

IB Geography Essay Writing Plan

The 12 Mark Response for Paper 3

The essay should be concisely written and well-structured. Avoid unnecessary words and over descriptive sentences. Aim for 500-600 words.

The structure should include a concise introduction, a detailed main body – with paragraphs and a clear conclusion, that supports and summarises the main argument(s).

The essay must be fixed at all times to the command word and based on the subject. This is achieved by frequently **tagging** the subject into your argument. Avoid lengthy tags, these should be smoothly integrated into the sentence.

The argument must be balanced. This means a critical awareness of different perspectives and interpretations of evidence. This does not mean that all perspectives have equal importance.

Introduction:

1. Sets up the structure of argument (perspectives and interpretations)
2. Defines key terms
3. Introduces place context (if relevant)

Main Body: Aim for at least 4 paragraphs, each developing a key idea

1. Uses accurate terminology
2. Develops an argument
3. Demonstrates a balanced approach with awareness of different perspectives
4. Develops place examples and/or case studies fixed to the command word
5. Links between the paragraphs help the essay flow

Conclusion:

1. Is concise
2. Summarises the main perspectives and interpretations of evidence
3. Is consistent with the introduction and main body