**Key Phrases Used in Academic Writing**

**Opening sentences of the introduction**

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| The | topicissuequestion | of X is | absorbingcontroversialintriguingperplexing | due toespecially in the context ofparticularly in relation to | Y |

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| The relationship between X and Y is | absorbingcontroversialintriguingperplexing | due toespecially in the context ofparticularly in relation to | Y |

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| The | topicissuequestion | of X is particularly | importingsignificantproblematic | in the context of Y |

**Second sentence providing context and reason**

One example of this can be seen in relation to Y

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| For example, X | plays a significant role when …is essential when …is an important/significant factor when …is considered of value in situation where/when … |

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| Indeed, X typically influences | studentsteacherseducators | when attempting to … |

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| This can be seen to be of particular | interestconcernimportance | in the context of China. |

**Second argument/reason**

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| In addition,Furthermore, | anotheryet another | reasonargumentfactorissue | that deserves exploration/examination/investigation is …that needs to be taken into consideration is …of significant importance is … |

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| For example, | one reason why/how X has risen to prominence is … |
| one factor that is considered | relevantcontroversialimportant | in the Chinese context is … |

**Outline statement**

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| Therefore, this essay will | examineexploreinvestigate | the three issues of … |

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| In an attempt to | addressexamineexploreinvestigate | the issues of X, Y and Z will be discussed below. |

**Thesis**

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| Consequently,As a consequence,Therefore,Given the above, | this essay will  | argueproposemaintain | that … |

**Main body sentences**

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| First, | in relation to x,with reference to x,in context of x, | Y is considered on essential issue.Y needs to be explored/examined.Y is a significant factor.the issue of Y is an important factor. |

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| AnotherYet another | issuefactorproblem | is Y.that influences X is Y. |

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| In addition to X, Y is also | a significantan influencingan important | factorconsiderationinfluenceissue |

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| In addition to the | issuefactorproblemtopic | X above, Y | also need to be examined.also deserves/warrants consideration.also influences this issue.is another factor. |

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| While the issue of Y discussed above is a significant | issuefactorproblem | in relation to X, X should also be |

considered in this context.

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| To illustrate this | issuefactorproblemtopic | further, it can be  | arguedseenobserved | that … |

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| In addition to X, Y is also | a significantan influencingan important | factorconsiderationinfluenceissue |

In contrast,

Conversely,

On the other hand,

However, from a somewhat different perspective,

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| Indeed, the | significanceimportance | of Y in relation to X can be seen | wherewhenin the context |

For this reason,

From this perspective,

From this angle,

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| SomeManyNumerousSeveral | peopleresearcherscommentatorsobserversacademicsteachersstudents | arguestateproposemaintain | that … |

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| In this | context,situation, | it is possible to argueit could be argued | that … |

Consequently, having discussed the influence of Y on X, it is also necessary to investigate the importance of Z.

In addition to the influence of Y on X, Z is another important consideration in this context.

Finally,

The final consideration in relation to X is Y