

# EXTENDED RESPONSE

## 1. 3 KEY FEATURES

There are three main elements to writing an extended response: the beginning, middle and ending.

### A. Beginning

- i. The opening paragraph should introduce your main idea or position. Start with a topic sentence that states the point you are addressing in your answer. Hint: the opening sentence generally restates the question in your own words.

### B. Middle

- i. The following paragraphs (1-3) provides information, examples and details to support your main idea or position. You must demonstrate what you know or think about the topic and provide a detailed response.

### C. Conclusion

- i. The final paragraph sums up your main idea or position. Restate your topic question and clarify your position emphasising your point of view.

## 2. UNDERSTANDING THE QUESTION

Extended response questions require you to either assess, analyse, examine, evaluate or justify. You need to learn the differences.

### A. Break down the question

- i. Underline key words and terms – what do you have to do?
- ii. Circle subject specific terms – check the syllabus
- iii. Identify links, such as terms as impact, effect, relationships and cause.

### B. Plan

- i. Take 1-2 minutes to plan your answer

### C. Structure

- i. Use PEEL to structure your paragraph.
  1. *P (point) – a separate paragraph for each point*
  2. *E (evidence/examples) – use relevant examples*
  3. *E (elaborate) – explain how your example backs up your point*
  4. *L (link) – link to the question or next paragraph*

### D. Can include in your extended response

- i. Table
- ii. Dot points
- iii. Flowchart
- iv. Subheadings