

Ingredients of a top 9 mark answer

A top level 3/9 mark answer will have the following ingredients:

1. **3 part structure** (reasons for/against, advantages/disadvantages, HIC/LIC etc) including a **conclusion** (this is the assessment or analysis and covers the commands 'to what extent' 'evaluate' 'assess' .. Say which of the two views/points you agree with, how much you agree with and why you agree or disagree.
2. **AO1 facts** – at least 3 solid points relating to each part of your answer.
3. **AO2 explanation**/development of these facts using words like “**because...**” or “**so...**”. Apply the ‘**so what**’ question here to open this up.
4. **AO3 Application** – use **examples (or facts and figures** if all about same place) to show you can apply your knowledge to your case study/real world.
5. **SPaG** – don't make mistakes! Add in **subject/topic specific words**. Here are some you should add to any Geog answer at this level:

infrastructure, sustainable, mitigate, conflict resolution, multiplier effect, urbanisation, biodiversity, ecosystems, development, social/economic/environmental impact, carbon footprint.

Can you add in a few of your own that could be used across topics?

Basically its this:

- **3 part structure inc conclusion**
- **Facts x3**
- **Explanation x3 ‘So what?’**
- **Examples or facts and figures**
- **Subject/topic specific words.**

3 parts, facts, explanations, examples and geo words!

infrastructure, sustainable, conflict resolution, multiplier effect, urbanisation, ecosystems, development, social/economic/environmental impact

Scaffolding for a top 9 mark answer



Box command word
Underline key terms
Glance at marks

Geography
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Intro - a sentence to basically repeat the question

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Eg "Longer term responses to earthquakes are different to shorter term responses."

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Para 1 - Reasons in favour/agree/advantages/HIC/point 1

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Para 2 - Reasons against/disagree/disadvantages/LIC/point 2

3

Conclusion/summary/evaluation

"I think that... because.."

Notes:

Keywords:
infrastructure, sustainable, conflict resolution, multiplier effect, urbanisation, ecosystems, development, social/economic/environmental impact

Examples of places/events/times etc:

Fact [AO1], explanation - use of because... or ask so what?? [AO2], example (date, time, place, amount) [AO3] at least 3 times!!

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