

English Language 1123
Paper 1
Section 2 /Composition
Argumentative Essay Writing

Language 1123 For examination in June and November 2021.

Assessment at a glance

- Paper 1 Writing 1 hour 30 minutes
- Candidates answer two questions: the compulsory question in Section 1 and one question from Section 2.
- Section 1: Directed Writing (30 marks)
- Candidates are presented with one compulsory writing task. Candidates write a response of 200–300 words.
- Section 2: Composition (30 marks) Candidates complete one writing task from a choice of five, 1 descriptive/2 argumentative/ 2 narrative essay titles. Candidates write a response of 350–500 words. This component is externally assessed. 60 marks

Assessment objectives

- A02: Writing
- W1 Articulate experience and express what is thought, felt and imagined
- W2 Sequence facts, ideas and opinions
- W3 Use a range of appropriate vocabulary
- W4 Use register appropriate to audience and context
- W5 Make accurate use of spelling, punctuation and grammar
- In the Composition section, candidates have an opportunity to display their English language skills in order to express their opinion, experience or imagination in a range of discourse types: descriptive, argumentative or narrative.

Argumentative Essay Writing

- Planning
- 5 paragraphs
- 1st paragraph :Introduction last line of your introduction is your thesis statement.
- 2nd paragraph :1st claim to support your thesis statement give logic and evidence to support
- 3rd paragraph :2nd claim to support your thesis statement give logic and evidence to support
- 4th paragraph : 1or2 counter claims that go against your claim and then refute them with evidence.
- Conclusion support or restate your thesis statement.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAUKxr946SI>

Mind Your Formatting

- **Introduction** - A typical essay will have an introductory paragraph that contains your thesis statement (or your statement of belief) and offers a bit of a tease as to WHY the reader should continue reading.
- **Body** - The body of your essay will contain the meat of your argument. This is where you'll include relevant facts, statistics, narratives, testimonials, and more. The body is your chance to leverage various modes of persuasion too, like appeal to emotion or logic.
- **Conclusion** - Finally, your conclusion will offer a brief summary of what has been written. It'll reiterate how the "meat" of your essay ties back into your thesis statement and why your stance is correct. You might consider ending with a rhetorical question or some other striking comment