

## **Extended Essay Checklist**

Use the following checklist to help you meet the IB General Assessment Criteria. Also be sure to look at the [subject specific](#) criteria for your subject area

### **A – Focus and Method (6 points possible)**

#### **The research question...**

- is clearly and precisely stated in the early part of the essay.
- is sharply focused and not a broad generalization.
- The topic lends itself to a systematic investigation in my chosen subject area
- can be effectively dealt within the 4000 word limit of an extended essay.

#### **The Introduction includes...**

- an indication of why the topic chosen is interesting, important, or worthy of study
- some background information and places the topic in an appropriate context
- whether the topic has been narrowed to a focus of more manageable proportions
- a clearly and precisely stated research question
- a clear concluding statement of the thesis and argument, i.e. the response to the research question that will subsequently be developed in the body of the essay

#### **Investigation and methodology**

- I have included relevant materials, sources, data and evidence in my essay.
- I have not included irrelevant information in my essay.
- I have effectively analyzed the evidence/material/sources/data in my essay.

### **B – Knowledge and Understanding (6 points possible)**

#### **Knowledge and understanding of topic studied**

- My essay demonstrates very good understanding of the topic studied
- My essay clearly locates the investigation in an academic context
- My evaluation of sources and/or data is appropriate and fully substantiated.
- I have, through the use of proper grammatical forms, clearly expressed my ideas.

#### **Use of language appropriate to the subject**

- Language used communicates clearly and precisely
- Terminology appropriate to the subject is used accurately
- the language used clearly demonstrates an understanding of the concepts in this subject area

### **C – Critical Thinking (12 points possible)**

#### **Reasoned argument**

- My essay demonstrates a reasonable argument that remains focused on my research question.
- Ideas are presented clearly and in a logical and coherent manner

#### **Analytical skills appropriate to the subject**

- My essay demonstrates effective and sophisticated application of appropriate analytical and evaluative skills.
- The use of less relevant materials does not detract from the overall argument
- Conclusions to individual points are clearly linked and effectively supported by the evidence presented

### **Evaluative skills appropriate to the subject**

- An effective and focused reasoned argument is clearly developed
- The argument is well structured and coherent
- There is a strong conclusion and/or final summative assessment
- I have critically evaluated the research throughout the essay

### **D – Formal Presentation (4 points possible)**

- I have a title page clearly stating my research question, the subject of my extended essay, my name and candidate number.
- I have included a table of contents if necessary
- Each page of my essay is correctly numbered
- I have accurately and consistently cited all my sources in an accepted format
- I have included either a bibliography or a works cited page in an accepted format

### **E – Engagement (6 points possible); this section is not a part of the essay itself**

#### **My three required reflections...**

- Are evaluative and have considered actions and ideas appropriate to respond to challenges
- Communicated a high degree of personal and intellectual engagement with the research presented in the essay
- Have evidence of authenticity, intellectual initiative, and a creative approach to the process of research

Approximate grade boundaries are as follows:

Grade:	E	D	C	B	A
Mark range:	0 - 6	7-13	14-20	21-26	27-34

Please note that grade boundaries do vary per subject per year. These boundaries are from the 2022 May Examination session for English A1. The scores usually only vary by 1-2 points in each grade category. To play it safe, make sure that you can score at least 10 points in the EE.