**Useful vocabulary**

* In the essay questions:

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| *Une affirmation = an assertion**Une opinion = an opinion**Un point de vue = a point of view**Partager =to share* *Un avis = an opinion**Etre d’accord =to agree**Etre en désaccord = to disagree**Approuver = to approve**Désapprouver = to disapprove**Jusqu’à quel point =to what extent* *Une réponse = an answer**Un moyen = a means**Une façon = a way**Justifier = to justify**Un gaspillage = a waste**Une perte = a loss**Un abandon = a withdrawal* | *Contrôler = to control**Limiter =to limit* *Une responsabilité =a responsibility* *un droit = a right**un devoir = a duty**un avantage = an advantage**un inconvénient = a disadvantage**Un mal (des maux) =a trouble/ a pain / an evil**Une vertu = a virtue**Un vice = a vice, a moral weakness**Etre en faveur de = to be in favour of**Défendre = to defend**Rejeter = to reject**S’opposer à = to oppose**Soutenir =to support* |

* In your answer:

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| To begin and to continue:*En premier lieu/en deuxième lieu = in the first place**D’une part/d’autre part = on the one hand**Un autre aspect du problème c’est que… = another aspect of the issue is…**Le revers de la médaille, c’est que… = the downside of this is that…**Il faut en venir maintemant à… = this leads us to…**La dernière constatation qui s’impose c’est que…= the last thing we have to acknowledge is…*To confirm:*En effet = indeed*To put forward forward categorically:*sans aucun doute = without any doubt**bien entendu = naturally, of course**tout simplement = quite simply**Évidemment = obviously**Il est évident que = it is clear that**Il va sans dire que = it goes without saying that* | To set the record straight:*En fait = in fact**A vrai dire = if the truth be told**En réalité = in reality**Au fond = basically**Toujours est-il que = the fact remains that**Il reste cependant vrai que = the fact remains that*To put a contrary point of view:*En revanche / par contre = on the other hand**D’autre part / au contraire = on the contrary*To refer to:*Il s’agit de = it is a matter of / a question of**En ce qui concerne / concernant = concerning**Au sujet de = about, on the subject of**Quant à = as for**Là-dessus = on that point, about that*To put forward tentatively:*Autant qu’on puisse en juger = as far as one can tell**Dans une certaine mesure = to a certain extent**En quelque sorte = to some extent**Certes = no doubt* |
| To put forward as a personal opinion:*A mon avis = in my opinion**En ce qui me concerne = as far as I am concerned**Il me semble que = it seems to me that*To add:*En outre / d’ailleurs / du reste = moreover / besides / furthermore**De plus = in addition*To concede:*Néanmoins = nevertheless**Pourtant / cependant = and yet / however**Toutefois = at any rate / anyway**Tout de même = all the same**Tout en admettant que = whilst admitting that, granted that**Tandis que / alors que = whilst, whereas* | To narrow down:*voire = and even**ou plutôt = or rather**ou plus précisément = or more precisely*To sum up or conclude:*Toute réflexion faite = all things considered**Somme toute = when all’s said and done**Tout compte fait / en fin de compte = taking all in all**En somme = in short**A tous les égards = in every respect**Pour finir / terminer / conclure = to finish**En guise de conclusion, il est clair que… = to conclude, it is clear that…**Ce qui nous importe ici essentiellement est…= what really matters here is…* |

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| Miscellaneous expressions:*autrement dit / en d’autres termes = in other words**Quoi qu’il en soit = however that may be**notamment / surtout = above all / especially**en particulier = in particular**On peut se demander si = one may well wonder whether**et ainsi de suite = and so on**à savoir = mainly**c’est-à-dire = that is to say* |