These questions test knowledge and understanding

**The (a) question is worth 3 marks**
This question always begins with the command words: ‘Outline three…’ or ‘State three…’

**Outline three features of the Trinity.**
(3 marks)

The examiner is expecting you to provide three facts or short ideas; you don’t need to explain them or express any opinions.

**The (b) question is worth 4 marks**
This question always begins with the command words: ‘Explain two…’ or ‘Describe two…’

**Explain two types of evil.**
(4 marks)

The examiner is looking for two detailed explanations.

An easy way to remember what you need to do for the (b) question is:

1. Make one point
2. Develop it
3. Make a second point
4. Develop it

The (c) question is worth 5 marks

Like the (b) question, it always begins with the command words: ‘Explain two…’ or ‘Describe two…’ In addition, it will ask you to ‘refer to a source of wisdom and authority’.

**Explain two reasons why the resurrection is important to Christians.**
In your answer you must refer to a source of wisdom and authority.
(5 marks)

The examiner is looking for two detailed explanations plus a relevant reference to a source of wisdom and authority.

**The (d) question is worth 12 marks, or 15 marks if you are being tested on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**
This question always begins with a statement, and then asks you to evaluate the statement. There will be bullet points guiding you through what the examiner expects you to provide in your answer.

‘Christianity solves the problem of evil and suffering’
Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against. In your response you should:
- refer to Christian teachings
- refer to different Christian points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

**(15 marks)**

**Tips for answering the (d) question**
- Remember to focus your answer on the statement you’ve been given, for example, ‘Christianity solves the problem of evil and suffering.’
- Include different viewpoints, one supporting the statement, one arguing against it – for example, one viewpoint to support the idea that Christianity solves the problem of evil and suffering, and an alternative viewpoint to suggest that it does not.
- Develop both arguments showing a logical chain of reasoning – draw widely on your knowledge and understanding of the subject in question and try to make connections between ideas. Write a detailed answer and use evidence to support your arguments.
- Be sure to include religious arguments – a top level answer will explain how religious teaching is relevant to the argument.
- Include evaluation – you can make judgements on the strength of arguments throughout, and you should finish with a justified conclusion. If you want to, you can give your own opinion.
- Write persuasively – use a minimum of three paragraphs (one giving arguments for the statement, one for a different point of view and final conclusion). The examiner will expect to see extended writing and full sentences.

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