

University Exams A Very Rough Guide

Examination - Marking

- 1st = 70% +
- 2:i = 60% to 70%
- 2:ii = 50% to 60%
- 3rd = 40% to 50%
- Fail = less than 40%

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- No answer = no marks
- One fact = some marks, at best marginal pass (probably not that)
- *Multiple facts*, bullet points, no logical connections = basic pass (3rd; 40% to 50%)
- Multiple facts, *written in prose, some connection* between them = okay to good pass (2:ii; 50% to 60%)

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- Many facts, prose, *strong connections* between facts in the answer = good to very good pass (2i; 60% to 70%)
- Many facts, prose, strong connections between facts; connections drawn with relevant material close to but not in the question = excellent pass (70% plus)

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- Notice that:
 - Facts alone won't get you a strong pass
 - It is the *connections* that you make between the facts that you give that make good answers
 - Connections between facts are good
 - So, by the way, are connections between different *parts* of the question/answer
 - But **best** is connecting with similar, related material *as well!* - think of it as a pyramid

The Marks Pyramid

