

Guide for Answering Critical Thinking Questions

1. Read and Understand the Question

- Identify the **main idea**: what are you being asked?
- Look for keywords like *agree/disagree*, *cause/effect*, *compare/contrast*.

2. Plan Your Answer

- Decide your **opinion or position**:
- Think of **2–3 supporting points** (with **examples or reasons**.)

3. Starters and Linking Words

Opinion Starters:

- I completely agree that...
- I partially agree that...
- I disagree that...
- In my opinion...
- I believe...
- From my point of view
- I strongly think that...
- I don't think that..

Transitions / Linking Words:

To add a point:

- Firstly, secondly, thirdly
- Moreover, in addition, what's more
- Also, as well as, together with
- Another point is, equally important
- Not only that, but also
- Plus, further, besides
- Along with this, in the same way

To give examples:

- For example, for instance
- Such as, like
- To illustrate

To contrast or show opposite ideas:

- However, on the other hand
- Although, even though
- In contrast

To show result or effect:

- Therefore, thus, as a result
- Consequently, so
- This leads to...

To conclude or summarize:

- In this way, overall
 - To sum up, in conclusion
 - Hence, all in all
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4. Structure Your Answer (3–5 lines)

1. **Starter:** Introduce your opinion.
 2. **Point 1 + example**
 3. **Point 2 + example**
 4. **Conclusion / result**
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5. Tips

- Keep sentences **clear**.
- Always **support your opinion** with reasons or examples.
- Use **linking words** to make your answer flow.
- Avoid repeating ideas—each point should be different.