

## Higher Spanish Essay Phrases

### La Introducción

Este es un tema que ya aparece mucho en los medios	this is a theme which appears often in the media
Es un tema que me interesa mucho	it's a topic that interests me a lot
Si consideramos los datos a nuestra disposición	if we consider the facts available

### Frases Generales

A primera vista	at first sight
A corto plazo	in the short term
A fin de cuentas	when all is said and done
En principio	in principle
Por otra parte	on the other hand
Debido a esto	due to this
o sea	or rather
A mi parecer	in my opinion
Desde mi punto de vista	from my standpoint
Para ilustrar el problema	to illustrate the problem
No hay manera de saber si	there's no way of knowing if
(No) creo que	I (don't) think that (+subj if negative)
Me parece interesante que +subj	it seems interesting that
Considero que	I consider
Opino que	it's my opinion that/I think
Es mi opinión que	it's my opinion that
En mi opinión	in my opinion
No cabe la menor duda (de que hay una solución)	there's no doubt (that there's no solution)

Higher Spanish Writing Phrases

Es evidente que	it is evident that
Es probable que + subjunctive	it's probable that
Se supone que	one supposes/it is supposed that
Es necesario/se necesita	it is necessary
Se dice que	it is said that
Bien puede decirse que	it can easily be said that
Según la opinión general	according to the general opinion
Puede que/pudiera ser que/se puede pensar que + subj.	it is possible (to think that)
No me extraña nada que/no ha de extrañar a nadie que	it is no surprise that
Cabe destacar	it remains to outline/emphasise
Es importante	it is important
Es de suma importancia	it's of great importance
Es indispensable mencionar	it is impossible not to mention
No importa	it doesn't matter
En primer/segundo lugar	firstly/secondly
Por último	lastly
De igual forma que	in the same way
No se explica sin tener en cuenta	this cannot be explained without taking into account
No se puede decir que	it cannot be said that
Lo que pasa es que	what happens is that
Es muy difícil encontrar un equilibrio entre	it's difficult to find a balance between
No es del todo cierto	it's not at all certain that

La prueba es que	the test is that
Es de vital importancia que	it's of vital importance that
Es útil + infinitive	it's useful to es
Un argumento a favor	it's a point in favour
Es un argumento en contra	it's a point against
Es contrario a	it's the opposite to/in contrary to
Es preferible	it's preferable

La conclusión

No es fácil llegar a un acuerdo respecto a	it's not easy to arrive at an agreement
Es imposible llegar a una conclusión sobre	it's impossible to arrive at a conclusion about
Es la opinión de muchos	it's many people's opinion
Se problemático encontrar una solución	it's difficult to find a solution
Teniendo en cuenta los puntos de vista	taking into account the points of view
La conclusión inevitable es	the inevitable conclusion is
Cualquiera es capaz de ver	anyone can see
No hay otra conclusión que y alga	there's no other valid conclusion
Soy partidario de la opinión de	I'm on the side of the opinion of
Estoy completamente a favor/en contra	I'm completely in favour/against
Me siento inclinado a pensar que	I feel inclined to think that

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