

**Essay structure**

**Intro**
- Orientate the reader to the topic
- State outline of points to be discussed – how will the essay unfold (structure)
- What will the argument be – state your position/thesis

**Body**
- Paragraphs must include topic sentences: Present the evidence
- Organise the evidence you have researched in a way that shows all points of view (unbiased) but still supports your argument (persuasive language). Include contradictory evidence. Cite/lead example.
- Include signpost words to prepare the reader for direction of argument.

**Concl.**
- Confirm your position/thesis by restating thesis
- Summarise outline of main points covered in essay
- Qualify and confirm thesis – acknowledge significant counter evidence if necessary.

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**Introduction:** Problem of rising divorce (orient reader to topic), list the explanations (how essay unfolds) and which you feel most strongly about (thesis/opinion)

**Body:** Explanation 1 (Type?)
- Summarise / Evaluate
- Explanation 2 (Type?)
- Summarise / Evaluate
- Explanation 3 (Type?)
- Summarise / Evaluate

Implications of explanations.
(What types of solutions do they suggest?)

Implications of explanation 1
Implications of explanation 2
Implications of explanation 3

**Conclusion:** Which explanation is most helpful?