

FINAL Draft Due: November 26, which still leaves you time to see me with any questions you may have before submitting your IA. Be proactive if you want to succeed.

Feedback on Internal Assessment

Generally, most of you “got it.” I have given individual feedback on your commentary. However, do not neglect to look over your peer’s comments. They are just as valid. The following were the general difficulties applicable to some of you. Use this as a check list before handing in your final copy.

1. Some students did not include (or were not consistently including) in-text parenthetical citations. You must give reference to your definition of terms/concepts and explanation of theories. Follow the instructions on my webpage for MLA parenthetical citations and Works Cited. You’ll find this information under *Resources – How to Write a Paper*. Also, never interrupt a sentence with a citation. Citations are placed at the end of a sentence/paragraph. Some citations can be combined together if they are from the same author.
2. Check your word count carefully. Examiners do count and will deduct marks. Remember that parenthetical citations, diagram labels, quotations, page numbers, and Works Cited are counted. Everything BUT your cover page and article counts. Your teacher or the moderator will not take into consideration the text that goes beyond the word limit. Consequently, you will be penalized for breaking the rule.
3. Hand-draw your diagrams in black pen. Don’t waste time using a software to draw. Each diagram must be numbered and fully labelled. You must make *direct reference* to the diagram in your commentary. This means you must analyze the diagram by *spoon-feeding* the reader. Look over how Glanville or Blink explain their diagrams. You should be writing in their fashion. Prefer to call them Figures or Diagrams instead of Graphs or Charts (unless they are graphs or charts).
4. Indent first lines and separate paragraphs with double spacing. It is also preferable that the entire paper be double-spaced.
5. Your word count is indicated twice. First, it should be clearly stated on your cover page, and second, it should be indicated at the end of the commentary, after your Works Cited.
6. Your Cover Page (found on your favourite website) should include the Source of Article (e.g. Shanghai Daily), not the web link (www.shanghaidaily.com/xyzxyzxyz.htm)
7. Include page numbers. Avoid using *last name* followed by *number*. Otherwise, you increase your word count. Just use 1, 2, 3, etc.
8. The printed article must have the source clearly indicated (title, date, author, link), even though you’ll be completing similar details on the cover sheet. This information will be repeated in your Works Cited too.
9. Keep your printed article to one page. Manipulate the text so it fits. You can go to print preview and reduce the scale. Adjust it to two columns, sometimes that can help too.
10. All relevant parts of your article must be highlighted. Highlight sentences and phrases, not random words here and there. I should know what your article is about by only reading the highlighted text.
11. This is a formal paper, so an introduction, body, and conclusion are expected.
12. Your introduction should clearly state what specific topics and section of the syllabus you are referring to.
13. Most did OK on Criterion D (Application and Analysis of Economic Concepts) but many need to work on Criterion E (Evaluation). Use “evaluation” language in your writing. The same information we discussed in class on evaluation can be found at the end of your Blink textbook (advantages/disadvantages, stakeholders, SR/LR, validity). Evaluation should not be limited to one paragraph or your final paragraph. It should be written throughout your paper as you also analyze it.
14. Main concepts of theory being used must be defined/explained, and a reference to each one given in a parenthetical citation. Simple concepts like Demand and Supply can be defined for IA 1, but need not be defined in future IAs.
15. The layout is important. If you notice that the last page will contain just a couple of lines, then redistribute the whole text and make the whole presentation prettier. Keep margins and always give enough space to your diagrams (but not half a page b/c that’s a BIG diagram). Do not overcrowd your sheets.
16. You have a copy of the IA Assessment Criteria, which was handed to you at the start of the year. You must check very carefully that every commentary meets the conditions established on each Criterion, especially D and E.
17. Use the Writing Centre. I noticed a lot of grammar and mechanical mistakes. It’s not my job to correct this area as I only focus on content.