

EXTENDED ESSAY MARKING SCHEME: WORK IN PROGRESS FEEDBACK

Name of Student: _____

Date: _____

Assessment Criteria	Max	Awarded	Comments
A Research Question	2	1	Question is still quite broad - to what extent do we need to constantly update hardware and software in Information Technology? How much of our need for updates is real and what are the environmental and social impacts of our desire to always have the most up to date technology?
B Introduction	2	0	Need to explain the significance of the topic and why it is worthy of investigation. Why is it important to study this question?
C Investigation	4	1	Need to consult (and list in bibliography) a wider range of sources: must use books and valid internet research/academic journals/bbc etc. Not just blogs
D Knowledge and Understanding of the topic studied	4	2	Needs to understand and demonstrate knowledge of ITGS issues through analysis and explanation – check ITGS areas of impact

			You will lose marks if your essay is basically general knowledge that a non ITGS student could have written Think ITGS Vocabulary
E Reasoned argument	4	1	Little attempt to develop any reasoned argument - you must consider to what extent we DO need to update constantly and to what extent we DO NOT... Argue your point and support your argument.
F Application of analytical and evaluative skills appropriate to the subject	4	1	No data therefore no real analysis – use figures, graphs etc so you can analyse the information and reach conclusions
G Use of language appropriate to subject	4	1	Need to show more familiarity with specialist ITGS vocabulary/ terminology. Use a formal academic style in your writing
H Conclusion	2	1	Should not be a recap of what you have written but a ‘finding’ which you arrive at from your analysis and arguments. Have a look at examples from 50 excellent extended essays
I Formal Presentation	4	0	Fails because there is no bibliography. Check the specific requirement for Title page, contents, page numbers, illustrations, quotations, references etc - all need to be as per IB
Abstract	2	0	none have a look at examples and try to use these to structure
Holistic Judgement	4	1	Intellectual quality, depth of understanding and insight...creative and inventive approaches...
Total	36	9	

Grade Boundaries for Extended Essay
30-36

E: 0-8; D: 9-16; C:17-24; B: 25-29; A: