EXAM SKILLS · EXTENDED WRITING

The 12-Mark Essay Planning Frame

15 minutes: 2-minute plan, three AO1 points, three AO3 points, one judgement. No introduction.

Question:

Two-minute plan

	AO1: knowledge (what)	AO3: evaluation (so what)
1		
2		
3		

Each AO3 paragraph

Step	Sentence starter
Point	"A strength/weakness of … is that…"
Evidence	"This is supported by … who found that…"
Explain	"This means that…"
So what	"Therefore, the theory/study is more/less convincing because…"
Counter	"However, …"

Judgement

"Overall, … because … although …"

Scenario? Part of the marks are for applying psychology to it (AO2). Refer to the scenario in at least two paragraphs.

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