

Ace your Application Question

GENERAL PAPER

INTRODUCTION

- The introduction of your Application Question (AQ) should be kept as simple as possible.

Follow these 3 steps/pointers to include in your AQ

- State the **issue-at-hand** again.
- State your **STAND**.
- State your **JUSTIFICATION**.

E.g. As mentioned by Robert Binksy, **social interaction has been on a decline in today's society**, and this is true to a **large extent** in my society which is known to breed youths who are increasingly becoming more anti-social due to the **advances in technology and social media**.

BODY PARAGRAPHS

Body Paragraphs should be similar to that of an essay.

Point - Lift a sentence from the text provided that can support your point, then accompany this with one Singapore characteristic.

Explanation - Explain the point that you had just quoted and explain how it links to the Singapore characteristic you had provided.

Example - Provide some examples to support your point (the lifted portion from the text) that are based in Singapore.

Link - Reiterate your point once again.

Evaluation - Provide evaluative standpoints that challenges your point [covered in the previous part].

EXAMPLE OF BODY PARAGRAPH

E.g.

As seen in Paragraph 6, Robert states that "[lifted straight from the text]" and this is applicable to my society which is known to be very pragmatic. This means that [explanation] and it can be seen that in my society as exemplified by [example 1 and 2]. Hence, it shows that [this point is applicable]. That said, [evaluation].

WHAT TO NOTE!!

- AQ is all about how you tie back the text you had just studied to your own society. Hence, you should aim to point out the distinctive pointers the text may have made that you are able to relate to.
- The examples **HAVE** to be Singapore-based examples. Do <u>NOT</u> quote other random examples from elsewhere in the world.
- Having **SINGAPORE CHARACTERISTICS** are <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u>. It is a **MUST** to have at least one different characteristic in each paragraph.



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