	Content	Skills
19 - 20: Outstanding	 Skilled use of structure Outstanding use argument and counter argument Skilled use of rhetorical devices e.g. emotive language, hyperbole Skilled use of an appropriate voice with judicious use of informality 	 Appropriately laid out Skilled use of paragraphs Rare grammatical errors Skilled use of both simple and complex sentences Secure spelling Skilled use of complex connectives
16 - 18 Excellent	 Generally uses an excellent structure Excellent use of argument and counter argument Excellent use of rhetorical devices Appropriate voice with appropriate use of informality 	 Appropriately laid out Secure paragraphing Majority grammatically correct Secure use of simple and complex sentences Secure use of complex connectives
12 - 15: Good	 Good evidence of a structure Good use of argument and counter argument Good use of rhetorical devices. 	 Appropriately laid out Consistent use of paragraphing Mostly grammatically correct Evidence of simple and complex sentences Majority spelt correctly, maybe some errors on more complex words

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8 - 11 Satisfactory	 Evidence of a structure but order can be confusing Beginning to use engaging arguments and possibly uses counter argument Beginning to effectively use rhetorical devices 	 Lay out may not always be appropriate, might use subheadings Some use of paragraphs Some grammatically correct sentences Some simple and complex sentences, but weak on occasions Simplistic use of connectives on occasions – 'so' and 'then'
7 - and below – unacceptable	 Weak structure – not necessarily in a logical order Use of arguments, but might be simplistic Some use of rhetorical devices, but may be repetitive or not crafted 	 Weak or no paragraphing Weak or inaccurate grammatical errors Weak or poor sentence structure Simplistic connectives