

A.M.D.G Discursive Essay (words and phrases)

A. The chronological or organisation by categories Report

The topic sentences suggest themselves - eg. chronological:

In its earliest stages.....
Later/in the following century.....
Some fifty years later....
By the beginning of.....
Most recent developments.....

B. The proposal/scheme - controversial issue Report

Both of these involve two sides of an issue and group. who support/oppose;

re division:
opinion is divided....
attitudes are polarised....
there is a divergence of opinion....
the issue has generated vigorous debate and differing responses....
there are various schools of thought....
the scheme has attracted supporters and critics.....
the issues are not clear-cut and simple...
support is by no means unanimous..... there are dissenting voices....
there is a conflict of interest...

NB. the normal basis for approval/disapproval may be:

financial
environmental/ecological
ethical/moral/religious
cultural
humanitarian
legal
aesthetic
considerations of safety, eg danger to individual/to others
not financially viable
morally questionable
unpractical/impracticable
infringes individual rights
threatens vested interests

The motive for supporting or opposing can probably be described under one of these headings, though the list is not exhaustive.

Phrases/words for expressing point of view:

Opponents

A powerful lobby
Vocal
Vociferous
Influential
Persuasive

Supporters

Suggest...point out that...
insist...allege
aver...assert
cite the evidence...produce statistics...
allude to a recent case...

Powerful
From a variety of areas
Etc..., etc.,

discredit the suggestion...
counter the argument...
Etc..., etc.,

C. Situation/Problem/Solution

After description of the situation

- a) A probable cause of this...
Several factors have contributed to...
The escalation of...the deterioration of...may be attributed to...
The blame for the increase in...
- b) One possible implication of this is...
The long term effect of...
An inevitable consequence of such...
- c) A suggested remedy...
It is felt by...that...would effect some improvement
Perhaps...would alleviate/reduce/limit/confine/eradicate/minimize/curb/improve etc