

1.10 Organising paragraphs

1 Paragraph structure

The answers are found below the table in (2).

3 Practice A

(a)

Topic sentence
Example
Reason
Supporting point 1
Supporting point 2
Supporting point 3

(b) for example/ It is widely believed/ In addition/ But above all

(c) Despite this

4 Development of ideas

(a)

Topic sentence	iii
Definition	i
Result 1	vi
Result 2	v
Result 3	iv
Conclusion	ii

(b) All these claims

(c) These/ but/ When this/ Others/ in other words/ Even

6 Practice B

(Example answer)

(a)

1 Topic	It has been argued that rises in the rate of home ownership can increase the rate of unemployment.
2 Reason	This is because home ownership appears to make people more reluctant to move in order to find work.
3 Example	Spain is an example of a country where high rates of home ownership coincide with high unemployment, while Switzerland demonstrates the opposite.
4 Argument	This theory, however, remains controversial.
5 Conclusion	It is clear that other factors, such as the liquidity of the housing market, must play a role in the relationship.

(b)

1 This theory was lent support by the performance of the housing market in US states such as California and Florida during the recession of 2007—9.
2 These states had all experienced a major housing boom during the 1990s.
3 But after the start of the recession the rate of house moving declined steeply.
4 It appears that one factor in this slowdown was the number of households in negative equity.
5 Having negative equity means that a house would be sold at a loss.
6 Therefore a recession may be deepened if labour becomes more static, as a result of high home ownership rates.