**Cohesive Links/Transitions:** One of the central criteria for marking analytical essays and other texts such as research papers is the student’s proficiency in the use of cohesive links. Cohesion is the means by which text structure ‘comes together’. There are seven conjunctions that are used most often: **and; but; yet; or; nor; so; for.** But there are many other conjunctions, as well as adjectival and adverbial phrases and clauses that give your writing cohesion. Here are some of them:

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| above all  accordingly  admittedly  afterwards  also  although  as a result  at the same time  besides  certainly | clearly  curiously enough  consequently  earlier  even if  even though  finally  first... second  firstly...secondly  following this | for example  for instance  for this reason  further (more)  hence  however  if this be granted  in addition  in conclusion  indeed | in fact  in particular  in order that  in short  instead  in summary  it might be thought  later  likewise | many a case like this  meanwhile  moreover  more specifically  nevertheless  nonetheless  not only, but also  not surprisingly  not until then  obviously  of course |

It is possible, on a very general level, to describe cohesive ties in terms of the following primary functions:

• To indicate **alternatives**: *or; either; on the other hand; nevertheless; though ...*

• To indicate **cause**: *as a result; because; therefore; so; since this is so; consequently..*

• To indicate **a conclusion**: *to sum up; finally; thus; as this is the case; so ..*

• To indicate **contrast**: *however; instead; moreover; nevertheless; on the other hand*

• To indicate **coordination**: *accordingly; and; similarly; not surprisingly ...*

• To indicate **inclusion**: *clearly; specifically; likewise; for example; to illustrate ...*

• To indicate **inference**: *thus; latter; if this is so; respectively; former ...*

• To indicate **sequence**: *afterwards; earlier; finally; firstly ... secondly; since ...*

Please ensure you use text connectors correctly! Get someone to proofread!