How effective structure supports reasoned argument in essays 1 _Discipline/field Topic Underlying question Introduce discipline/field/context and topic Why is this topic interesting from the perspective of the discipline/field? [also consider how interested you are in the topic] I N Focus Ť As necessary, indicate relevant debate, previous research, R problem, definitions, scope in time & place, etc Roughly, Ó 10-15% D of essay U Signpost structure of argument length Ċ, Tell the reader the sequence of your sections/ T issues in the body of your essay I 0 Indicate thesis statement N (your main line of argument) Indicate your answer to the underlying question Section: context/ Background theory paragraph paragraph Paragraph structure Section: 1 paragraph 1st issue = 1 main idea Analyse/ = 100/150/200 words evaluate } : paragraph paragraph Topic sentence Roughly, 80% of (the main idea in the essay paragraph; feeds into Section: section/issue) length 2nd issue Analyse/ Supporting sentences paragraph evaluate (evidence, examples) paragraph Concluding/linking Section: sentence 3rd issue Analyse/ paragraph evaluate paragraph 002010 Draw together your findings/analysis from each section of your argument Roughly, State your conclusion/evaluation/researched 5-10% thesis, based on your findings of essay s I length Consider the implications of your evaluation 0 for the debate/problem in your discipline/field

 $^{^1}$ Read the assessment task carefully because a topic or discipline often requires a different structure. And always remember the golden 'creativity rule' — all rules are meant to be broken, it's just that you first need to know them!