introduction for a circular ending.
- Restate ideas from body paragraphs without re-stating the examples.
- Concluding statement: call to action or recommendation for the future.
- Examples: “those who categorise themselves as ____ should____”, “laws and regulations should be revised to____”.

Useful phrases:

- ...a complex issue
- ...a complex problem
- ...a subject of serious debate
- On one hand...
- On one side of the table....
- From another perspective...
- Although both sides have good points...
- In light of this information, it seems that...
- Although it is difficult to choose sides....
- Of these two options...

Transitional words/ phrases:

- Addition synonyms: furthermore, more-over, likewise, another, similarly, as well as.
- Contrast: on one hand, however, nevertheless, in spite of, yet, conversely.

Memorising Examples:

- Avoid remembering the quotes word for word and instead remember the people who said them and have a general idea of what they were trying to say.
- Helpful to highlight quotes that you find to be diverse and useful across many themes.

THEMES