**Useful phrases for A2 source questions:**

**These phrases will help you use the sources together which is essential for the A2 source question.**

**Introducing own knowledge to develop/confirm/challenge what a source is saying:**

Indeed [insert own knowledge to support/challenge claims]

These claims can be verified by the fact that [insert own knowledge to support claims]

These claims can be challenged by the fact that [insert own knowledge to challenge claims]

These claims are less plausible as [insert own knowledge to challenge claims]

The source asserts that ‘[insert quote]’. This is correct: [insert own knowledge]

The source asserts that ‘[insert quote]’. This is incorrect: [insert own knowledge]

It is an eyewitness account that can be verified by evidence that …

**Making inferences:**

Source one refers to [insert quote] from this we can infer that …

(High level inferences avoid excessive summarising or paraphrasing of the sources.)

**Highlighting what the sources omit / limitations:**

The sources are limited as neither explicitly deals with...

Neither source deals explicitly with …

However neither sources refers specifically to the fact that …

Therefore there are limits as to how much a historian could uncover about…

Both sources are limited because they fail to sufficiently address …

**Stating differences in viewpoints:**

Both sources come from radically different perspectives. Source 1 is from pro Communist viewpoint while source 2 is from an opponent in exile.

They are written from starkly different perspectives and with very different objectives.

**Questioning reliability:**

The reliability of source 1 might be questioned as the author’s purpose was to ……..

The utility of source 1 might also be questioned…

However this does not mean we should reject his/her/their interpretation as [insert own supporting knowledge]

**Using sources together:**

Source 1 refers to ‘[insert quote’]. This is clearly supported by source 2 … These claims are plausible as [insert own knowledge]

Both sources are useful to a historian because they address a range of different motives for …

In this sense, the two sources combine to help us understand …

Both sources are of limited value because neither of them deals with …

**Challenging a source:**

However source 1 does present difficulties for the historian because …

The author of the source would not necessarily possess detailed insight into … because …

Source 2 does address … more than source 1 does, but neither source sufficiently addresses …

**Sentences for Conclusions:**

Overall both sources were useful as they provide plausible evidence that…

Overall both sources are useful as they provide evidence from differing perspectives as to why Mao launched …