

Webnote 995
How to answer a
Data Response in
economics?
(SI and HI paper 2)

Part D: (8 marks)
Evaluate

Answer time per question
45 minutes: Plan + read for
5. You will also have 5
minutes reading time in
this paper. Time allowable
per mark is 2 minutes.

Parts A,B+C:(12 marks)
Explain/suggest + Draw

Make a Plan for part (d).

Parts a, b + c.

No plan needed but read text and
highlight key phrases/data.

Plan:

Keep it simple! Use a system
to plan your paragraphs.
You must practice essay
planning. 1st sentence in
the paragraph is key as is
the last sentence.

Evaluation:

Economics uses these
approaches most commonly:

1. Advantages vs Disadvantages
2. Stakeholders
3. Long Run versus Short Run
4. Prioritize + suggest best solution

Part (d) asks you to
Evaluate
Make a paragraph plan
(2 minutes)
Time for answer = 16
minutes.

- Paragraph 1 (P1) Define key terms and Show you can connect the key terms to the question
- In P2/3/4 evaluate (using diagrams where appropriate) these key terms in some detail and with examples
- P5 Conclusion (consider using words from the question in your conclusion).
- If you are making proposals for solutions to the problems in the data base be sure that the solutions you propose are realistic **e.g.** can government in poor countries afford to increase government fiscal spending in order to provide growth and subsequently development?
- Make a **DECISION** in relation to question

Evaluation plan must contain
the answer. Note for
'evaluation' make a clear
judgement/decision. Which
argument is most important?
Use data provided in the
question: **QUOTE** from the
data.

Part (a) asks you to
Define/list

1. 4 marks available (2+2)
2. You may not need to use the full 8 minutes but be sure to explain the key terms when you define. Try and use economic vocabulary when defining economics.

Parts (b + c) ask you to
Draw +/-or Explain/Suggest

1. 8 marks available. 4 for (b) and 4 marks for (c).
2. You should use the full 8 minutes and be sure to explain the key terms when you define. Try and use economic vocabulary when defining economics. Refer to the data provided.

Best Answers Data Response:
HP2

1. Define and/or explain key economic terms
2. Diagrams used expertly connecting text of answer to diagram
3. Use examples. Diagrams provide examples but try and provide real world examples where appropriate. Collect examples over time in your note taking. Try and use your IA or even your extended essay if relevant. But most of all quote from the data given to you.
4. Answer. Stay focused on the question.
5. Paragraphs. Separate your answer into clear paragraphs. Each paragraph connects with the question.
6. Remember: **QUOTE** from the data (text and graph where relevant to support your answer.

Read the Plan again while answering the question and make sure you follow your plan. Make changes to the plan if you remember something new during the exam.