



## Tutorial 2: A short tutorial on short questions


In your assignments, and in the exam, will be a series of short two-mark questions. They are an easy way to score marks, but they have to be done right.

- You must use FULL SENTENCES. Please do not write “telegram” style. A sentence needs a verb.
- Do not be vague – make sure you mention/discuss briefly TWO main different aspects/facts.
- BUT, try to be concise as well – stick to the question and only provide the information that it wants. In the exam, you won’t have time to write more than five lines per question.
- Please do not use “bullet-points”. Just write a normal sentence or two. Also, do not add your own numbering system to your answer. Just write down the number of the question as it stands in your assignment/exam, and then write down the sentences.
- NB: FOCUS on the question! Make sure you understand it.

Examples of incorrectly structured short question answers:

<p><i>Hunting and gathering</i></p> <p>(Above is wrong, because it is NOT a full sentence – there is no verb)</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The San hunted and gathered</i></li> <li>• <i>The Khoekhoe were herders</i></li> </ul> <p>(Above is wrong, because it is written as bullet-points)</p>	
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<p>a) <i>The San hunted and gathered</i></p> <p>b) <i>The Khoekhoe were herders</i></p> <p>(Above is also wrong, because you are using your own numbering system)</p>	
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Example of a correctly structured answer:

<p><i>The difference between the economies of the San and the Khoekhoe was that the San hunted wild animals for meat, and gathered wild plants for food. In contrast, the main source of food and wealth for the Khoekhoe was their livestock, which provided them with dairy as protein.</i></p> <p>(Above answer is correct, because it uses no bullet-points; it uses full sentences; and it is not vague, while still being concise.)</p>
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