



T206 Energy for a sustainable future

Some general guidelines for Part B (long answer) questions.

The Part B questions in T206 require you to write at length on some aspect of the course content. This document provides some general points about the answers to such questions.

- ◆ Your part B answer should be written in continuous prose, though if you are very short of time listing the main points will enable you to get some marks.
- ◆ You should begin with a title. The title should be brief – up to 1 line – and descriptive of the topic of the question.
- ◆ You should include an introduction and conclusion. There is a separate document on this
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- ◆ The answers to these questions involve discussion of technical issues relating to energy and *quantitative data* are an essential part of such discussions. Marks will be awarded for use of quantitative data.
- ◆ Although it is not essential, the use of headings and sub headings can help to give structure to your answer. This is particularly the case when the question is in 2 sections, then using a heading for each section is better than simply heading them “(a)” & “(b)”
- ◆ Stick to the word limit and put the number of words at the end of your answer. The guidance is you should be within $\pm 10\%$ of the stated word limit. For 1000 – 1200 word answer this would mean limits of 900 – 1300 words. Any answer outside these limits may be penalised.

Other general points:

- ◆ Read the question carefully and check that your answer responds to the question asked. Straying off the point can have a serious effect on your marks.
- ◆ Do plan your answer. Make sure you have identified the important points that you want to mention in your answer and that you have put them in a sensible order.
- ◆ Do read through your answer before submitting. Check for, unnecessary repetitions, unexplained jumps in your reasoning, that your answer shows a coherent line of thought that another person reading the question can follow.