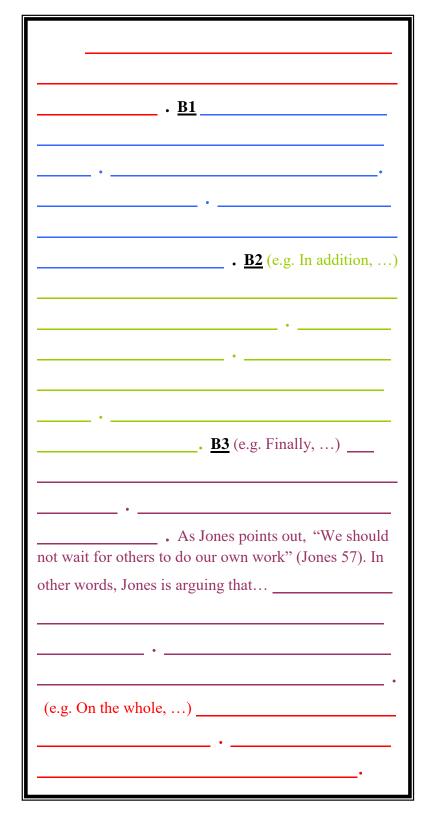
## **The Standard Body Paragraph** [Providing a series of examples or events]

<u>Introduction</u> – Explain the topic of the paragraph, and ensure that the rest of the paragraph illustrates this topic.

<u>Body</u> – Put all of your examples in chronological or thematic groups (B1, B2, etc.). If they aren't chronological, place your strongest example at the end. Use transitions to move smoothly from one group of ideas to another.

<u>Quotation</u> – Placing a quotation within the body can be an effective way to support your topic. Make sure you introduce the quote *beforehand*, and explain its relevance *after* it has been inserted.

<u>Conclusion</u> – It must summarize the main ideas or provide a sense of resolution.



## **The Complex Comparison Paragraph**

In this paragraph, we compare two texts on <u>two</u> issues, usually similarities and differences. Sample prompts include:

- **Compare and contrast** the **personalities** of Mr. Smith in "Life is Happiness" and Ms. Lee in "Poems of our time".
- **Compare and contrast** the **relationships** that the mother in "Life with my Mom" and Jenny Smith in "Motherhood and Life" have with their children.

**Introduction - Explain the** topic of the paragraph, and ensure that the rest of the paragraph illustrates • <u>**B1**</u> (e.g. To be sure, ...) \_\_\_\_\_ this topic. **Body 1 – Discuss the** anti-thesis or weaker part(s) of an issue. B1 usually needs just 1 or 2 examples. You **B2** (e.g. Nevertheless, ...) should start with a concession transition. **Body 2 – Discuss the** pro-thesis or strongest part of the argument. [Never go into your conclusion with a contradictory point!] You should have at least 3 or 4 fully explained examples. In the first sentence, you should use a *contrast* transition and explain why B2 is more significant or convincing than B1. • (e.g. In general, ...) **Conclusion – It must** summarize the main ideas or provide a sense of resolution.

## **The Simple Comparison Paragraph**

In this paragraph, we compare two texts on <u>one</u> issue. Sample prompts include:

- Who presents **a more positive view of life**, Mr. Smith in "Life is Happiness" or Ms. Lee in "Poems of our time"?
- Contrast **the relationships** that the **mother** in "Life with my Mom" and **Jenny Smith** in "Motherhood and Life" **have with their children**.

