

Economics Extended Essays: How to Get a Top Grade

To gain maximum marks, make sure you can answer YES to the following questions before submitting the essay to your supervisor.

Criteria - 36 Marks

A	Research Question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the research question sharply focused? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the research question clearly and precisely stated in the early part of the essay? 	/2
B	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the context of the research question clearly demonstrated? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the intro clearly explain the significance of the topic and why it is worthy of investigation? 	/2
C	Investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has a range of appropriate sources been consulted, or data has been gathered (primary sources), and relevant material has been carefully selected that are directly linked to your essay's research question? <input type="checkbox"/> Has the relevant information/data/sources/evidence been analyzed appropriately? <input type="checkbox"/> Has the investigation been well planned? 	/4
D	Knowledge and Understanding of the Topic Studied <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does the essay demonstrate very good knowledge and understanding of the topic studied? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the essay clearly and precisely relate the investigation to the topic studied? 	/4
E	Reasoned Argument <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Are the ideas presented clearly and in a logical and coherent manner? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you identified the relevant economic theory, concepts, and data/information for your essay? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you explained the economic theory, concepts, and data/information thoroughly? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you applied logically and coherently the economic theory, concepts, and data/information in answering the research question? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the essay successful in developing a reasoned and convincing argument in relation to the research question, with some awareness that there may be alternative viewpoints? 	/4
F	Application of Analytical and Evaluative Skills Appropriate to the Subject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has the relevant information/data/sources/evidence been analyzed appropriately? <input type="checkbox"/> Are theories and diagrams supported by evidence? <input type="checkbox"/> Are diagrams integrated into the essay? <input type="checkbox"/> Are you showing critical awareness of the validity of the information and the possible limitations of your argument? <input type="checkbox"/> Are you noting the assumptions that have been made in setting out the argument and reaching the conclusions? 	/4
G	Use of Language Appropriate to the Subject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the terminology appropriate to economics used accurately, with skill and understanding? <input type="checkbox"/> Have you checked that economic terms, which you are not confident, are used accurately and appropriately? 	/4

	<input type="checkbox"/> Have you defined any economic terms that might need definition for the purposes of your essay?	
H	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is your conclusion stated clearly and relevant to the research question? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the conclusion consistent with the evidence presented in the essay, and not used for introducing new material? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your conclusion indicate unresolved questions and new questions that have emerged from the research? 	/2

I	Formal Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the essay less than 4,000 words? (excluding the cover page, abstract, diagram labels, and Works Cited) <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a title page? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a table of contents? <input type="checkbox"/> Are all the pages numbered? <input type="checkbox"/> Are parenthetical citations used correctly throughout the essay? (use MLA format) <input type="checkbox"/> Does the Works Cited include all, and only those works that have been consulted? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the references set out in a consistent standard format, which specifies in alphabetical order: author(s), title, date of publication, and publisher? (use MLA format) <input type="checkbox"/> If there is an appendix, does it contain only information that is required in support of the text? <input type="checkbox"/> Are diagrams and their labeling presented clearly? 	/4
J	Abstract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the abstract less than 300 words? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the research question, the scope of the investigation, and the conclusion(s) all stated clearly? 	/2
K	Holistic Judgment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have you demonstrated to the best of your ability the following qualities in your essay: intellectual initiative, personal input, inventiveness, insight, depth of understanding, and flair. 	/4