Long Answer Structure

Here's the technique that I recommend for giving long answers in part 3:

- 1. Answer the question directly
- 2. Explain why
- 3. Give an example
- 4. Explain the alternative / opposite

Do you think that in the future people will do most of their shopping using the internet?

(Answer) Yes, I think that online shopping will continue to increase in popularity and that many shopping precincts will close. (Why) Shopping online is convenient, fast and you have a wider range of options. (Example) For example, if you want to buy a new video game, you can compare the prices on different websites, choose the cheapest option and have the game delivered to your home. (Opposite) On the other hand, travelling to a shopping mall takes time, costs money and the game you want may not even be in stock!

Do you think travelling to another country can change the way people think?

(Answer) I think travelling abroad can definitely change the way that you think. (Why) Visiting different countries allows you to experience different ways of life. It shows you that there are many different ways that people can organise society. (Example) For example, if you visit Japan, you will see how polite and orderly the people are and this may change the way that you see your own country. (Opposite) Without travelling and experiencing Japan for yourself, you may not believe that their way of life is possible.

Using the structure, write an answer to this question and then say it out loud.

Has the internet changed the way we live?

Answer these two questions without planning.

Do you think diet is important? What jobs do you think are most valuable to society?