

**Extended Essay: Exemplar Commentary**

Subject

Psychology

Title of essay

Nature Versus Nurture in the Origins of Prejudice

**Assessment of extended essay**

Criteria

Mark awarded

Commentary

A: Focus and method  
[6]

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The topic is effectively identified and explained. The Research question is clearly stated and focused.

The research relates to the Research question and is applied to an informed debate (focus). However, the essay methodology is not described and the selection not explained in the introduction.

B: Knowledge and understanding  
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Knowledge and understanding are demonstrated through the confident use of psychological terminology and concepts, relevant selection, and the sound use of source materials applicable to the Research question.

C: Critical thinking  
[12]

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The majority of research is consistently appropriate and relevant to the Research question.

The analysis is good—less relevant material only marginally detracts from the overall analysis. Conclusions to points are usually supported by evidence.

Assertions supported by methodologically evaluated research findings, contributing to informed discussion of the Research question, although evaluation is not always balanced.

D: Presentation  
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Formal presentation meets the requirements for top band marks.

E: Engagement  
[6]

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The candidate has clearly learnt a lot from this process but has not really expressed this in a meaningful way on their RPPF. There is some insight into their learning.

Total marks awarded

25/34

There is a well-constructed response using a range of relevant resources, demonstrating sound understanding of the topic and RQ. Focus is largely maintained throughout essay despite no

		mention of essay methodology in the introduction.	
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