

WORKIT!

To what extent is it safe to live in an area at risk from a tectonic hazard? (9 marks + 3 SPaG marks, ★★★★★)

'To what extent' questions require you to judge the importance or success of a situation. You need to offer both advantages and disadvantages in your answer.

How to tackle a 'to what extent' question:

Step 1 Give two or three reasons why it may be safe to live in an area at risk from a tectonic hazard, such as Japan.

Step 2 Extend your points by explaining them.

Step 3 Try to include an example to support your point, for example, countries such as Japan have built earthquake-proof buildings.

Step 4 Repeat steps 1–3 for costs of living in an area at risk from a tectonic hazard.

Step 5 Give a conclusion as to whether you think it is safe or not.

This is a longer written answer and not necessarily straightforward. It may be advisable to make a brief plan for your answer in any available space on the exam paper, to help you link a sequence of points in a fluent way.

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Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) marks

In the longer answer questions, you will be assessed on your ability to present a fluent answer using correct spelling and punctuation, good-quality grammar (such as sentence structure) and geographical terminology. Make sure that you have prepared for this. Sometimes it can make a difference of a grade!