	Content	Skills
19 - 20: Outstanding	 Skilled use of structure Developed understanding of authorial craft. Engagement with the writer's use of language Perceptively relating ideas back to the essay title Skilled use of an academic style 	 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	 Has a good structure Secure understanding of the author's craft Evidence that focussing on effect of language Securely relating points back to the title 	 Appropriately laid out Secure paragraphing Majority grammatically correct Secure use of simple and complex sentences Secure use of complex connectives
12 - 15: Good	 Clear evidence of a structure Evidence of understanding of authorial craft Evidence beginning to focus on language Generally relating points back to the title, but sometimes simplistically. 	 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

8 - 11: Satisfactory	 Evidence of a structure but order can be confusing May be some weak reference to authorial craft but simplistically Sometimes relating points to the title. 	 Lay out may not always be appropriate, might use sub- headings 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 Little reference to or understanding of authorial craft May use an informal style Analysis weak – tends to make points, but no real analysis, instead translating or describing. May not use quotations. 	 Weak or no paragraphing Weak or inaccurate grammatical errors Weak or poor sentence structure Simplistic connectives