

INTRODUCTIONS

There are three essential parts:

1. A **definition of a key term** in the question.
2. **Your viewpoint** or stance on the question.
3. A **reason** why you hold this viewpoint.

Example: 'The Quran is not the only source of authority a Muslim needs' (15)

1. *The Quran is the Islamic holy book.*
2. *It is clear that the Quran is the only source of authority a Muslim needs.*
3. *This is because it is infallible and contains all the guidance a Muslim needs to live in obedience to Allah.*

CONCLUSIONS

Using these steps will help keep your conclusion clear, concise, and insightful.

1. **Give a balanced judgment:** Acknowledge differing views.
2. **Give a reasoned stance:** Clearly state which side is stronger, based on your evidence and analysis.

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"In conclusion, while the Quran is central to Muslim guidance, other sources like the Hadith provide valuable context for daily life. Therefore, a combination of sources may offer a more complete guidance for Muslims today."

PEARL STRUCTURE

1. Structure Overview:

Each paragraph should follow this structure:

- **Point** – Introduce the main idea or argument.
- **Evidence** – Include a relevant quote from a religious text or scholar.
- **Analysis** – Explain the meaning and significance of the quote.
- **Range** – Discuss the effect on the community, individual, society, or within denominations.
- **Link** – Connect back to the main question or topic.

Point

What is the main idea or belief you are discussing?

Example Prompt: Write a statement about the belief or teaching you are going to explain.

Example Sentence Starter:

- *"Christians believe that..."*
- *"In Islam, it is taught that..."*

Evidence

What quote supports this belief?

Tips:

- Choose a relevant quote from religious scripture (like the Bible or Qur'an) or from a religious figure (like the Pope or a respected scholar).

Example Sentence Starter:

- *"In the [religious text or source] it says, '[quote]'..."*
- *"According to [name of scholar], '[quote]'..."*

Analysis

What does this quote mean? Why is it significant?

Tips:

- Explain the quote in your own words.
- Explain how it proves or supports your point.

Example Sentence Starter:

- *"This means that..."*
- *"This shows that..."*

Range

How does this belief or teaching affect individuals, communities, society, or different denominations?

Tips:

- Discuss how this belief influences actions, values, or social roles.
- Mention denominations or interpretations.

Example Sentence Starter:

- *"For individuals, this means that..."*
- *"In society, this teaching encourages..."*
- *"Within the Christian community, Catholics view this as..."*

Link

How does this paragraph answer the question or relate back to the main topic?

Tips:

- Summarise how the paragraph supports your overall argument.
- Reinforce the relevance to the essay question.

Example Sentence Starter:

- *"Therefore..."*