

The template below outlines the basic structure of a short academic essay, which is what you will be required to write for Writing Task 2 of the IELTS Writing Test.

### Introduction

General or neutral statement about the topic.

(optional) Less general statement about the topic.

**Thesis statement** of intent; what you intend to argue in your essay.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Argument

Topic sentence – introduces the subject and what you intend to say about it in the rest of the paragraph. This should reflect directly to the **thesis statement**.

Supporting arguments – evidence, proof and examples.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Argument

Topic sentence – introduces the subject and what you intend to say about it in the rest of the paragraph. This should reflect directly to the **thesis statement**.

Supporting arguments – evidence, proof and examples.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Argument

Topic sentence – introduces the subject and what you intend to say about it in the rest of the paragraph. This should reflect directly to the **thesis statement**.

Supporting arguments – evidence, proof and examples.

### Conclusion

Summary of, or reference to your **arguments**, which reflects the logic of the arguments.

Statement(s) offering a solution, prediction, recommendation or result.

**No new arguments are added.**