**Task 1: Defence – Scaffold**

**NB: This is an analytical exposition written in essay form using approximately seven (7) ‘hamburger’ paragraphs. I.e. introduction, 5 in body, conclusion.**

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|  | **Key questions** | **Comments** |
| **Introduction** | How do I read? Which theories are most pertinent in describing my reading practices? Which are less useful? | Establish your central idea. Signal the main theories or schools of theory that you will mainly be focusing on in the body of your defence. |
| Para 1 | What is meant by reader-centred approaches to reading? How do these approaches differ from early author-centred and reader-centred approaches? | Topic sentence – general statement about r-c approaches.  Expand/Explain – add information  Compare/Contrast to author and text-centred approaches  Conclude by linking back to ideas in topic sentence and forward to question of how you read. |
| Para 2 | Introduce theory (and associated theorist/s) that illuminates your reading style.  Add further information on theory. Comment on the extent to which theory reflects your mode of reading.  Discuss the way in which your reading demonstrates this theory by quoting from your reading (two quotes).  Evaluate the theory in terms of strengths and weaknesses. | Topic sentence  Expand/Explain  Evaluate – usefulness in describing your preferred reading style  Substantiate by referring to own reading  Conclude – evaluate strengths and weaknesses of theory  Link to next paragraph |
| Para 3 | Introduce theory (and associated theorist/s) that illuminates your reading style.  Add further information on theory. Comment on the extent to which theory reflects your mode of reading.  Discuss the way in which your reading demonstrates this theory by quoting from your reading (two quotes).  Evaluate the theory in terms of strengths and weaknesses. | Topic sentence  Expand/Explain  Evaluate – usefulness in describing your preferred reading style  Substantiate by referring to own reading  Conclude – evaluate strengths and weaknesses of theory  Link to next paragraph |
| Para 4 | Introduce theory (and associated theorist/s) that illuminates your reading style.  Add further information on theory. Comment on the extent to which theory reflects your mode of reading.  Discuss the way in which your reading demonstrates this theory by quoting from your reading (two quotes).  Evaluate the theory in terms of strengths and weaknesses. | Topic sentence  Expand/Explain  Evaluate – usefulness in describing your preferred reading style  Substantiate by referring to own reading  Conclude – evaluate strengths and weaknesses of theory  Link to next paragraph |
| Para 5 | Introduce theory (and associated theorist/s) that illuminates your reading style.  Add further information on theory. Comment on the extent to which theory reflects your mode of reading.  Discuss the way in which your reading demonstrates this theory by quoting from your reading (two quotes).  Evaluate the theory in terms of strengths and weaknesses. | Topic sentence  Expand/Explain  Evaluate – usefulness in describing your preferred reading style  Substantiate by referring to own reading  Conclude – evaluate strengths and weaknesses of theory  Link to next paragraph |
| Para 6 | Introduce theory (and associated theorist/s) that illuminates your reading style.  Add further information on theory. Comment on the extent to which theory reflects your mode of reading.  Discuss the way in which your reading demonstrates this theory by quoting from your reading (two quotes).  Evaluate the theory in terms of strengths and weaknesses. | Topic sentence  Expand/Explain  Evaluate – usefulness in describing your preferred reading style  Substantiate by referring to own reading  Conclude – evaluate strengths and weaknesses of theory  Link to next paragraph |
| Para 7 | Draw conclusions about the way you read. Which theories best describe your particular reading techniques? |  |

This scaffold is a bit formulaic but it is a good starting point.