Take one of your extended writing answers ( 20 or 30 mark essay) which did not receive an A.

Start with the introduction:

* Have you used the item in the introduction?
* Have you explained any key concepts
* Have you set out the main debate clearly and indicated to the examiner your knowledge of key theory/ studies?

Read through the main part of your essay:

* How many supporting/ argument paragraphs have you got? Is your essay balanced?
* Have you included A02 application in every paragraph e.g application of relevant studies/ theories/ item/ contemporary examples
* Have you included A03 evaluation/ analysis in every paragraph? Criticisms and counter criticisms/ evaluation of theory? Supporting or conflicting theories

Conclusion

* Have you summarised the key points?
* Does your essay have a concluding outcome?

General points:

* Have you used the item throughout your essay? – Not just once or twice?
* Have you used “Sociologists” instead of your own views?
* Is the essay question clearly addressed in each paragraph? Do you have linking sentences between paragraphs?