VCE English exam planning sheet

Use this sheet to plan each section of the VCE English exam in timed practice. Aim for about 60 minutes per section: 5 to 8 minutes planning, about 5 minutes on the opening, about 40 minutes on the body and 5 to 7 minutes to finish and reread.

Reading time (15 minutes, no writing)

- Section A: read both topics on your text. Which one can you argue with three clear points?
- Section B: read the title and stimulus for your Framework of Ideas. Which stimulus sparks an idea?
- Section C: read the text once, slowly. Who wrote it, for whom, and what do they want readers to believe or do?

Section A: analytical response (20 marks)

Step	Your plan
Topic chosen	
Key words	
My definitions	
My answer (thesis)	
Paragraph 1 point	
Paragraph 2 point	
Paragraph 3 point	
Quotations for each	

Check: does every paragraph answer the topic, including every key word?

Section B: creating a text (20 marks)

Step	Your plan
Framework of Ideas	
Title (how I'll use it)	
Stimulus I'll draw on	
My idea about the Framework	
Form and voice	
Opening moment	
How the ending shifts the idea	

Check: is the title used on more than one level, and is the stimulus used rather than described?

Section C: analysing argument (20 marks)

Step	Your notes
Writer and form	
Contention	
Audience	
Tone (start and end)	
How the argument develops	
Key language choices	
Image (if any) and its effect	

Check: is every technique linked to its effect on the audience?

After the practice paper

- Which section ran over time, and by how much?
- Which key word or idea did you miss?
- One thing to change next time: