Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies

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State: This can be just 3 words</td></tr>
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• Make a clear references to a SoWA - this needs to be <u>in addition</u> to your two developed points - be careful the SoWA is not just the development.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Part D</td><td>Use this plan to structure your answer:<table><tr><td>For</td><td>1)
2)</td></tr><tr><td>Against</td><td>1)
2)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">I think… because…</td></tr></table></td><td>• Use the same plan as in Basic
• Ensure each point is developed (see above)
• If your points are not developed enough, you may want to add a 3rd or 4th to each side.
• Think carefully about your vocabulary and structure:
○ Therefore, as a result, in contrast</td><td>• You can be flexible on your structure.
• You may want to start with a thesis - another name for a conclusion that comes first!
• Ensure you consider both/all sides (see bullet points of question)
• SoWA are useful to show beliefs and teachings.
• Include evaluation:
○ this is convincing because, this is a strong reason because</td></tr>
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What is a SoWA? A quote from the Bible, Catechism, a Saint or Doctor of the Church, the Torah, Tenakh etc - remember you need to be accurate and specific - “for example when Jesus healed someone” is not good enough, but “for example when Jesus healed Jairus’ daughter” is sufficient. If you can add at least the book, that is useful to show the examiner you know your stuff!