The text-by-text approach

Exam questions	
Works studied	

Introduction	Introductory sentence that grabs your attention: a famous quote, a question, a bold statement, an anecdote or joke.	
	A sentence that connects to the 'attention grabber' and explains its relevance to the 3 works that you have read. This sentence states the names of the works, years of publication and authors' names in passing.	
	The thesis statement, where you explain that each text essentially answers the question.	
Body paragraph 1	Topic sentence 1: Explain how the first text can be used to answer the question. Comment further on the importance of context to this answer.	
	Illustrations from one work. How does the writer use language, style and structure? Is he or she influenced by context?	
	Explanation: how do these examples illustrate the authors' message? How is context important to understanding this text?	
Body paragraph 2	Topic sentence 2: Explain how the second text can be used to answer the question. Comment further on the importance of context to this answer.	
	Illustrations from work. How does the writer use language, style and structure? Is he or she influenced by context?	
	Explanation: how do these examples illustrate the authors' message? How is context important to understanding this text?	
Body paragraph 3	Topic sentence 3: Explain how the third text can be used to answer the question. Comment further on the importance of context to this answer.	
	Illustrations from one work. How does the writer use language, style and structure? Is he or she influenced by context?	
	Explanation: how do these examples illustrate the authors' message? How is context important to understanding this text?	
Conclusion	Answer the question again. State the thesis in other words.	
	Retell how authors conveyed their message through language and structure.	
	A very wise thought.	