

**Q5 –Argue, Inform, Explain – writing about your own point of view**

**5 minutes planning - always plan your response**

**24 marks content & organisation**

**Start with** a powerful statement, fact, statistic or rhetorical question

You need to present your reader with a clear set of logical ideas about a topic. You need to show consideration of alternative views to your own.

**TIPS:**

You **MUST** use devices throughout your response:

- Rhetorical questions
- 3 part list
- Exaggeration (hyperbole)
- Comparisons through imagery (simile, metaphor)
- Emotive language
- Anecdotes (personal stories and details or a case study)

**CONNECTIVES to develop ideas:**

Firstly	Secondly
In addition / Additionally	Furthermore
Moreover	<i>In contrast</i>
<i>On the other hand</i>	<i>Alternatively</i>
<i>Finally</i>	<i>In conclusion</i>

- **Give articles a heading**

**Spelling, punctuation and grammar: 16 marks**

**Don't forget paragraphs.**

**No paragraphs = limited to grade 1.**

**Sentence types:**

- Simple/short
- Compound (and/but/or)
- Complex
- Adverb starts (ly words)
- One word sentences for effect
- Repetition of sentences and within sentences for effect

**Punctuation:**

*It must be accurate*

*It must be varied*

- **CAPITAL** letters – names/places/start of sentences
- **Commas** – after connectives (Firstly) and between items in lists
- **Apostrophes** – John's – belonging to John
- **Colons (:)** – introduce lists or reasons
- **Semi colons (;)** – link two similar sentences or separate phrases
- **Dashes (-)**: creates a pause and add additional information
- **Question marks (?)** Even on rhetorical questions
- **Ellipsis (...)** creates a pause or a cliffhanger

**Spellings:**

- There – a place (here and there)
- Their – belonging to them (It is their cat)
- They're – short form of they are (They're coming to my party)
- Your – belonging to you (That is your dog)
- You're – short form of you are (You're late again)

Take **risks** with **vocabulary** – use **impressive** and **ambitious** word choices even if you aren't sure of the spellings!