

# English Language Paper 2 Question 5

## Writing Skills: Checklist

Organisation: Use an interesting structure	
	AGO (attention grabbing opening)
	AGO - dialogue
	AGO – story/memory/experience/news
	AGO – description/real detail
	AGO – facts and figures
	End where you started (cyclic structure)
	Counterargument (viewpoint)

### Grab

Grab the reader's attention with an AGO: a story, a description, an event, an experience, facts or statistics



### State

State your viewpoint – opinion



### Support

Support your viewpoint with evidence: opinion, facts, experts, experience etc.



### Defend

Defend your views against the counter-argument (the opposite views)



### End

End: reassert your opinion; reflect on the evidence; balance the views; return to your AGO

Paragraphs	
	Different lengths of paragraphs
	Begin with rhetorical question
	End with a rhetorical question
	Topic sentences (to flag up content or make key point)
	Final sentence leads in to next paragraph
Grammar and punctuation	
	Short sentences
	Short sentences to start (or end) paragraphs
	Colons (: ) for lists, explanations
	Semi-colons (; ) to join related sentences
Language (rhetoric)	
	Rhetorical questions (to begin or end paragraphs)
	Rule of three (2 short + 1 long) (2 long + 1 short)
	Emotive language
	Hyperbole
	Repetition (anaphora)
	Pronoun: Direct address "you..."
	Pronoun: inclusive "we..."