**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* |