**How to answer Comparison Questions.**

For this type of question you will be asked to compare the views of 2 sources on a particular topic.

* The sources will either: totally agree
* agree to a certain extent or
* completely disagree

It is up to you to make a judgement as to what points they **agree on** and what points they disagree on.

You must interpret evidence and make direct comparisons between sources.

You should start with an overall comparison and go on to the detailed comparison on a point by point basis.

4 marks can be awarded for this type of question.

1 mark can be given for each simple point of comparison.

A 2nd mark can be awarded for each developed point of comparison.

You can gain full marks by making four simple comparisons, two developed comparisons or any combination of these.

You will be given the following prompt with the question. (Compare the sources overall and/or in detail).

Compare the overall views of the sources.

Compare the sources point by point

i.e. Source A says …… and Source B agrees by saying …….

Compare points of agreement

Compare points of disagreement

A comparison can be developed by stating the agreement or disagreement in your own words.

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| **Overall view** State whether the sources overall agree or disagree. | **Overall the Sources agree/disagree.** |  |  |
| **1st Point of comparison (1)**  Give me a point where both sources agree in different words. | **Source A says** | **Source B agrees by saying (1)** | **Development (1)** |
| **2nd Point of comparison (1)**  Give me a point where both sources agree in different words. | **Source A says** | **Source B agrees by saying (1)** | **Development (1)** |
| **3rd Point of comparison (1)**  Give me a point where both sources disagree in different words. | **Source A says** | **Source B disagrees by saying (1)** | **Development (1)** |
| **4th Point of comparison (1)**  Give me a point where both sources disagree in different words. | **Source A says** | **Source B disagrees by saying (1)** | **Development (1)** |
| **5th Point (1)**  Give me a point which only 1 source mentions. | **Only Source A says** | **Only Source B says (1)** | **Development (1)** |