



IMPRESS YOUR EXAMINERS

WHAT ARE EXAMINERS LOOKING FOR?

Answer the question that has been set!

Demonstrate your understanding of the subject and how it relates to the question. Analytical in structure and questioning in approach.

A logical, well structured and coherent answer.

Written in an objective style. An exceptional writing style will really impress. This includes good grammar, syntax, spelling and punctuation.

Answer all parts of the question and give appropriate examples/illustrations. To really impress use a different example than one that is used in textbooks or by lecturers. You might also refer to research or a text that is unusually advanced for the level of the subject, though make sure it is relevant to the subject.

WHAT DON'T EXAMINERS WANT TO SEE?

Answers that are much too long and not relevant to the question. They don't want to see a good answer to the wrong question.

All that you know about a topic, written descriptively, unselectively and uncritically.

Confused and muddled answers.

Unsubstantiated opinions, i.e. 'I think' or 'I believe' without adequate explanation or argument. A lack of care with your language and writing (illegibility).

Missing out questions and not including relevant examples or illustrations.

