

A strong essay...	A weak essay ...
Argument	
... answers the question, with a clearly structured, strong and coherent argument which addresses the key points.	... does not answer the question, wanders off into irrelevancies, and cannot present a clear account of the main issues.
Analysis	
... provides a carefully considered and in-depth analysis of the primary evidence, showing a knowledge of secondary reading where appropriate.	... does not attempt to analyse primary evidence, and is based heavily on lectures or set reading.
Knowledge of ancient sources	
... shows a <i>detailed</i> knowledge of the text, or command of a wide range of sources.	... does not consider the primary sources in detail or in-depth.
Presentation	
... is clearly set out, using good and appropriate English with proper punctuation, and full documentation of primary and secondary sources.	... does not have proper or clear paragraph breaks, has poor English expression and spelling, and does not document primary and secondary sources fully or consistently.