Higher Modern Studies Plan for Essay 1: Factors affecting African Development

**Paragraph 1:**

1. Opening sentence which introduces the factor e.g. Poor Health
2. Give an example of the 3 illnesses **(Knowledge)**
3. Explain how illness affects families & long-term for children **(Analysis – It can be argued that shows/effects...)**
4. Give 2 examples of specific effects of illness e.g. how much do countries lose in revenue? Loss of tourism **(Examples)**
5. Link Poor Health to Corrupt Governments with an example of a specific country **(Evaluation)**

**Paragraph 2:**

1. Opening sentence which introduces the factor e.g. Education
2. Explain why education is important **(Analysis – It can be argued that shows/effects...)**
3. Details on enrolment numbers **(Knowledge)**
4. Give examples of what the classroom experience is like & why there is such high dropout rates **(Knowledge** & **Examples)**
5. Explain why it is important to educate women **(Analysis – It can be argued that shows/effects...)**
6. Link Poor Education to another factor e.g. poor health/war with an example of a specific country **(Evaluation)**

**Paragraph 3:**

1. Opening sentence which introduces the factor e.g. Food & Water Shortages
2. Explain why time is wasted in Africa that could be used to develop the countries infrastructure **(Analysis – It can be argued that shows/effects...)**
3. Details on the availability of water in rural/urban areas & dangers of gathering it **(Knowledge** & **Examples)**
4. Explain why children & woman are hindered by this in particular **(Analysis – It can be argued that shows/effects...)**
5. Details on where underweight children live **(Examples)**
6. Explain how malnutrition affects children in the long term
7. Link Lack of Food & Water to another factor e.g. health & Cholera **(Evaluation)**

**Paragraph 4:**

1. Opening sentence which introduces the factor e.g. Poor Governance
2. Explain why Poor Governance can be linked to each key factor & the lack of development in Africa - why/how dictators divert funds **(Analysis – It can be argued that shows/effects...)**
3. How much money in Aid has been given to Africa since the 1960s? **(Knowledge)**
4. Give an example of how poorly coordinated projects limits development **(Example)**
5. Explain why we can be blamed for the struggle for power in Africa **(Analysis – It can be argued that shows/effects...)**
6. How much has corruption cost Africa? **(Example)**

**Paragraph 5:**

1. Opening sentence which introduces the factor e.g. Conflict **(Knowledge)**
2. Give an example of how bad the problem in Africa is **(Example)**
3. Explain, with an example, that it wastes money that could be spent elsewhere & detail evidence of reduced life quality that shows the impact **(Explain – ‘this hinders African development because…’** & **Examples)**
4. Details on refugees **(Knowledge)**
5. Explain how this had long term affects **(Explain)**
6. Example of Southern Sudan **(Examples)**
7. Link Conflict to another factor e.g. lack of food & water – ‘scorched water policy’ & Corrupt governments **(Evaluation)**

**Paragraph 6:**

1. “Another factor that contributes to the lack of development in Africa is **debt.”**
2. Why is Africa in so much debt (Knowledge)
3. What impact does this have today (Explain)
4. How much debt is Africa in? (Example)
5. What happened in 2005? (Knowledge)
6. What impact will this have? With an example (Explain & Example)
7. However… (Knowledge)
8. Link this to main argument (pretty much repeat 2.)

**Paragraph 7:**

1. **“Another factor that contributes to the lack of development in Africa is unfair trade terms.”**
2. **Why should Africa be prosperous continent? (Knowledge & Example)**
3. **Explain that trade however varies between countries which creates cash crops (Explain & Example)**
4. **What are the problems that go with cash crops? (Explain & Example)**
5. **Link unfair trade to debt (Knowledge)**
6. **Explain the problems this causes e.g. Zambia (Explain & Example)**
7. **Sum up that trade could be Africa's way out of poverty but it depends on how governments would spend their increased budget**