

Extended Essay: Exemplar Commentary			
Subject	Psychology	If applicable, theme for WSEE	
Title of essay	Adolescents and Social Anxiety		
Assessment of extended essay			
Criteria	Mark awarded	Commentary	
A: Focus and method [6]	1	<p>It is unclear which of the two formulations is the Research question.</p> <p>No essay methodology is identified, and choice of approach and resources is not explained.</p> <p>There is very minimal commentary or linkage to the Research question throughout the essay.</p> <p>The topic outline lacks clarity and the Research question is too broad in scope for the word limit.</p>	
B: Knowledge and understanding [6]	2	<p>There is a lack of appropriate empirical research and some lack of clarity in the outlines of studies which have been included.</p> <p>There are inaccuracies in the use of subject-specific terminology and also some usage which indicates a lack of understanding of concepts and demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding.</p>	
C: Critical thinking [12]	2	<p>The application of research is limited.</p> <p>The essay adopts a descriptive approach, which makes no attempt at the required analysis and evaluation.</p> <p>The argument lacks clarity and is superficial, with the summative conclusion not focusing on the Research question (social anxiety).</p>	
D: Presentation [4]	0	<p>There is poor formal presentation, with inappropriate style, a non-standard "Contents" page and "References" section, many citations are omitted and listed references are uncited.</p> <p>Under the new requirements this essay must be referred as a possible case of academic misconduct due to incorrect and inconsistent citing and referencing.</p>	
E: Engagement [6] (not included)		<p>The assessment of an accompanying RPPF will affect the overall mark awarded and the grade achieved.</p>	
Total marks awarded	4/28	<p>The choice of a dysfunctional behavioural topic is not recommended in the psychology section of the Extended essay guide.</p> <p>The informal approach and lack of relevant sources suggest a lack of the detailed research and planning that was required before beginning the writing of this essay.</p>	

		<p>Although the topic must be of interest to the candidate, discussion with the supervisor and reference to the EE guide are required before committing to a RQ.</p> <p>Please note: as a result of modifying existing extended essays for illustrative purposes, not all exemplars have an accompanying RPPF for assessment under criterion E (this is a mandatory element for all essays as of 2018). As a result, this essay has been marked out of 28 rather than 34.</p>
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