Explain why there was a rebellion against Earl Tostig (12 marks).

You may wish to use the following in your answer:

* The Danelaw
* Taxation

You must also use information of your own.

**Sample paragraph**

One reason why there was a rising against Earl Tostig in 1065 was because of his unpopularity in the Danelaw. This was because he raised the taxes in Northumbria quite high and became very rich off this, which angered his people – they were not used to paying such high taxes so they hated him for this. He was also from the south, so he would have found it very difficult to understand the people of the Danelaw. For example, they spoke a Viking language, and he was from London. This made him strange to them, so they would want to be ruled by a northerner who would understand their culture.

**Task One**

Read through the sample paragraph. Highlight:

1. When is this student introducing their point?
2. When are they using A01? (knowledge, examples, etc.)
3. When are they using A02? (explaining their point)

**Task Two**

Now you are going to write your answer – use the sentence starters below to start each paragraph.

1. **One reason why there was a rising against Earl Tostig in 1065 was because of his unpopularity in the Danelaw.**
2. **Another reason was because of his relationship with Malcolm III, King of Scotland.**
3. **A final reason was because of his evil behaviour as Earl of Northumbria.**