Essay Structure

Introduction

• Indicates questions to be answered
• Defines parameters
• Summarises the line of argument
• Foreshadows the conclusion

Body

• Paragraphs in logical progression
• Paragraphs with distinct topic sentences
• Arranges information into paragraphs with
  o Discussion
  o Elaboration
  o Examples
  o Exception
• Ensures line of argument is sequential
• References appropriately to separate own material from source material

Conclusion

• Restates the thesis statement
• Summarises the main argument
• Introduces no new material

Reference: Louise Eurell, Granville TAFE. English and Humanities Programs, Pre-vocational Programs Training Division.