HSC Module A essay planning sheet

Use one sheet for each timed practice essay in Section I of HSC English Advanced Paper 2 (Textual conversations, 20 marks, about 40 minutes).

1. The question (reading time)

- Copy the key word or idea from the question:
- What does the question ask you to do (evaluate, explain, to what extent)?
- Is there a stimulus? What one idea from it will you use?

2. Thesis (5 minutes of planning)

Write two or three sentences that answer the question, name both texts and say what the conversation between them reveals.

- Text 1 and its form:
- Text 2 and its form:
- My thesis:

3. Body paragraph plan

Paragraph	Idea	Evidence from text 1	Evidence from text 2
1			
2			
3			

For each paragraph, add one line on how the later text reshapes the earlier one. That line is the conversation.

4. Timing

Part	Time
Plan	5 minutes
Introduction	4 minutes
Body paragraph 1	8 to 9 minutes
Body paragraph 2	8 to 9 minutes
Body paragraph 3	8 to 9 minutes
Conclusion	3 minutes

Move on to Section II at 40 minutes.

5. Check after writing

- Does every topic sentence answer the question?
- Does every paragraph discuss both texts, or link back to the first?
- Have I named at least one technique of form in each paragraph?
- Does each quotation have a comment on its effect?
- Does my conclusion answer the question again, in a new way?
- Where did I retell the plot? Underline it and replace it with analysis next time.