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15 Marker Structure

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6 Marker Structure

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Theme A

Theme B

Theme C

Theme D

Exam Techniques

Get 15/15 Everytime!

What makes a strong argument in the 15 markers?

- The question will always ask "How Far" | You must respond with a strong and firm view point
- Familiarity with key words & concepts
- Simmilar to English Essays, you can always agree, and make strong view points in agreement
- Considers a different view point
- Recognises both sides can present a strong case but explains why one is stronger than the other.



Example 15/15
Answer
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Answer Every Question Type

1 Markers

Cross the correct box

- Edexcel usually make there multiple choice questions quiet easy, Process of elimination always works. For example it may ask you which of the following countries are apart of the commonwealth, You may not completely know all commonwealth countries but think of countries with commonwealth ties,

Eg: India - British Tea Company

Eg: Australia - United Kingdom Flag in the Flag

Try One Below

Click a box the view an answer

(b) Which **one** of the following statements accurately describes 'tolerance'?

(1)

- A Encouraging people to resolve a problem by using violence
- B Forcefully opposing and criticising the ideas expressed and actions taken by others
- C Not allowing the views of others ever to be heard, published or debated
- D Allowing others' views and opinions to be voiced even if you disagree with them

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2 Markers

Add reasons and No additional Information, EG:

Suggest two reasons why schools in the UK teach about festivals celebrated by different religions?

1. Learning about other communities will increase community cohesion.
2. Creates Equality Amongst different cultures

2/2

Would get the same marks as:

Suggest two reasons why schools in the UK teach about festivals celebrated by different religions?

1. One reason why schools in the UK teach about festivals celebrated by different religions is learning about other communities will increase community cohesion.
2. Another reason why schools in the UK teach about festivals celebrated by different religions is creates Equality Amongst different cultures

2/2

Try One Below

Think of an answer and click to reveal the exam board verified answer.

(e) Identify **two** differences between councillors and officers in local government.

(2)

1

2

4 Markers

The Structure of 4 Markers are extremely simple. Assuming the question was 'Explain **two key** stages of the process which a bill in Parliament goes through in order to become a law.'

All you need to respond with is a point and an explanation, for example, The First Reading, In this, the bills title is read out and its overview, no debates take place. The Report Stage, the Committee report and the whole House has a chance to comment.

Try One Below

Think of an answer and click to reveal the exam board verified answer.

(c) Magna Carta was created centuries ago and it began the process of establishing human rights.

Explain **two** ways in which Magna Carta contributed to the development of human rights.

(4)

1

2

6 Markers

Qualities your answer to an 'explain' question should demonstrate:

- detailed knowledge about the concepts, terms and issues relevant to the question
- good understanding of how they apply by effective and sustained comment about the source context

Try One Below

Think of an answer and click to reveal the exam board verified answer | Our premium version includes accurate AI marking on questions like this.

Source B is about coalition and minority governments in the UK.
Use Source B and your own knowledge to explain differences between a coalition and a

How to Ace the 15 Markers?

There's a lot to read here, so below is an integrated AI to read the 'How to Ace the 15 Markers?' section.

[Read Section](#)

Mastering the 15-marker questions undoubtedly presents a significant challenge. Having meticulously examined and responded to over half of these questions since the beginning of the new syllabus, consistently achieving scores of 13/15 and reaching a perfect 15/15 on four occasions, I have gained valuable insights into the intricacies of these assessments. Through a thorough analysis of my strengths and weaknesses, I have developed an effective strategy outlined below, which I believe is instrumental in excelling in the 15-marker questions. Below is the form I suggest you should follow every time including structure, key words to use, intergration of knowledge and a bank of 15 markers to support your revision.

Structure

- Point: [question] + [your point] + [agree or disagree]
- Explain: This means that/This shows
- Evidence: For example/This is demonstrated in/This is shown when
- Evaluation: However/Others may suggest/A criticism of this is/This lacks credit because
- Criticisms of Evaluation: However this criticism is flawed because/This lacks credit because/this argument is weak because
- Link: Therefore/Linking to [question]/As a result

Intergration of Knowledge

What does this mean? Intergration of knowledge is very important in 15 markers, its easy to write an essay on why you agree with a statement but after evaluating my classmates answers to 15 markers and understanding how examiners mark essays, its important to know you need to include relevent citizenship studies information. Below ill support you with this and the premium members we have accurate AI marking to support you.

In acing your Edexcel Citizenship 15-marker, the key lies in skillfully integrating your knowledge into your response as mentioned above. Begin by mentioning a clear point related to the question, drawing upon your understanding of citizenship concepts outlined in the pages for Theme A, Theme B, Theme C, Theme D.

Whether it's about rights, responsibilities, or civic participation, make your point straightforward. Next, explain the significance of your point, connecting it to real-world examples or scenarios. Use your knowledge to provide context and make your explanation relatable. Don't forget to bring in evidence from your studies – this could be legal frameworks, case studies, or historical events covered in our Citizenship Pages. Now, critically evaluate your point by considering different perspectives or potential challenges, demonstrating a nuanced understanding of the topic. Address any criticisms that might arise and showcase your ability to think critically. Lastly, skillfully link back to your original point, creating a cohesive and well-rounded response that demonstrates both your knowledge and your analytical skills. Remember, the key is to blend your syllabus knowledge seamlessly into each step of your answer, making it clear, relevant, and easy for anyone to follow. Now this is similar to your structure however outlines what details you need to include.

Introductions and Conclusions

Introduction: To kick off a Citizenship Edexcel 15-marker, start strong with a clear and engaging introduction. Begin by restating the question to show you've understood it. For example, if the question is about the importance of voting, you could start like this: "The significance of voting is a crucial aspect of democracy." Follow up with a brief overview of the main points you'll cover – this acts like a roadmap for your reader. You might say, "We'll explore the impact of voting on democratic societies, individual empowerment, and civic engagement however we'll also explore flaws of voting and voting systems within the UK." Keep it simple and to the point. Now, don't forget to use sentence starters like "In this essay, I will explore..." to guide your writing.

Conclusion: Moving on to the conclusion, this is where you tie everything together. Restate your main point and summarize the key arguments you've made. If the question was about the role of laws in promoting equality, you could conclude with: "In conclusion, the role of laws in promoting equality is undeniable." Remind your reader of the main ideas you discussed – maybe mention the legal frameworks or case studies you brought up. Show you've answered the question by saying something like, "By examining the impact of laws on various aspects of society, from education to employment, we have illustrated their pivotal role in fostering equality." End with a powerful sentence that leaves an impression, like "In a world striving for fairness and justice, understanding and advocating for the importance of legal frameworks becomes imperative." This helps your conclusion stand out and leaves a lasting impact on your reader.

Remember, keep it simple, use sentence starters, and always connect back to the question. Practice makes perfect, so keep honing your skills with the practice questions below, and for those of you with premium, embrace our accurate AI marking!

Bank of 15 Markers (Download Below)



15 Marker Bank





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