

# Exam Technique

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- You need to simply state what the key word means.
- You should only spend 2 or 3 minutes at the very very most on this answer!

## Part B.

- This question asks you if you agree or disagree with something. You **MUST** give two reasons for your opinion and why you have those opinions!
- Question: Do you agree with abortion?

# Part B

- What marks would you give the following:
- I am a Christian and Christians believe abortion is always wrong.
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- What marks would you give the following:
- I am a Christian and Christians believe abortion is always wrong because of Christian teachings on the sanctity of life.
- I am a Christian and Christians believe abortion is always wrong because of Christian teachings on the sanctity of life. **2 Marks**

# Part B

- What marks would you give the following:
- I disagree with abortion because I think that every life has a right to live that life so abortion is unfair. I also disagree because you could get the child adopted.
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- What marks would you give the following:
- I agree with abortion because I think that it is unfair that a child should be brought into this world if they are unwanted, there are already lots of children waiting to be adopted so it seems silly to bring more children into this world who aren't wanted. I also agree with it because I think that it is the woman's right to decide whether she wants an abortion or not, also if it is legal then it is a lot safer for women as they wont be tempted by back street abortionists.

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# Part C.

- This is where you will be asked to explain the views of a religion about a certain topic.
- The total marks for this answer is 8.
- You will be assessed on your Quality of Written Communication within this question.
- Question: Explain why the followers of one religion other than Christianity are against euthanasia.

## Part C – Level One.

- I think that Muslims are against euthanasia because they have it written in their holy book that it is wrong so they don't do it.
- This answer could only get between 1 -2 marks because they have only given a brief explanation and there are lots of spelling errors within it.

## Part C – Level Two

- I think that Muslims are against euthanasia because in their holy book, the Quran it says that they shouldn't do it, so they must do everything that their book tells them to so they won't do euthanasia. They also won't do it as Mohamed said it was bad.
- This answer can only get between 3-4 marks as they have explained one reason and then given a second brief reason. The spelling is better but still not great!

# Part C – Level Three

- Muslims are normally against euthanasia because they use a book called the Qur'an, this is the teachings from Allah. In the Qur'an it says that euthanasia is wrong, because Allah created life and made it special for humans. Only Allah can say when a persons life should end, it says this in the Qur'an. It also says in the Qur'an that life is a test and people will be rewarded for how they lived at the end of that test, but because they have used euthanasia its like cheating on that test so they wont get rewarded so its wrong.

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- This would get between 5- 6 marks as they have given several reasons and have explained those reasons, they have used key words within their answer. They have demonstrated that they can use sentences although in places there grammar is not perfect.

# Part C – Level Four

- Muslims would not agree with euthanasia for the following reasons, they follow the Qur'an and that says that euthanasia is wrong. The shar'iah which is Muslim law also says that it is wrong so again they would stay away from it. Muslims believe that Allah gave life to them as a gift and it is something that is very special, and because Allah gave life it shows that Allah is the only person who should take a life also. Muslims believe that life is a test from Allah and if you were to take euthanasia you would be cheating on that test and disobeying Allah so it would be a sin. Muslims believe that life is special ( sanctity of life) and that means that things like murder are wrong, and non voluntary euthanasia could also be seen in that way.

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- This would get 8 marks because they have clearly explained the points that they have made, they have given more than one point. They have been able to refer to the Qur'an and Shar'iah.

## Part D.

- “ No religious person should be homosexual .”

In your answer you should refer to at least one religion.

- (i) Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion.
- (ii) Give reasons why some people might disagree with you.

# Part D

- I agree with this statement because Christians don't like it.
- This would only get one mark because although they have said their opinion and why they haven't given the opposite view or explained their opinion further.

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- I agree with this because in the bible it says that you shouldn't be homosexual and that God thinks its bad.
- This would get two marks because they have explained their answer and have referred to the religion.

# Part D

- I disagree with this statement because it shouldn't matter to your religion whether or not you are homosexual as it is a personal thing and also the religions are old and can be a bit outdated. Some people might disagree with me because they think that if a person is religious they should follow the teachings, if the teachings say its bad then they shouldn't do it.
- This could only get a maximum of 3 marks because although they have given their opinion and the opposite opinion they have not given a religious view point. You **MUST** give a religious view point to get over 3 marks!

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- I agree with this statement because in the Qur'an it says that if someone commits a homosexual act then they must be punished, it also says in the Bible that God hates two men having sexual relationships. Because the holy scriptures say these things it means that religious people should not be homosexual.
- However I can understand why others would disagree with me, they might say that it is a personal thing and that religion should have no say, they may think that so long as a couple are in love that is all that matters. Even some Christians may disagree with the above, because some liberal Christians believe that love is the most important thing, as it says that in the new testament.
- This would get 6 marks, they have explained themselves clearly, they have included a religion within their answer and they have given the two sides to the answer.