

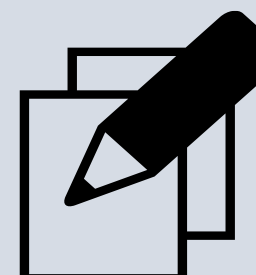


RELATIVE IMPORTANCE ESSAY

 PAPER	 TIMING	 MARKS BREAKDOWN		
All Papers	20	25 minutes		
	30	40 minutes		
		AO1: Knowledge	8	12
		AO2: Application	6	9
		AO3: Analysis / Evaluation	6	9

EXAMPLE QUESTION:

Applying material from item C and your own knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations for gender differences in the patterns of crime.

COMMAND WORDS

Applying Material.....Evaluate



- Use the item explicitly in at least 1 paragraph.
- Look at all the possible arguments and choose the best one.

{/} EVALUATION STEMS

- How you know it is an argument essay:**
- Evaluate sociological explanations of....
 - Evaluate the causes / reasons / factors for...

STRUCTURE



- INTRODUCTION**
- **Context** – Overview of the topic
 - **Content Points** – Identify Only
 - **Answer** – Be definitive and clear.
- MAIN BODY PARAGRAPH**
- **What** – identify the explanation, reason, factor, cause you will discuss in this paragraph.
 - **Explain** – Use sociological knowledge to teach the reader how your point answers the question.
 - **But** – Give a criticism or counter argument to the point that you have made.
 - **Relative Importance** – explain if this is or is not the most important point and why.

 - **Apply** – Put it where it fits.
- CONCLUSION**
- **Restate your answer**
 - **Give your reasons**



COMMON MISTAKES

- Sitting on the fence and not giving a definitive answer.
- Not giving enough points [20 = 3 / 30 = 4]
- Not evaluating the relative importance of the factors.
- Describing the topic and not answering the question.
- Forget to use the item explicitly.
- Forget an introduction and conclusion.