

It is important in evaluation to comment on the materials that are used for an answer. Just stating a point is not really justifying why this point is valid or linking it to any possible conclusion. What is required is, according to the “level descriptors”:

- A response that successfully identifies and thoroughly addresses the issues raised by the question set.
- Thorough, sustained and clear views are given, supported by extensive, detailed reasoning and/or evidence.

Extract from L5 AS AO2 descriptor

If you do this it matches the L5 summary descriptor that expects a ***“confident critical analysis and perceptive evaluation of the issue.”***

The digital resource tries to encourage more commentary in an answer by using a simple technique in response to the topic area and different lines of reasoning put forward. Look at the first few answers and then develop the other statements that consider the relative value of each of the three refuges. Use the digital resource to reveal examples of evidence and implication.

Argument/conclusion	Evidence	Implication
Buddha is most important	He is the founder of Buddhism.	The icon of the Buddha is the most immediately recognised symbol of Buddhism. It is at the centre of every temple and every Buddhist home.
Buddha is most important		
The Dhamma is most important		
The Dhamma is most important		
The Sangha is most important		
The Sangha is most important		
All three refuges are equally important.		

Activity: when planning views and arguments always make sure you have fully explained the evidence and indicated what the argument implies for evaluation. Now try your own table with some views, points or arguments from a different topic.