ZIMSEC ADVANCED LEVEL HISTORY ESSAY WRITTING

*ARCHIVING A GRADE

Firstly believe in yourself and work on it but it's not an overnight process

20-22 The essay must be consistently analytical
Coherent , sequential accurate supported by factual evidence
Avoid description and narration
The information must correct and depict a clear understanding of the question
Arguments must be clear and clarified
NB ..question focused not topic focused

History questions differs and as such each question requires specific style of writing
Causation essay requires one to show how such a cause has led to some thing for example

Poor harvest was a leading cause towards the outbreak of the revolution chiefly it brought extreme social distress as the rural mob migrated into some urban areas searching for food . Consequently this brought about looting of bakeries and shops. Violence , commotion and disorder became rampant in the streets of Hotel De ville , Lyons, Brittany, La Ven Ndee and Paris.

Include these words in every causation essay

Propelled
fuelled
Necessitated
Precipitated
Spearheaded
Brought about

NB be question focused not topic focused
Don't be tempted to offer a very long description be straight forward to the point
Avoid long sentences
Use metaphors
Quote wre it is necessary and after quotation remember to comment it relating to the question
Do not repeat yr points
Start with more powerful points
Always remember topic sentence and reiteration
Eg
One can argue

It is true that , then you repeat part of the question attaching yr point there
Introductions must be well balanced
addressing the question
If the question is saying why ..yu should give more important reasons in yr introduction
In that introduction address yr stand point
It must be less than 11 lines
Give your yr line of argument
Don be neutral the whole essay or introduction
In case the question how far
To what extent
How important ...introduction must two sided with the affirmative side .greater extend
If the question is an assertion
Always start by saying

The above claim is valid on pretext that
The above verdict is valid considering the view that
The above question is valid simply because
The above assertion is justified chiefly because

...then u support the question after than yu thn address the second side

Here you can

However it can not be wholly argued that

It became unjustified to wholly argue that
It became a history fallacy
It became misleading to wholly say
One can not fully submit the fact that
Then y put yr lessr extent side points

Yr paragraphs must be uniform
Starting phrases
To begin with
To start with
Initially

Linking phrases
More to that
More over
In addition
To supplement the above paragraph
To make matters worse

To worsen th situation
Even less satisfactory
Having this
More often than note
However
Apart from the above
Besides that
Further more

Here are some typical ratios of a balanced essay

30:70
60:40
80:20
It means 30% supporting affirmative side and 70% non affirmative

This differs with type of questions
Be very careful with these type of questions

How far and to what extent was napoleon able to exercise dominance in Europe from 1802 -15

They are two issues
How far
To what extent

Command words

Asses, Evaluate
Examine ..give arguments to support the question and justify reasons

Of late Zimbabwean history has proven to be a poisonus gift as many students fail to score high marks .Read it thoroughly

Whenever writing Zimbabwean History questions always remember to apply the following linking phrases

-More often than note
-Very little Is known
-Tradition confirmed that
-Wat it means therefore
-To supplement the above paragraph
-More to that

-Further more
-It most obvious that
-One can argue that
-It is true to say that
-All wat can be confidently said is that
-it is clear that
-It is claimed that
-The best evidence is that
-It is possible that
_It seems more likely that
-What it means thefore is that
-It is just conceivable
-In this view
-More evidently that

Zimbabwean history requires one to give depth analysis and giving scholars

Clarify yr argument
Do not give casual arguments
Show that you know yr history
Concluding phrases
From the aforementioned paragraphs it can be concluded that

In the light of the above discussion

With this information on the table one can conclude that
Do not introduce new points
Make sure yr last sentence carries the judgement and directly answer the question
Treat this sentence as the last word in court

Reiteration words

Therefore
Hence
If this was the case
Considering this view
The remark that can be raised here

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