


# Writing a 30 mark essay





How much do I write?

For a thirty mark essay – **5 to 6 well-developed paragraphs** with **evaluation** shows **range** and **depth**

The item is your friend – it will give you a guide as to how to answer the question – try to **explicitly refer to it at least once** – although it is likely you will **implicitly refer to it several times** in a good response


Do I need to use the item?



How do I structure it?

For each paragraph – **apply** your knowledge of **sociological concepts, ideas and theories** that answer the question – **explain how they work** and **analyse the process** of how it works and **who it affects** – before finishing by **evaluating the usefulness** of the explanation

Do I need to write an introduction and conclusion?



Introductions are not necessary, but give you a chance to focus your thoughts. **Conclusions are judgements** on the effectiveness of the material presented – so can be evaluations at end of points. Best practice is **to write a conclusion that makes a judgement on the debate at the end of your essay.**