

CSQ Cheat Sheet

Understanding CSQ

In every CSQ paper, there are **two classes** of questions.

Data Response

- Less than 8 marks
- 'Explain' type questions
- **Always point-to-mark**
- No need for evaluation

Mini Essay

- 8m and above
- 'Discuss'; 'Comment'; 'Assess'
- **Based on rubrics**
- Evaluation required

Types of Data Response Questions (DRQ)

In your exam, you'll only face **four types** of DRQs.

1 Trend Questions

- 1 or 2 marks
- 'State the trend of water prices between 2015 to 2020'

STEP 1	STEP 2	
Trend?	Rate of change?	Anomaly
Increased	_____ at an increasing/decreasing rate	'Except for between XX to YY, where it decreased/increased'
Decreased		

1m | State general trend (1m)

2m | State general trend (1m)
Describe **rate of change** or **anomaly** (1m)

2 Compare Questions

- Usually 2 marks (very rarely 1 mark)
- 'Compare the price of water and oil in 2010' [2m]

2m | State one similarity (1m)
State one difference (1m)

- Use **sign-posting words** such as 'both', 'faster', 'greater'

3 Relationship Questions

- Usually 1 mark
- State the relationship between quantity of cars and pollution in SG

Relationship	How to describe?
2 indicators move in the SAME direction	Positively related / Direct relationship
2 indicators move in OPPOSITE direction	Negatively related / Inverse relationship

4 Short Answer Questions

- Anywhere from 2 marks to 7 marks
- Your job is to act as an **economic translator**
- Translate colloquial words to economic keywords
- One mark -> one point

Task	Explanation
Evidence	Identify evidence in extracts
Logic	Formulate logic, match content to points
Quotes	Draw graphs/quote extracts