

The format of long and short writing tasks

Short essays (including exam answers) generally have this pattern:

Introduction

Main body

Conclusion

Longer essays may include:

Introduction

Main body

Literature review

Case study

Discussion

Conclusion

References

Appendices

Dissertations and journal articles may have:

Abstract

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Introduction

Main body

Literature review

Case study

Findings

Discussion

Conclusion

Acknowledgements

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