

## GMAT AWA Essay Template

### Analysis of an Argument

#### Paragraph 1 – Introduction

Dissection of argument (name the parts: premises, conclusions, assumptions)  
Thesis statement: the argument that .... is flawed because (paragraph 2 overview)  
and (paragraph 3 overview)

#### Paragraph 2 – First Point

Transition Phrase: First,  
Statement of Point  
Example  
Relate the Example

#### Paragraph 3 – Second Point

Transition Phrase: Second,  
Statement of Point  
Example  
Relate the Example

#### Paragraph 4 – How to Fix Argument

Transition Phrase: Moreover,  
How to Fix Argument

#### Paragraph 5 – Conclusion

Transition Phrase: In conclusion  
Recap of Thesis Statement  
Summary of Outline

## Analysis of an Issue

### Paragraph 1 – Introduction

Acknowledge the complexity of the issue

Thesis statement: I agree/disagree with the statement that... because (paragraph 2 overview) and (paragraph 3 overview)

### Paragraph 2 – First Point

Transition Phrase: First,  
Statement of Point  
Example  
Relate the Example

### Paragraph 3 – Second Point

Transition Phrase: Second,  
Statement of Point  
Example  
Relate the Example

### Paragraph 4 – Rejection of Counter-Point

Transition Phrase/Statement of Counter Point: On the other hand, some may argue that...  
Rebuttal of Counter Point  
Example Supporting Rebuttal  
Relate the Example

### Paragraph 5 – Conclusion

Transition Phrase: In conclusion  
Recap of Thesis Statement  
Summary of Outline

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