

How to answer...

12 Mark Essay Question

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Marks

Explain why...

You may use the following in your answer (2 prompts)

- This question features on:
- Paper 1: Question 5
 - Paper 2B: Question Q3
 - Paper 3: Question Q2

This question asks you to explain why a particular event occurred. It calls for 3 PEEL paragraphs, one on each prompt given and another on your own idea

P - Point

E - Evidence

E - Explain

L - Link

Point: 'One reason for [wording of question] is...

Evidence: provide relevant precise historical evidence (stats, places, names, events, dates, etc)

Explain: using the evidence, explain why this factor led to the event in question

Link: always link back to the question and the other factors you are writing about - you may find it useful to write in order of significance to make this easier

Tip: for top marks you should maintain a consistent line of reasoning - keep linking back to the question and have a clear argument about why these factors culminated in the event in question occurring