



The AQ Framework (for Every Paragraph)

1	The Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to (writer's name) / Passage A / B, ... • The writer's name (e.g. Smith's) idea that ... • The view in Passage A / B that ... • In Passage A / B, lines (x to xx), (writer's name) raised the point that / stated that / asserted that ... (State the point you have chosen to discuss in your own words)
2	Your stand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my opinion / My view on this is / I am inclined to think that ... (state whether you agree / disagree with the writer and how far you agree / disagree with the view in sentence 1) • I fully support the writer' contention in Passage A / B that ... • I find it difficult to agree completely with (the writer's) claim that ... • Although (writer's name) view is a popular / argument widely view, I do not support it. <p><i>NB: A view can be (in)valid, (un)true, (in)applicable, (ir)relevant, (in)correct, (in)appropriate depending on when and where it is said / applied and who said / applied it.</i></p>
3	Explain (Reasons for your stand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The truth / accuracy / logic of the writer's statement / contention in Passage A / B demonstrated by ... • The two words which I find most disturbing in (the writer's) assertion that ... are ... and ... • The claim by (the writer's name) that ... seems to me emotional in the extreme. • The writer's credibility is questionable because ...
4	Evaluate (Opposing View) + (Reasons why you adhere to your view)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opposing viewpoint to (writer's name) view has much to be said in its favour. • Despite the popularity of (writer's name) viewpoint / argument / belief, there is much evidence / are many arguments that may be cited In opposition to it. • Conventional wisdom / Received opinion tells us that (writer's name) view that ... is logical. However, the actual situation / truth is more complex than his view suggests. • An alternative opinion is ... / in contrast, it can be said that ... / On the other hand ... <p><i>NB: Do not agree / disagree totally, i.e. do not take an extreme stand. Agree to some extent with the opposite view. State when the opposing view may be right / wrong.</i></p> <p>Explain why despite the alternative or opposing view, you still stick by your original stand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, I still hold that (repeat original stand) because it holds greater truth / we see more evidence of it today/ it is a more likely scenario considering the current situation. • Despite this, I still think that (repeat original stand) because ... / I maintain my opinion that (repeat original stand) as ... • One significant piece of evidence / point that may be made to support (writer's name) argument / contention is ... • The majority / minority view is that ... but I cannot support this argument. In contrast, (writer's name) view that ... is more acceptable. • To counter-balance the rather one-sided view of (writer's name) that ... , we need to distance ourselves from this issue and endeavour to be more objective.
5	Exemplify (Evidence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This can be seen in Singapore when ... • From my observation of Singapore society ... • From my experience, ... • One evidence of this is ... / One evidence I can cite is ... <p><i>NB: You may cite current evidence or past evidence as long as it meets the question requirements. If the question requires you to discuss the future, state the current situation and predict from this current situation, what will happen In the future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering the current situation, a future scenario that can be projected is ... • In light of the present situation, a likely consequence / effect / scenario / situation is ... • We can hypothesise that in the future, ...